



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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The Chatter

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TERRY GAMBLE, ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR RETIRES AFTER A BLESSED MINISTRY!



After 51 continuous years as an organist/choir director, Terry Gamble has decided to “hang up the organ shoes” and enjoy retirement! Terry was born July 8th 1947 in North Buffalo, NY and attended Buffalo Public School #66 and Bennett High School. His parents were not churchgoers but made sure he went to church: Church of the Transfiguration (Episcopal.) It was there that a love for the church and its music began. A love for the Lord of the Church began there and would “blossom” much later. He served as an acolyte, sang in the choir, and played the trumpet for festival days.

Terry started as a trumpet player in 7th grade, piano lessons in 9th grade, and a member of the Bennett High School band. At Bennett, under the supervision of the music staff, a decision was made to enter the music field.

He was accepted in the music departments of three different colleges, finally deciding on Fredonia State. There he studied music education, trumpet, piano and organ, studying privately with John Hoffmann, Dallas Blair, and Eva Vouklizas. He received Bachelors and Masters degrees in music education while there. In 1968 while a senior at Fredonia he began his career as a church musician, filling in for the organist at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. His first “real” position was at St. Simon's Episcopal Church, staying there until the US Army beckoned. Fortunately Terry was accepted in the US Army Field Band without having to attend the army music school. (Quite an accomplishment!)

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While stationed at Ft. Deven's , MA, he also played the organ for the post chapel. Terry was married to Mary Smist in 1975, had two children, Sherrie and Laina, and now six grandchildren have blessed the Gambles.

High points in his teaching and church musician careers have been many: A service playing certificate from the American Guild of organists in 1979, followed by the coveted "Colleague" certification in 1982. Post Graduate work was taken at the Westminster Choir college, Eastman School of Music and SUNYAB. Terry is a certified adjudicator of brass and woodwinds for the NYS School Music Assn. Terry has been listed five times in *"Who's Who Among American Teachers,"* was awarded WGRZ's "teacher of the week" in April 2002, and was awarded the honor of "Outstanding Music Teacher" by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and ECCMA in 1999. Earlier on, Terry was on the Diocesan Music Commission planning many events for the diocese, the scholarship committee for the Erie County Teachers Assn. and an adjunct teacher of music and liturgy for the Upper NY Synod of the ELCA, held at the Chautauqua Ins.

The "high point" of his church music career has been St. Bartholomew's. A total of 27years out of 51 have been spent here. Working with Fr. Amend, Fr. Ward, and Fr. Molison, having wonderful, dedicated people in all the choirs, Bible studies for spiritual growth, going through the departure from the Episcopal Church have all been exciting and a true blessing. God has been with Terry and has led him all the way. Praise to God for all His many blessings!!

Soli Deo Gloria!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE!!!

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 11:15am

With the addition of the Blessing of the Palms

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Holy Eucharist 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist 9:30am

Fr. Ward's Bible Study & HE 7pm

THURSDAY

Seder Dinner 5:30pm

Holy Eucharist 7:00pm

Tenebrae Rehearsal 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Liturgical 3 hours Noon to 3:00pm

SOLEMN TENEBRAE 8:00pm

SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

April 21, 2019

7:30am, 9:15am, 11:15am

Note the earlier and later times.

****EASTER VIGIL, Saturday, April 20, 7pm at Church of the Atonement, 1 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, with Fr. Bryan Wandel**

FASTING - Jesus expected *all* of His followers to fast (Mark 2:18-20), and left general directions on our attitude while fasting (Matthew 6:16-18). Our Prayer Book gives the Church's discipline & days of fasting on pg.7. *Ash Wednesday & Good Friday* are days when all are expected to fast - a minimum for any in good health is to omit at least one meal. Some omit food the entire day, drinking only water. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide, and follow Jesus' direction as given in Matthew's Gospel quoted above.

CARE OF THE PALMS - Blessed Palms are never to be carelessly discarded, but always reverently burned. They can be placed near any religious picture or memento in the home, and burned on the day before Ash Wednesday next year.

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPES can be found in the envelope packet you receive in the mail. Extra envelopes will be in the pews if needed. Funds will be given to those in need.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS SUNDAY, APRIL 7. Personal care items such as bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes etc.; also spaghetti sauce, pasta, tuna fish, cereals, fruit, peanut butter and 'boxed dinners' are appreciated. Thanks to all who have donated in the past. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the North Tonawanda Food Pantry.

