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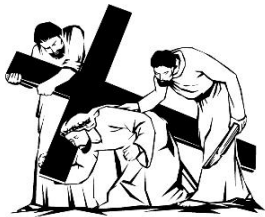


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**PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN WORD AND IN DEED.**

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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Palm Sunday—April 1, 2007  
 Holy Eucharist — 8 AM, 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM  
 (with the blessings of palms)

Monday and Tuesday  
 Stations of the Cross—7 PM  
 Followed by Holy Eucharist - 7:30 PM

Wednesday  
 Holy Eucharist 6:45 AM, 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday  
 Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM  
 Tenebrae Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Good Friday Services—April 6, 2007  
 "Liturgical Three Hours" - Noon to 3 PM  
 Solemn Tenebrae—8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Services—April 8, 2007  
 7:30 AM\*, 9:15 AM and 11:15 AM\*  
 (\*note the time differences for Easter Sunday)



**THANK YOU —**  
**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH!**

I wish to thank all of the people that helped me during the Friday Night Bible Study on March 9, and all of the people that prayed for me.

Thank you and God Bless You!

*Blanche Borkowski*

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS!**

A parishioner called the church to report how God has blessed her and her family.

A short while ago she spoke to Fr. Ward that her son was ill, and was badly in need of prayer. Fr. Ward added the son's name to the prayer chain. In just weeks there has been a miraculous turn around, and she gives thanks to the Lord for the blessings of healing and His answering the prayers of the faithful.

The prayer chain welcomes your petitions for prayer. They are kept confidential. Please use the petition box located on the top of the glass case in the entrance to the church or call the church office with your prayer requests.



**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

Our soup luncheon on March 10, was a success. Our thanks to "St. Bart's Soup Chef," Jim Glownia, for the delicious soup and to those that made the desserts. Our program on children's books by Dr. Laura Klenk was very interesting especially the information on the new books being written for children.

**COMING EVENT:** Our Annual Spring Banquet will be at Jack Daniel's Banquet Room at the Frog Grill, (formerly Warren's) in Tonawanda, on Thursday June 7, 2007. A sign up sheet with the dinner choices and prices will be posted in May.

Order forms for the Annual Plant Sale on May 18-20 will be available after Easter. Please check the table for the forms. There will be a Sunday Bulletin Insert for help at the sale. We especially need help on Thursday May 17, when the plants are delivered (at 7:00 AM) and to help make up the orders.

Please check the display case for gift items. Call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335) or Bonnie Fleischman (875-6402) to order. Donations are welcome.

Thanks again to our *Diaper Angels*. Several hundreds of dollars of diaper and other baby essentials have been delivered to the Network of Religious Communities Office so the Bundles for Baby committees can prepare the bundles.

**MARCH VESTRY MEETING**

The March meeting was postponed due to illness.



**ST. BART'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

St. Bart's Sunday School will be holding a special event for the children and their parents on Saturday, April 7th from 2:00-4:00 pm. This is for all children in grades Pre-K through 6th grade. We will make an Easter Garden (with real plants) that each family can take home. The children will also learn about the glory of Jesus Resurrection in anticipation of Easter morning. We are very excited about this new event for the Sunday school children. We hope it will help to make this Easter a very blessed and special one for the whole family. We do ask that you sign up so that we can be sure to have enough materials for all. Any questions, please see Marilyn Commins.

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**WEDDING BELLS**

On Saturday, February 17, 2007, Patricia Higgins and David Dyviniak exchanged vows before Almighty God as husband and wife. Fr. Ward presided at the wedding, assisted by Fr. Commins.



**CROWN SMALL GROUP STUDY**

*"Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of worldly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?" Luke 16:11*

This small group study is a ten week in-depth study of what scripture teaches about being stewards of **God's Time, Money and Possessions**. It is also about ways of becoming consistent savers, generous givers and prudent consumers."

