

The Chatter

Special points of interest:

- Are we in the LAST DAYS? Find out at Fr. Ward's Friday Night Lenten Bible Study.
- Immanuel releases their first CD
- Bishop Scaife Guild's 2010 budget

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New Windows Grace St. Bart's



The windows - are a remarkable gift that continue several long standing St. Bart's traditions.

Celebrating St. Bart's first anniversary in our new building, there was much to be thankful for, and at the forefront is our beautiful, painted windows. These windows bring with us the Alpha and

Omega, found on the old marble altar at Brighton, the Redeeming Lamb, from the center of that altar, and God's Law and Holy Word — His TRUTH at the heart of our lives together. The

Holy Spirit, seen as a dove in the center of the right window, is the power of God alive in each of us.

Fr. Ward addressed this legacy in his sermon "More Than Just Windows" which hit the nail on the head about these awesome reminders of where we have been and more importantly— where we are headed. God is indeed "driving this bus" and we are obedient, grateful passengers— who welcome more on board—to the glory of God.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday is February 17 this year. The schedule for Ash Wednesday and for each Wednesday in Lent is as follows:

**IMPOSITION OF
ASHES & HOLY
EUCHARIST**

**6:45 AM, 9:30 AM,
& 7:00 PM**

**LENTEN WED.
HOLY EUCHARIST
SCHEDULE**

**6:45 AM, 9:30 AM,
& 5:30 PM Every
Wednesday**

Immanuel's CD Release Date Set!



Immanuel, St. Bartholomew's very own worship band is releasing their first CD—and you are invited!

The CD, entitled “*Immanuel—God With Us*” will be officially released and there will be an event on Saturday, February 13, at 7 PM to mark that occasion.

Tickets are on sale now. Opening act will be singer/songwriter Wes Walters. Please come and enjoy a night of great worship music. For more

information, please see Deacon Reitz.

Children's Education Ministry:



Our annual Winter Beach Blast will be held on Saturday, February 6th from 4:00-6:00 pm upstairs in the double classroom. If you can help, see Marilyn Commins. We always need a lot of volunteers to cover the activity areas.



Missionette News:



Missionettes will **only** meet on the 3rd of Feb. due to Ash Wednesday falling on the 17th.

Both the Stars and Prims will be working on their Missions badge. We chose this badge in light of our church sponsoring a missions trip to the Dominican Republic in April. The Stars will focus on what is the Latin America and the Caribbean mission field? They will

learn about the culture, the people, and the role of the church in missions with a special emphasis on praying for missionaries.

The Prims will learn about: what is the good news? Who is supposed to share this good news? And how do I share this good news with others?

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Kathleen Ward.

Have You Sent In Your 2010 Pledge Card Yet?

There are still quite a few in our Parish Family who have not sent in their offering pledge cards for 2010. Please do so as soon as possible, if you would like offering envelopes. Thank You!



Collection for the Food Pantry: 1st Sunday of every month

35 bags of food, and 1 cash donation were taken to the Food Pantry in January. Thank you for your generosity!

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of some personal care items such as: bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and

toothbrushes, razors, toilet paper, feminine products and paper and plastic bags. They continue to need the usual food items such as boxed dinners, fruit, peanut butter. They also receive pet food, to assist families in feeding their pets.

Please bring your items on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our “*Food Pantry Delivery Angels*” only have to make one trip.

Bishop Scaife Guild:

A report on our January 24 Soup Sale will be in the March *CHATTER* because the event is being held too late to make this issue's deadline.

Coming Events:

On Saturday, March 20 we will have a Lenten Breakfast Brunch at 11 AM. We will be serving Breakfast Pizza as well as other breakfast goodies.

- May - Annual Plant Sale
- June - Spring Banquet

The Guild's 2010 Budget is included in this *CHATTER*. We have been able to start building up our budget thanks to the Spring Plant Sale and the Gift Shop. Please check out the Gift Shop after services on Sundays and Wednesdays. When you are doing your Spring Cleaning this year we would appreciate your donations of suitable merchandise for the shop,

especially games in good condition.

Threads of Hope (located in the house behind St. Peter's Church on Longmeadow) still needs gently used linens (especially twin bed sheets), blankets, towels, dish towels, small appliances, kitchen items, etc. Please check the kiosk in Fr. Amend Hall for a folder on their ministry. For more information and delivery please call Carol Siock (835-2105).

