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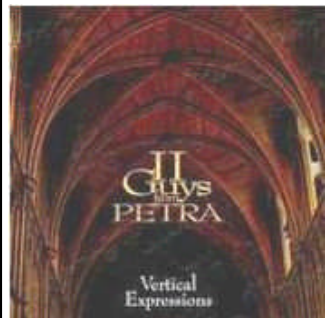
**THEY'RE BACK! —  
 II GUYS FROM PETRA**

**John Schlitt and Bob Hartman—Two Guys From Petra**, will be back once again with us in concert **Friday Night—August 10, 7 PM**, right here at **St. Bart's - in the church**.



John and Bob performed at our UB Campus Ministry Concert in January, and then led worship at two services here at St. Bart's on Sunday, Jan. 28. The response was so wonderful - that John and Bob wanted to come back to play for us again!

They will perform many of their hits from 33 years as Petra, as well as songs from their new CD "*Vertical Expressions*." **Tickets (\$10 per person) are on sale now at the church office—836-5454.**



Please mark your calendars: **Friday August 10, here at St. Bart's, 7 PM.**

**FR. COMMINS WILL BE AT ST. BART'S 3 MORE YEARS!!! (AT LEAST)**

Fr. Arthur W. Ward Jr., the Rector of St. Bartholomew's, is happy to report that Fr. John E. Commins has signed a three year extension to his present contract. In recognition of his outstanding service, he will no longer be our Curate, but the Associate Rector of St. Bartholomew's.

We look forward to many more years of ministry with Fr. Commins and his family!

**HEARTFELT THANKS**

**A NOTE OF**



On behalf of the entire DePartout and Brown families, we cannot thank you enough for all of the support and prayers that we have received from our St. Bartholomew's family concerning the extended illness of Liz DePartout. Your

thoughts and prayers mean more than we can ever express, thanks from all of us!

In Christ,  
*Dini, Tom, Robb, and Brittany Brown*

**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

The Board will be preparing a fall and winter schedule of events this month. If you have any suggestions, please let one of our officers know. President, Lori Abramo; Vice President, Marilyn Alliger; Treasurer, Lee Hilliker; Recording Secretary, Kathy George; and Corresponding Secretary, Dawn Glownia.

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

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up the bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. Baby items may be left in the basket under the table at the entrance. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities office on Delaware where the bundles are made up.

**VESTRY MEETING**

There are no scheduled Vestry meetings in July and August.

**ST. BART'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 2007-2008 IS STARTING SOON!**



**ST. BART'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The first day of Sunday school will be September 9, with two sessions: 9:15 am and 11:00 am.

We are striving to hold early registrations again this year in order to have a better count on the numbers of children in each class for ordering materials and assigning teachers. In this month's Chatter, you will find a registration form. On the back of the form is some important information about St. Bartholomew's Sunday School Ministry. Please be sure to fill out **only one form per child**. There will be extra forms in the lobby on the table near the Sunday school sign. There will also be a basket for you to place your completed forms.

You, the parents, are a very important part of our Sunday School Ministry. If you can volunteer in any way or would like to be a substitute teacher or even a Sunday school teacher, please call Marilyn Commins as soon as possible at 731-9633.



**Every Good Gift & Every Perfect Gift Is From Above...**

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**Generation Next  
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**August 5 – 9 KINGDOM BOUND!** Check general information packet for all needed information. This packet will be available at the meeting on July 30. **Please Pray for everyone attending this blessed event!**

**August 21-22 (BOYS) OVERNIGHT BIBLE STUDY**  
**August 23-24 (GIRLS) OVERNIGHT BIBLE STUDY** at the Youth building. Invite a friend and immerse yourself in God's Word. We will be studying the book of **HEBREWS**.



ST. BART'S  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

St. Bart's Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success. We made 47 bears, which will be sent to orphans in Africa.

A huge thank-you to all of the adults and youth who helped make it a success.

**WAH-HOO!** (that was our slogan from "Avalanche Ranch")

Thank you!

*Jim Kibby and David Curtis*

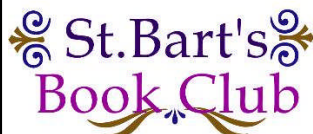
**CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. & MRS. PAUL KARELUS!**



On Saturday, June 23, at 3:00 PM, Paul and Alison (Mason) Karelus exchanged vows of Holy Matrimony at St. Bartholomew's. Fr. Ward officiated and Fr. Commins assisted.



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BOOK CLUB**



We will resume in late September, and have selected author Max Lucado, and suggest we start with the title "When God Whispers Your Name."

If you have any questions, please call or contact Susan Tobin or David Curtis.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CAN YOU HELP?**



Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to help at their Open House on Saturday August 11, 2007. The store is located at 2303 Union Rd., West Seneca. They will need: from 10 AM to 2 PM – at least 3 women and 2 men; From 2 PM to 6 PM they will need at least 5 men or young adults to help clean up.

If you can help or want more information — please call Joe Ackerman at 698-5062 or email him at [joeackrmn@yahoo.com](mailto:joeackrmn@yahoo.com).

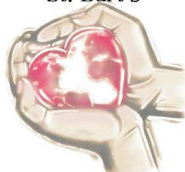


Blessed  
are the  
merciful,  
for they will be  
shown mercy.

Matthew 5:7

**AUGUST KINDNESS IDEAS**

MERCY— means not receiving the punishment we deserve—but instead are filled with God's grace—which is undeserved.



Kindness Korner

Have **mercy** on another driver— when you come to a “feed” situation—let someone pull in front of you. **Remember J O Y? Jesus first, then comes Others, and lastly You!**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IDEAS**

- Everyone gets tons of junk mail - are you recycling yours?

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

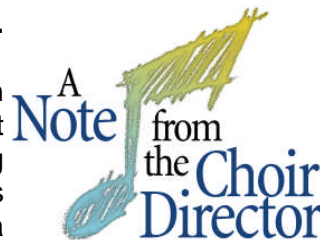
47 bags of groceries, 10 cases of food, and 1 cash donation were taken to the North Tonawanda Interfaith Food Pantry in July. Thank you for such a great response, but **we need your continued participation.**

The Food Pantry continues 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.

**Dear Members of St. Bartholomew's,**



The singing season is about to begin! Won't you please consider being a part of one of our choirs this year? I have chosen a variety of beautiful music for all ages. Below is the rehearsal and singing schedule for our choirs:

The first rehearsal for the Junior and Senior Choirs will be Wednesday, September 5. Juniors will rehearse from 6:15 - 6:45 PM. This choir is open to all children ages 7 through 13, and will sing at the 9:15 service. The Senior Choir will rehearse from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, and is open to all, ages 14 through adult. The Senior Choir mainly sings at the 11:00 AM service. New faces are welcome!

Our Contemporary Choir sings the second Sunday of each month, for the 9:15 AM service. This choir is open to all ages. I would specifically like to invite our youth to sing with us this year! Our existing members would really welcome you. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 9, at 8:30 AM, and that will be our first Sunday to sing as well.

Won't you please sing with one of our choirs this year? God will bless you for the tithe of you time and talent.

Sincerely,

*Terry Gamble*

Organist/Choir Director