Here is what some from the first small group from St. Bart's had to say about the study:

"What a blessing to study scripture and realize God's plan for us as stewards of His money. Insightful lessons!" *Susan Tobin*

"By focusing on how I think about and use money, the Crown Bible Study is helping me understand God and my relationship with Him in a deeper, more satisfying way." *Laura Klenk, Ph.D.*

"An excellent course on helping families deal with money. At first thought before I started the course, I thought it would be boring, and merely quoting scripture, chapter and verse. I would recommend this course to any family that needs relief from money pressures." *David Curtis*

"A little over 10 weeks ago I thought I would not make it through. Did we know what we were getting into? Where was God leading us? He has used us all in such different ways throughout these ten weeks. Just the feeling that there was support and a small group praying for each other was a comfort." *Gary Wisniewski*

If you are interested in participating in the next small group or want more information please contact: Gary Wisniewski – 694-9154



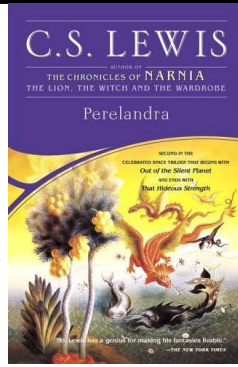
**Rummage Sale**

**ST BART'S RUMMAGE SALE**

Saturday April 28, 9 AM– 1 PM. Doing Spring Cleaning? We are taking donations starting April 9. Donations can be placed in the church garage. Please **NO EARLY BIRDS!** Your donations are greatly appreciated for this charity fund raising event.

**C. S. LEWIS BOOK CLUB**

The C. S. Lewis Book Group resumes on Thursday, April 19, at 7 PM for seven weeks, in the Wickenden Room with the book "Perelandra," followed by "That Hideous Strength." If you have any questions, or suggestions, please contact David Curtis or Susan Tobin.



**THE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION OCCURS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!**

61 bags of groceries and 1 cash donation were taken to the Food Pantry in March. They send their many thanks.

They continue to need the usual food items such as boxed dinners, fruit, peanut butter, pasta, etc. They have specifically requested: egg cartons, plastic and paper bags combined for added strength, and boxed complete meals.

They also express their gratitude to the people of St. Bart's for their generosity.

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

**MISSIONETTE NEWS**

The Prims are working on their kindness badge this month. Our Scripture for this unit is "Be kind and compassionate to one another" (Eph. 4:32). The girls will be encouraged to show random acts of kindness to others and will be asked to keep track of them. The Stars are working on their Family badge. They are learning what God's plan is for the family and how He wants us to be a part of His family as well. **Due to Holy Week and Easter break Missionettes will be meeting only on April 18th.** I hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



ST. BART'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

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Please mark your calendars—June 25 through June 29. Sign up sheets will start being posted on April 15.

Please contribute your time and talents to this fun event for the children. We are also looking for help from the Senior Youth Group.

If you can help, or want more information contact David Curtis and Jim Kibby. Thank You!

**KINDNESS IDEAS FOR APRIL**

Keep your child's or grandchild's school administration in your prayers.

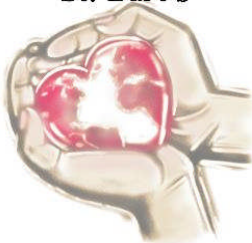
Send someone a kind word to brighten his/her day.

**ECOLOGY IDEAS FOR APRIL:**

Take a walk around your neighborhood with a plastic bag and pick up some windblown debris and garbage. Take your kids or grandkids and show them you care about God's creation.

Use the liners of cereal or cracker boxes for various garbage duties: cat litter, vegetable peelings, bacon grease, coffee grinds and more.

St. Bart's



Kindness Korner



GENERATION NEXT

**Seniors**

- 4/2 – Fun Night
- 4/9 – No meeting: EASTER BREAK
- 4/15 – YOUTH SUNDAY
- 4/16 – Meeting, 7-9
- 4/20 & 4/21 – Spaghetti Dinner; preparation/event
- 4/30 – Meeting, 7-9

**Juniors**

- 4/2 – Fun Night
- 4/11 – No meeting: EASTER BREAK
- 4/15 – YOUTH SUNDAY
- 4/20 & 4/21 – Spaghetti Dinner; preparation/event
- 4/25 – Meeting, 7-8:30