HOLY CONFIRMATION will be June 2 at the 11:15am service.



Father, Take Thy Son

By Barry Palmer

The air hangs heavy My heart stands still
They gather all around me And hasten for the kill.
They tear my garments from me, Undraped here I stand
While They prepare to crucify The bleeding Son of Man.
It's hard for me to understand Or realize just why
My death is made a mockery Which makes my mother
cry.
When just last week I spoke of peace And everlasting
love,
Apparently to deafened ears and darkened sky above.
It was just last night I prayed, "Father, if the will be thine,
Take away this chalice... This bleeding cup of mine.
But yet, not as I will But as Thy will be done."
And when pain shot through my heart, I knew my hour
had come.
A noisy crowd shatters the night; My heart begins to
race;
And then a traitor's lips Plant a kiss upon my face.
They scourged me at a pillar And whipped me till I bled,
But this was just a taste Of the agony ahead.
A wreath of thorns upon my head; I ached with every
breath;
I went before the multitude— They sentenced me to
death.
A cross I had to carry, The splinters tore my skin.
The treacherous road to Calvary Was just now to begin.
The mid-day sun took its toll; My knees buckled and gave
way.
My heart was beating very fast As on the ground I lay.
My head began to spin around And I felt the blistering
heat.
I could not go on, and once again Fell...at my mother's
feet.
I looked up at her tear-stained face And even though she
tried
To hold back the emotion, She looked at me and cried.



I stumbled again and fell once more As time seemed to
stand still.
Bruised and bleeding I arrived At the sacrificial hill.
And now I stand here naked; Tormented by seething
pain,
While nails are driven through my flesh, And piercing
every vein.
The agony is unbearable As spikes drive through the
bone;
And they nail me to the cross To suffer all alone.
I now look down from my cross And see the brutal few.
"Father, please forgive them. They know not what they
do."
To my right and to my left The two thieves I behold.
One this day finds Paradise But the other heart is cold.
Below me I can dimly see My mother so divine,
Trying hard to hold back tears As I try to hold back mine.
"Woman, behold your Son." It hurts you, that I know.
I can see the torment in your eyes As tears begin to flow.
Upon my robe they cast their lots To see who gets it first.
My whispered word goes unheard As I cry to them, "I
thirst."
My arms are getting weary, And I am numb with pain;
The aching and the throbbing Seem impossible to retain,
Now I hang here all alone For all the world to see;
My heart cries out, "My God, My God, Why hast thou
forsaken me?"
I see the sky above grow dark, And not a sound I hear,
And I know deep inside my heart That the end is near.
"To Thy hands I commend my spirit. Father, take Thy
Son."
I see the light of life go out. "Father...it is done."

PRAY for those in the MILITARY

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Armed Forces in your prayers.

Please let the church office know if there is anyone that should be added to or removed from this prayer list.

Katherine Boy-US Marines

Virginia Boy- US Navy

Jason Driscoll- US Army

James Kerins- US Army

A.J. Matteliano- US Army

Matthew Prohaska- US Air Force

Andrew Rebl- US Army

Michael Wassinger Jr. -US Army

Andrew Welkley- US Air Force



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD



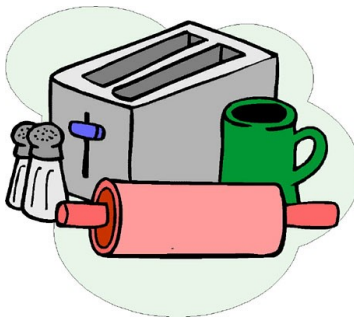
Thanks to all for the Dash's receipts! A check for \$250 was received recently!

There will be a report of our annual Lenten Brunch in the May Chatter.

Our annual Spring Banquet will be Thursday, June 6.



BUNDLES FOR BABIES: Please mark new or gently used baby items for Cornerstone and leave in the Gift Shop and they will be taken to Cornerstone.



THREADS OF HOPE: Please mark household items for Threads of Hope and they will be delivered.



DON'T FORGET TO DROP YOUR DASH'S RECEIPTS IN THE BAG ON THE GIFT SHOP DOOR.

Generation Next News

April 2019

Events For grades 6th -12th

Wednesdays— from 6:30-8:30pm. A time of interactive Bible lessons and fun games.

April 17th: No meeting because of Holy Week.

April 21st—Easter Sunday Puppet show and children's ministry help needed at 9:15am and 11:15am services. See below for practice times.

