

# The Chatter

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## CONFIRMATION DAY AND WEEKEND

Sunday, May 15, was a glorious day at St. Bartholomew's. Eleven people were either Confirmed or Received as members of St. Bart's! Bishop Bill Atwood and his wife, Susan, were on hand for the festivities, which saw 5 young people and 6 adults dedicate their lives to Christ. (see photo below)

It was an exciting weekend, in which Bishop Bill addressed the men's Discipleship Breakfast on Saturday morning, then met with those men in the process

for ordination, followed by a Healing Eucharist at the 4:30 PM Saturday service. WOW! The Bishops message was awesome, and spoke to the heart of God healing His people. The Bishop then preached at all three Sunday services, Baptizing Makayla Johnson at the 9:15 service, followed by



Confirmation at 11 AM. What an awesome weekend!



The New Bishop's Chair



(In the group photo, from left to right, seated: Fr. Molison, Fr. Commins, Bishop Atwood, Fr. Ward, Fr. Kusmierczyk. Standing: Peter Van Lente, Gavin DiMaria, Theresa Klotzbir, Morgan DiMaria, Jennifer Gradzewicz, Dan Scully, Leslie Horvath, Jaclynn Thom, Hannah Okiec, Tim Ivancic, Caitlyn Siegel, Jane Jie Liu, James Arnold, and Daniel Arnold.)

# PPC—Prayer for Persecuted Church

The June PPC (Prayer for the Persecuted Church) meeting will be Mon. 6/6 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall; this will be our last meeting until September. Please read Chapters 4-11 in the book, "Secret Believers." We will continue to watch the DVD, "Islam & The End Times," Part 3.

The PPC and Compass Groups would like to thank all those who helped assemble parachutes and those who donated money as well. God Bless you all!

## AMERICAN CHRISTIANS HELP SPREAD GOSPEL TO FARC GUERRILLAS

From old to young, retirees to homeschoolers, they are all working for a common cause — spreading the gospel to Marxist FARC guerrillas in the nation of Colombia.

For more than 40 years, Colombia has been terrorized by kidnappings and murders resulting from power struggles between drug lords, revolutionaries and paramilitary groups. But in the midst of the chaos, brave Christians in



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Colombia are risking their lives to spread the gospel. VOM is committed to helping them, and our readers from across the country are joining the effort.

One of VOM's partners in Colombia is a pilot named Russell. VOM helped Russell purchase an airplane, and today that plane flies over FARC-controlled areas of Colombia dropping small packages attached to parachutes. The packages, which float down into FARC camps and villages, each contain a selection of Christian

books as well as a solar-powered Galcom radio pre-tuned to a Christian station. Before the parachutes are dropped, the radio is turned on so that even if the parachute catches in a tree, someone will hear the radio and climb up to retrieve it.

The Voice of the Martyrs has invited our newsletter readers to make parachutes to help Russell in this important ministry ... and they have enthusiastically responded! More than 14,000 parachutes made by American Christians recently left our distribution center headed for Colombia. In total, we've already received more than 62,000 parachutes. Some church groups have worked together to make hundreds of parachutes, and some families have sent one or two. Each one provides a critical opportunity to present the gospel to a lost soul. But there are still many FARC guerrillas who haven't heard the gospel, and there is still a need for more parachutes.



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

**43 bags of food** were taken to the Food Pantry in May. 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:

Thanks to all those that helped make our Annual Plant Sale a success. There will be a report in the July CHATTER.

Don't forget our Annual Guild Banquet on Thursday, June 9, at *Classics V*, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd. (The former restaurant—not the banquet hall) Our program will be *Social History of Women's Clothing*. Reservations must be made no later than June 5. Please check the sign-up sheet and our poster for menu choices and prices. Cocktails will be at 6 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM.

The basket for donations of baby

items to Cornerstone Manor is in the Gift Shop.

*Threads of Hope* is still in need of gently used linens (especially twin bed sheets, blankets, towels, dish towels, small appliances, kitchen items, etc. For more information and delivery, please call Carol Siock (835-2105).

## Gardening Club

St. Bartholomew's Gardening Club is looking volunteers to assist in weeding the gardens. If you can help, please contact David Curtis for more info.

## May Vestry Meeting

To date 235 commitments for \$743,126 have been made so far for "Let Us Arise and Build" and as of May 1, \$359,230.50 or 48.34 % have been received in actual donations!

The carpets in the Choir Room, the Nursery, the Nave and the Sanctuary have all been re-carpeted. They are a nice and welcome difference and look like they will not only be serviceable, but quite durable as well.

The Town Building Inspector said that the restrooms near the administrative offices do not need to be *handicap accessible*, because there is a *handicap*

*bathroom* at the end of the hall, by the Choir Room. The two restrooms off the hallway leading to the Narthex will be made *handicap accessible*.

There will be sign-up sheets to help with the Diocesan Assembly and Clergy/Spouse Retreat to be held at St. Bart's August 9-12.

There will be NO Rock, Rods, and Relationships this year due to the retreat.

St. Bart's took part in the *National Day of Prayer* service on Thursday, May 5, at New Covenant Tabernacle. The service was well attended, with a large number of our members in attendance.

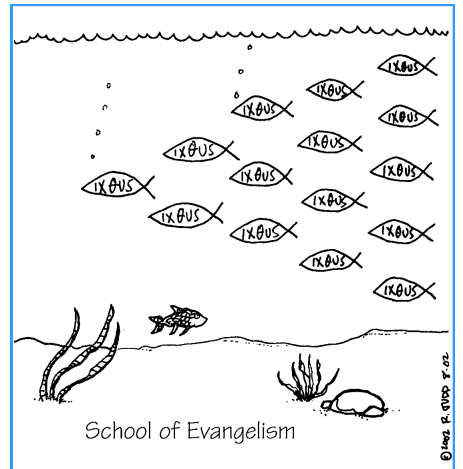
## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning June 18 and 19 our Summer Worship Schedule gets under way.

Please join us (through Labor Day) **Saturdays at 4:30 PM for Holy Eucharist**  
**Sundays at 8 AM and 10 AM for Holy Eucharist.**

Summer CEM is during the 10 AM service.

Nursery is available at the 10 AM service only. (*Speakers are in the Nursery - so you can hear the service*)



## YOUTH GROUP DATES

6/6 Jr. & Sr. meet from 7-9 PM  
6/13 Jr. & Sr. meet from 7-9 PM  
(last meeting of school year)

### FROM THE COUNTERS:

Please be sure to put your envelope number in the "MEMO" area of your checks. Please indicate if the check is for *Let Us Arise and Build*. Thanks!

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## CEM NEWS (SUMMER UPDATE)

The annual End of Year Party for the CEM children will be on Friday, June 10.

The last day of regular CEM classes at both Sunday services is Sunday, June 12. June 12 is also PENTECOST. CEM (students and teachers) will process at both services and we request your child (and teachers too) to please wear RED.

The annual end of the year teacher party will be on Sunday, June 12, at 5:00 PM at the



Children's Education Ministry

Commins' house.

Summer CEM needs teachers. You can volunteer for one Sunday, a few Sundays, or the entire summer! The Summer CEM is relaxed, Bible filled, and fun! It will begin on June 19 and continue through September 4. Contact

Marilyn Commins if you would like to help the children have a summer CEM!

September 11 is the first day of regular CEM classes.

## St. Bart's Vacation Bible School is coming!

Chadder is returning and he is looking for volunteers for VBS (5 evenings) beginning June 26 - 30. Please be sure to let David Curtis or Jim Kibby know if you would like to help.



**Registration starts Sunday, June 5, after each service.**