

# St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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## MANTIME— It is Time For Men

Men of St. Bartholomew's are invited to come and join together for a time of fellowship, worship, food, learning and fun at the Adam's Mark Hotel, in downtown Buffalo on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. It is simply called "Mantime."

You are invited to come and hear speakers: Matt Brown, Allan Houston, Mike Cavanaugh, Marty McDonald, Tommy Reid, Ron Burgio, and Dr. Gary Kellner. Fr. Ward will be leading a devotional on Saturday morning. Worship will be led by Tony Hooper.

Cost for the conference is \$25 for individual; \$100 for a foursome; Students between 13 and 22 are \$15; Breakfast \$25. To register go online at [www.mantimeconferenes.com](http://www.mantimeconferenes.com) or call (716) 848-9870.

There is a special room rate for this conference at the Adam's Mark until March 1, guaranteed at \$99 for the night. Hotel reservations can be made by calling (716) 845-5100.

This promises to be two power filled days that will change men's lives forever!

## CEM NEWS

The Annual CEM "Thank You Luncheon" for our fabulous CEM Teachers and CEM Staff will be held on Sunday March 6, at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

This year the Kids Lenten Series will be about "Kids of Courage". It will cover 6 different countries and

there will be activities, stories, and some cooking! This is held each Friday night during Lent while Fr. Ward's Friday night Bible study is going on.

Be sure to bring your kids and grandkids, don't let them miss out!



## Hymn Festival Coming!

The Music Ministry is planning another Hymn Festival and Cantata on Sunday, April 10 at 6:00 PM.

There will NOT be a covered dish dinner beforehand, but we will enjoy a reception following

the program.

Please mark your calendars for this program simply called "To Calvary."

Our Choir has worked hard on planning this event and we know you will be blessed!

# PPC—Prayer for Persecuted Church

## PPC Corner:

The next PPC meeting will be Mon., March 7, at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall.



We will begin reading "Secret Believers" by Brother Andrew and Al Janssen and then we will view the DVD "Islam & The End Times." All are welcome to join us.

prayer  
for the  
persecuted  
church

## 2/03/2011 Somalia (ICC) Islamic Somali militants confiscate Christian farm

Since January 19, members of Al-Shabaab, an Islamic Somali extremist group, have confiscated eight farms from Muslims who

showed an interest in Christianity. Five of the farms were owned by Christian converts from Islam and three belonged to Muslims who had attended Bible studies in the cities of Afgoye and Baidawa.

Most of the landowners fled their homes and remain in hiding. There are also unconfirmed reports of additional Christian farm seizures in Dinsor and Burhakaba districts.

Al-Shabaab handed over the confiscated lands to businessmen who regularly donate to the group. The Islamic group has vowed to cleanse Somalia of any Christian influence. Since January 2009, Al-Shabaab has killed 23 Christians, most of whom were church leaders. Al-Shabaab has also desecrated three Christian cemeteries in Mogadishu and destroyed a

Christian library in the Luuq district.

The Somali church has demonstrated remarkable growth despite intense persecution from Muslim radicals.

**Pray** that God would provide for these Christian farmers who have lost their land and incomes.

**Pray** that God would protect his children in Somalia and that great changes would happen there, making it safer for Christians.

**Pray** that God would bring many Somali Muslims to repentance through the examples of their Christian neighbors.

## Missionettes News!



Missionettes will meet on the 2nd and 16th of this month.

can love our neighbor.

The Stars will begin their unit on Bible Survey.



The Prims will begin their unit on Community. We will focus on who is our neighbor and how we



If you are interested in having your daughter become involved in this ministry, please contact Kathleen Ward or Caroline Rudin.