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. PLEASE NOTE: The basket for baby items is now located in the Gift Shop. Diapers are especially needed. The items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities office on Delaware, where the bundles are made up. We have also

been donating baby items, especially diapers to Cornerstone Manor. Thanks for all of the donations! They are greatly appreciated.

Bishop Scaife Guild 2010 Budget

Diocese

Anglican Church In North America \$500.00

Parish

Rector's Discretionary Fund \$500.00

Staff Christmas Gifts \$460.00

Guild Equipment \$250.00

Subtotal \$1,210.00

Mission Outreach

Threads of Hope \$250.00

North Tonawanda Food Pantry \$250.00

Salvation Army \$250.00

Ken-Ton Meals On Wheels \$250.00

Cornerstone Manor \$250.00

Life Saving Ministries \$250.00

SPCA \$250.00

Avanti Foundation \$250.00

Subtotal \$2,000.00

Total \$3,710.00

JANUARY VESTRY MEETING:

The building committee will be meeting to prioritize and approve the next group of projects.

As of 1/19 - 199 pledges for \$478,906 have been received compared to 236 for \$498,818 on January 14, 2009.

The Treasurer has reminded everyone that all purchases must have a requisition and they must be submitted to him.

The 2010 Outreach Support will be sent to the International Diocese of the ACNA under Bishop Bill Atwood. (Note: previously this was the Episcopal Diocese Fair Share) and the U.B. Campus Ministry.

A *Public Relations/Outreach*

Committee is being formed.

To date 230 commitments for \$732,208 have been made to *Let Us Arise And Build*.

Request From The Counters:

Please be sure to make out all checks to "St. Bartholomew's". Also, please put your envelope number in the *Memo* area of your check. If the check is for *Let Us Arise and Build* please note that also and use the blue envelope.

Please use your envelopes. If you have envelopes and don't use them the counters have to make out a form so that your contributions are credited to your account and your statement is correct.

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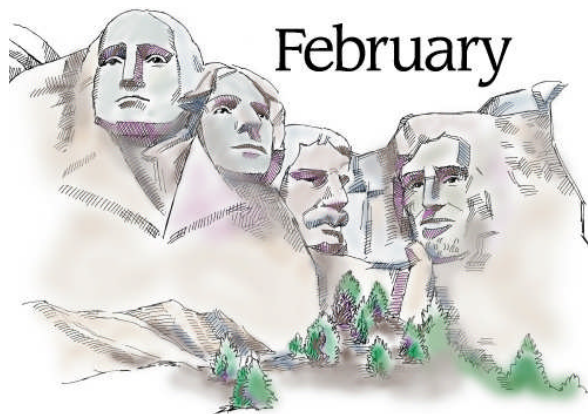
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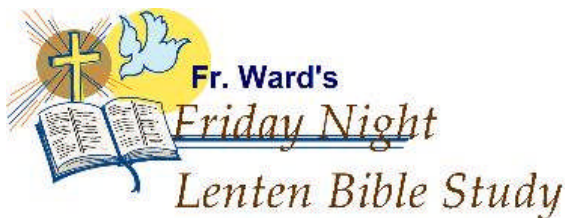
FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS ~ PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN WORD AND IN DEED

ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

What will be the signs preceding Christ's Return?

What will happen during and after our Lord comes back to earth?

If you have ever wondered about the answers to these questions, please join Fr. Ward as he unpacks the Bible prophecies that foretell of our Lord's Return. Find out more about the Antichrist, Armageddon, the Seven Seals of Revelation, the revival of Israel, the coming one world government and economy, and the final judgment, by joining



us in this thought-provoking and enlightening study. We will meet **every Friday in Lent until Holy Week, Feb. 19 - March 26, 7-8:30 PM.** There will be a program for children from 7-8:30 PM. A meatless cover-dish dinner will be at 6 PM. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** So bring your Bibles and invite a family member, neighbor, or friend.

St. Bart's Women's Bible Study

continues their study on Fr. Amend's teaching series

"Signs In The Heavens" as well as looking at *"Women in the Bible."*

They meet every other Tuesday, at 6:30. Meeting dates are Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9, March 23, April 13, April 20, May 4, May 18 and June 8. If you have any questions, please call Elaine Henzler at 957-3695.