Friday April 26th —Throwback Youth Event Game Night! from 6-9pm at St. Barts

Save the Date— May 17-19 Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center Jr and Sr High Retreat.

Save the Date—Saturday, June 1st Kingdom Bound Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisor 6:00-7:30pm

Save the Date— Sunday, June 23rd Youth Sunday and Graduation Recognition at the 10:00am service

Hello Everyone, What a fun night we had a Lasertron thank you to everyone who came out. Believe it or not its that time of year already when Easter is just around the corner and I am in need of some help with a puppet show and hiding of eggs for our children's program on Easter Sunday. We will meet to practice the puppet show Sunday the 14 at 10:30am in the Sunday School large room. And on Good Friday the 19 at 7:00pm before the Good Friday Service at 8:00pm. I need 4 people for the puppet show 2 for each service and some people to help me hide eggs on Easter Sunday at 8:30am in the Sunday school rooms. If you are available please let me know.



Come join us at an awesome fun youth night called Throwback. We are going back in time with fun games and activities like-Human Hungry Hippos, Antique Treasure Hunt, Decade Jeopardy and more! You don't want to miss out on these hilarious competitions, so bring a friend and have a great time! We will also be serving children in other countries by making health kits so children around the



world can have what they need to be healthy and happy. There is no cost for the event, but if you would like to donate towards the supplies for the health kits we will be making, that would be awesome.

Kingdom Bound will be here before you know it. Our first informational meeting was last month, but if you are still interested in joining us please contact me so I can give you an information packet and all the other

paperwork that will need to be completed for the event. The cost for the event is \$250 and that includes tickets for the event, food and lodging. A \$25 registration fee is needed to secure your spot and is needed



ASAP. Financial assistance is available so please let myself or Father Ward know how we can help, so we can make sure no one is left out of this great event.

Camp Pioneer Jr and Sr High Retreat is coming up on May 17th—19th . The cost is \$40 per youth and will start at 7pm that Friday night and end on Sunday the 17th at 12:00pm.

We will meet at the church on Friday at 6:00pm and return to church on Sunday at 1:00pm.

What to expect: A weekend of laughter and study; food and songs; of praising God and playing some great games; a weekend to build friendships and have a ton of fun.

What to bring: your sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, clothes for work and play, an extra pair of shoes and your Bible. Don't let the cost be the reason you are not joining us scholarships are always available so everyone can come.

If you have any questions about these events please feel free to contact me.

In Christ, Liz



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **MAY** Chatter should be submitted no later than **APRIL 16**. Chatter deadline is **ALWAYS** the **3rd Tuesday** of the month. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

48 bags of food were donated in March. Please try to remember collection is the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



PRAYER FOR REVIVAL will NOT meet in April. Please attend the *Stations of the Cross* instead.

The next Parkinson's meeting will be **Tuesday, April 30** at 2pm in the small fellowship hall, opposite the Church Library. See David Curtis for more information.



It's time for the Northtown Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet.



Please come on **Thursday, May 9** to learn about the ministry and give as the Lord leads. More info and a sign up sheet are on a table in Fr. Amend Hall. Questions can be directed to Marley Smith.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Join us for our **Wednesday Night Family Nights** which continue through April 10th.

6pm: covered-dish dinner, with the church providing pizza.

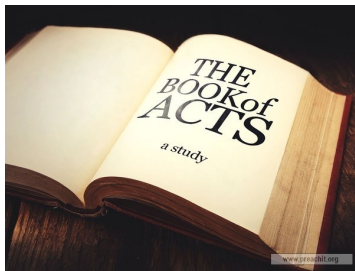
6:30pm: Youth Group

6:45pm: Missionettes & Parents in Prayer (April 3 only)
and Lego Club

7pm: Fr. Ward's Bible Study on the Gospel of John, followed by Holy Eucharist.



Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study



We will continue our study of The Acts of the Apostles. It's not too late to join us.

We meet from 6:30-8:00 pm, the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, in the small fellowship hall. April meetings will be the 9th and 23rd.

Any questions call Louise at (716) 874-0526

Movie Night **Monday, April 22 at 6:30pm**

All are invited to join us for a movie that is sure to enlighten and entertain.



Celebrate America with St. Bart's and **the BPO** in Kleinhan's Music Hall, **Friday, May 24th**. Coffee & donut hour, included in the ticket price of \$34 per person, is at 9am followed by An American Salute Concert at 10:30am. Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall. Call Brenda Wisz (832-6684) for more information.