## GEN Next News

### Youth group dates for MARCH

March 2: JR's meet 7-8:30 PM

March 12: Community Fun Night - 6:30-9:30 (both groups meet)

March 14: Seniors meet 7-9 PM

March 16: JR's meet 7-8:30 PM

March 21: Seniors meet 7-9 PM

March 28: Prayer and Worship meeting—(both groups)

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

**53 bags of food and 1 cash donation** were taken to the Food Pantry in February. 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:

**Our annual Lenten Brunch will be on Saturday, March 19 at 11:00 AM.** We will be serving coffee cakes and other brunch goodies. Our speaker this year will be one of our "own" - Deacon Patrick White. We have in the past invited a new member of the clergy to present a program at our Lenten Brunch. So please come and get acquainted with Deacon White.

Thanks to all who bought Chef Jim Glownia's delicious soup at our January sale. We made a profit of \$600. Thanks to Jim's helpers: Lori Abramo and Dawn Glownia.

### COMING EVENTS:

May 20-22: Plant Sale

June: (date to be announced)  
Banquet (it is going to be held at

### February Vestry Meeting

To date 235 commitments for \$743,126 have been made for "Let Us Arise and Build" and as of January 1, \$316,346, or 42.6% has been received in actual donations.

Checks of \$1904.25 from the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Offerings have been sent to *Voice of the Martyrs - The Persecuted Church; Hearts for the Homeless; Uganda Anglican Christian University; and Campus Crusade for Christ.*

As of 1/31/11, 221 pledges for \$493,213 have been made compared to 228 for \$537,794 on 2/1/10 and 254 for \$519,024 on 2/2/09.

**Please send in your pledge if you have not already done so.**

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Don't forget our Gift Shop will welcome your donations when you are doing your *Spring Cleaning*. The Gift Shop is open after services on Sundays and Wednesdays. We also have *Immanuel* CD's for sale.

The basket for donations of baby items to Cornerstone Manor - is in the Gift Shop. Please remember: diapers are always in demand!

*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).

### Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

The St. Bart's Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study continues to explore several DVDs from RBC Ministries including "Jesus, Man, Messiah and More?"; "The Miracles of Jesus"; "Nazareth: The Silent Years of Jesus"; "Unlocking Old Testament Prophecy"; "Romans: The Letter That Changed The World"; and "The Wonder of Creation-Soil."

Meeting will run March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19, May 10, and May 24.

If you have any questions, please call Elaine Henzler at 957-3695.



Men of Western New York are invited to the **Annual Banquet for the Righteous Riders Ministry, Saturday, March 26 at 6:00 PM** in the Wilson House, Wilson, NY. For just \$20 you will enjoy a Prime Rib Buffet Dinner and some great fellowship.

Col. Bill McCain, (retired) will be the guest speaker, joined by some special guests from the US Military, and Navy/Marine Color Guard. Our worship band, Immanuel will be providing the music and worship.

Tickets are on sale now! Contact Bob Hughes at 692-4275 for tickets and more information.



Our sincere thanks to our St. Bartholomew's family for all of your cards, prayers, gifts and support that were so generously bestowed upon us during this past year.

Lydia led me to St. Bart's and we feel so blessed to call St. Bart's our home.

Much love to all,

Linda, Al, & Alena Matuch

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## ASH WED. SCHEDULE

6:45 AM, 9:30 AM and  
7:00PM for Holy Eucharist  
and Imposition of Ashes

## LENTEN WED. HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

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

## **Lent is Around the Corner and That Means Friday Night Bible Study**

Remember - Ash Wednesday  
this year is March 9!

Every Lent, as usual, we hold  
Fr. Ward's Friday Night Bible  
Study, from 7 to 8:30 PM. The  
theme of this year's study is  
*"Renovation from the Inside  
Out: How to Be the Body of  
Christ."*

You are invited to come and join  
us on **Friday, March 11;**  
**Friday, March 18; Thursday,**  
**March 24; Friday, April 1;**

**Friday, April 8 and Friday,**  
**April 15** as we break open God's  
Word and find out His Will for us  
as individuals and as the Body of  
Christ.

The evening will begin with a  
*"meatless covered dish dinner"* at  
6:00 PM. **NOTE: On Thursday,**  
**March 24th meat will be**  
**allowed** due to schedule change.

Please mark your calendars and  
plan on joining us!