PRAYER CORNER



PRAYER MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT PRAYER CHAIN

An Interview with Rosemary Styn

What made you interested in the Prayer Chain?

Prayer has always been an integral part of my life so I was naturally drawn in when I was approached to join. I have a great compassion for others, all of God's creation actually, and have prayed for others daily most of my life. My Grandmother and my 13 years of Catholic education did much for my love of intercessory prayer. My favorite prayer spot was always our small, round stone chapel in high school. There was such an intimacy with God each day.

How has it changed your prayer life and relationship with God?

It has become deeper and more meaningful. It brings you to a closer relationship with Jesus. There is more trust and acceptance to the ways prayers are answered, whether we like them or not.

What can a person expect when they engage with the Lord through the Prayer Chain?

Beside the relationship I spoke of in the last question, it takes you away from self. It helped me through a difficult time when I lost my husband a year ago. Praying for others and seeing their needs helps you cope with your needs better. When you lift others illnesses, hurts and needs to God your heart opens more to the needs of this broken world. Your focus is on your relationship with the Almighty and not self. It also brings great responsibility to keep prayer requests lifted up daily. We must take our commitment to heart.

Would you encourage others to use the Prayer Chain for their spiritual and temporal needs?

I would always encourage others to ask for prayer support. I've always taught and encouraged my children to seek God's help and direction in all difficult decisions. It helps lift the burden of carrying it all on ones shoulders. We are taught to pray for each others needs. It helps them to know that the burden is not theirs alone. We have to remember that God does not leave us or forsake us, even when it may feel as if He is not there. As for temporal needs, if they are necessities then yes.

We keep all prayer requests strictly confidential among the Prayer Chain members. Requests may be called into the office, put on a prayer card and dropped into the white chapel box on the Prayer Ministry table or use the request tab on the Church website (it comes directly to me).

April Birthdays

April 1 Steven Callari, Carolyn Everett,
Pamela Morrison

April 2 Kyle MacLeay, Aidyn McAndrews

April 3 Jennifer Gradzewicz, Jackie Luckoski

April 4 KathrynGrace Hillestad,
Grayson Santora, Edward Woeppel

April 5 Joan Bella, Gloria Cross,
Makayla Johnson

April 6 Kelsey Garrasi

April 7 Debra Birchenough, Athieng Dut

April 9 Danett Utz

April 11 Samantha Fisher, Kenneth George,
Diane Heer, Daniel Scully

April 13 Renee Garrasi, Kathleen Houston,
Holly Thompson

April 14 Denise Brown, Paul Karelus,
Aaron Machelor, Richard Smalter

April 15 Jeremy Kyser

April 16 Darinda Hoffman

April 17 Scott Giaquinto, Connie Hooch

April 18 Craig Heer, Jessica Hoy,
Kristopher Styn

April 19 Cindy Brown, Kevin Moyer,
Alyssa Ward

April 20 William Austin, Lisa Derrett,
Lisa MacLeay, Kyle Matesic,
Janelle Westerman

April 22 Arielle Derrett, Maria Salviski

April 23 James McNamara, Thomas Prohaska

April 24 Thomas Delo

April 25 Amanda Merrick, Zachary Passino

April 26 Edith Manning, Diane Moyer,
Carol Swist

April 27 Tammy Osmon, Joseph Scilia

April 29 Alan Heacock

April 30 David Gray, Deborah Zanghi



May 1 Susan Horvath, Sydney Lakeman

May 2 Charlene Hodgson, Brian Wallace

May 3 Charles Abramo, Jack Gradzewicz

May 4 Andrew McHenry, Elizabeth Merrick,
Cynthia Symons, Susan Uptegrove

May 5 Joan Calamita, Rosemary Davis,
Rachel Teall, Valerie Ulrich

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (831-1777) or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

APRIL CALENDAR

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30pm Men's Discipleship, Community Crime Watch 7pm Vestry	9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Junior Choir, Dinner 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes, Lego Club, Parents in Prayer 7pm Senior Choir, Fr. Ward's Bible Study & HE			10:30am Confirmation Class 4:30pm HE
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15&11am Sunday School 9:30am Bible study 1pm New Members Class 1:30pm Sudanese Service	7pm Persecuted Church	6:30pm Men's Discipleship & Women's Bible Study	9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Cont. Choir, Dinner 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Lego Club 7pm Sr. Choir, Fr. Ward's Bible Study & HE			10:30am Confirmation Class 4:30pm HE
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
PALM SUNDAY 8, 9:15 & 11:15am HE 9:15 & 11:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 1pm New Members Class 1:30pm Sudanese Service	6:30pm BARRA 7pm Stations of the Cross	6:30pm Men's Discipleship 7pm Stations of the Cross	9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Junior Choir, Dinner 6:30 Youth Group 6:45 Lego Club Parents in Prayer 7pm Sr. Choir, Fr. Ward's Bible Study (LAST) & HE	5:30pm Seder Dinner 7pm HE 7:30pm Tenebrae Rehearsal	Noon-3pm Liturgical Three Hours 8pm Solemn Tenebrae	8:30am Men's Breakfast NO 4:30pm HE 7pm Easter Vigil at Church of the Atonement with Fr. Wandel
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
EASTER 7:30, 9:15, & 11:15am HE 9:15 & 11:15am Sunday School	6:30pm Movie Night	6pm Crime Board 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Adoration 6:30pm Youth Group		11am Intercessory Prayer	10:30am Confirmation Class 4:30pm HE
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8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Study 1pm New Members Class 1:30pm Sudanese Service		2pm Parkinson's Meeting 6:30pm Men's Discipleship				

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

April

Bold Worship

This church in India worships under the shade of trees. Such open worship is becoming increasingly dangerous in parts of India, where mobs of Hindu nationalists disrupt church services and attack believers. Despite increased persecution, our Indian brothers and sisters continue to boldly worship Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 INDONESIA Pray for a peaceful political campaign leading to the April 2019 presidential election.	2 PHILIPPINES Pray that Christian workers traveling outside their villages will go unharmed by Islamic extremists.	3 MALI Pray for Christians from Muslim or animist backgrounds who are rejected by their families.	4 NIGERIA Pray for Christian widows in the town of Mubi whose husbands were killed by Boko Haram.	5 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that the church remains united as it witnesses to internally displaced people.	6 AZERBAIJAN Pray for unity among Christians and churches and for their bold witness.
7 UZBEKISTAN Pray that the government will allow church registrations; none have been registered since 2001.	8 BHUTAN Pray for King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuk and Queen Gyalsuon Jetsun Pemal.	9 LEBANON Pray for pastors and churches that feel overwhelmed by the needs of refugees.	10 NEPAL Pray that Christian leaders will identify unreached areas and send local gospel workers there.	11 SYRIA Pray that families of kidnapped or missing Christians will remain patient and hopeful.	12 SOMALIA Pray for the families of Somali believers who have been killed for their faith.	13 CUBA Pray that God's people will boldly share the gospel throughout the island.
14 ETHIOPIA Pray for outreach efforts to the Oromo people.	15 CUBA Pray for the more than 2,000 house churches being threatened with closure.	16 ALGERIA Pray for government-approved churches that are being closed.	17 JORDAN Pray that those ministering to refugees will be continually refreshed in Christ.	18 INDIA "Pray for new believers in our community." —front-line worker	19 KUWAIT Pray that unregistered fellowships will remain open and multiply.	20 UZBEKISTAN Pray for believers in the Karakalpak region, where no churches are legally registered.
21 IRAQ Pray that the violence of Islam will cause many Muslims to seek and find the Lord.	22 NORTH KOREA Pray for those receiving digital Bible players in North Korea this year.	23 CHINA Pray for pastors in Yichang city who are interrogated by local police.	24 BRUNEI Pray that Bruneian students studying abroad will hear the gospel.	25 SRI LANKA Pray that believers will grow in the face despite restrictions on churches.	26 TURKEY Pray that churches will be established in every city in Turkey.	27 JORDAN Pray that churches in Jordan will minister to their Muslim neighbors as well as to refugees.
28 AFGHANISTAN Pray that persecuted believers will be granted the grace to endure suffering.	29 CUBA Pray for churches and believers still recovering from hurricane damage.	30 IRAQ Pray that many Christians will stay in Iraq for the sake of the gospel.				



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Prayer for the Persecuted Church will meet Monday, April 8 at 7pm. All are invited to attend.

A (very) little humor

Why did the egg hide?

He was a little chicken!

Why shouldn't you tell an egg a joke?

It might crack up!

Where do eggs come from?

An egg-plant.



How does the Easter bunny stay fit?

He egg-xercises!

How does a rabbit keep its fur looking good?

With a Hare brush and Hare spray.



What do you call ten rabbits
marching backwards?



A receding hareline.

off the mark

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