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**FR. AMEND
 CELEBRATES
 51 YEARS OF
 ORDAINED
 MINISTRY -
 GREAT HALL
 RENAMED!**



Sunday, October 25, was an exciting day at St. Bart's. It marked the 51st Anniversary of the Ordination of The Rev. Fr. Russell J. Amend, the first Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church. As a part of the celebration there was cake and fellowship and the awesome news that the Rector and Vestry of St. Bart's decided to rename our Great Hall in Fr. Amend's honor. From that day forward - it shall be known as Fr. Amend Hall.

Fr. Amend was able to spend some time with parishioners following the 11 AM service, as well as share in the cake and festivities. We are blessed to have the Amends be with us this winter - and we continue to pray for their health and well being.

Our Rector-Emeritus, can often be found at the end the Choir procession - joyfully singing to the Lord at the 11 AM service. Thank you Fr. Amend for your dedication and loyal service to our Lord.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S 2009
 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

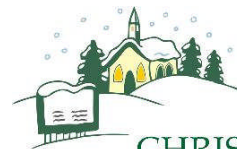
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Thursday Christmas Eve December 24

- 4:00 PMHoly Eucharist
No incense
- 7:00 PMCarol Sing
- 7:30 PM.....Holy Eucharist
With Choir & incense
- 10:30 PMCarol Sing
- 11:00 PM.....Holy Eucharist
With Choir & incense

Friday Christmas Day December 25

- 10:00 AMHoly Eucharist
No incense



CHRISTMAS
 Worship
 Schedule

**Nursery Care will be provided at both the 4:00
 PM and the 7:30 PM services.**

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

58 bags of food, were taken to the Food Pantry in November.

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.

The Food Pantry received extra donations of Pet Food—so they are giving away this food to Senior Citizens who can't afford to feed 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.

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING!

Congratulations to Mr. Paul and Mrs. Vicki (Wright) Seibold.

On Saturday afternoon, October 10 at 12:30PM, they exchanged vows at Portofino's in Clarence.

Fr. Commins officiated.



**GENERATION NEXT—
DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

December 2 - Juniors Meet - 7-8:30 PM - \$3 for Elpido and missionary

December 7 - Seniors Meet - 7-9 PM - \$3 for Elpido and missionary

December 16 - Christmas Celebration - 7-9 PM

December 27-30 - Joshua Revolution

*******CHILDRENS EDUCATION MINISTRY
UPCOMING EVENTS*****:**

- **ADVENT CELEBRATION – NOVEMBER 28, FROM 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.** This is for all children and their families. We will have some wonderful Advent activities to prepare for the Advent Season.
- **MANGER SUNDAY – December 13**
- **CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24 - "JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM CELEBRATION" at the 4:00 PM SERVICE ONLY FOR ALL PRE-K THROUGH 4TH GRADERS, UPSTAIRS IN DOUBLE CLASSROOM.** We need 5th & 6th graders to play parts in our play. See Mrs. Commins if you can help.
- **NO CLASSES on December 27 or January 3.**



prayer
for the
persecuted
church

PPC – "Prayer for the Persecuted Church" corner –

Check our display board and table in the lobby. heck the display board to see how you can help with our next project.

The PPC has decided to take a short hiatus from the monthly meetings. **Our meetings should resume in January with a HUGE kickoff event.** Watch for further details on this. This will be an exciting event you will NOT want to miss!



MISSIONETTE NEWS

Missionettes will only be meeting on Dec. 2 this month. We will have our Christmas



Starsclub

party. I hope that everyone can come. We are going to have a lot of fun making Christmas crafts and cards for our shut ins. The Stars have finished their music badge and have started working on their Esther badge. The Prims have earned their safety badge and are now working on their Helpers badge. Its not too late to sign up your daughter for Missionettes. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Ward.

**CHILDREN'S EDUCATION
MINISTRY (Sunday School)**



Children's Education Ministry

The **Children's Education Ministry** is selling prayer hands and bookmarks for \$1.00 during Coffee Hours. This is the way that the children can participate in the "Let Us Arise and Build" campaign. In chapel, we are building a church out of blocks. We add 1 block for every \$3.00 we raise. All the money goes toward the CEM ministry and the children will benefit from your donations.

Our participation in **Operation Christmas Child** this year was amazing! THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH! We received over 30 shoeboxes before and during the Spaghetti Dinner. Certificates of appreciation are available to everyone who donated a filled shoebox. If you did not receive a certificate and would like one, see Marilyn Commins. Many thanks also to Kim and Lou Cabello for delivering all the shoeboxes to the drop off point. For those who are able to track their shoeboxes, please mark the spot on the map that is on the bulletin board next to the Bishop Scaife Guild store so we can see where they all went!

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Our Annual Cookie Gathering is Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 PM. We will have punch and cookies and enjoy Christmas music by Christian tenor, Ron Herman. We will also be making up boxes of cookies for our shut-ins. Please bring 3 dozen cookies.

The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) lapel pins are available for \$4 each. See the basket on the Gift Shop front counter.

Sunday, January 24, 2010—Soup Sale. We will be offering Soup Chef Jim Glownia's delicious Seafood Bisque and Minestrone soup for sale **after** services that day.

May - Annual Plant Sale

June - Spring Banquet

Check out the Gift Shop after services on Sundays and Wednesdays for Christmas gifts. We have had many donations of merchandise which are greatly appreciated. The funds from the shop, the Spring Plant Sale and donations we have received has enabled us to send checks to some of the ministries that we have supported in the past. We will have a report in the February CHATTER.

Threads of Hope (located in the house behind St. Peter's Church on Longmeadow) still needs gently used linens (especially twin bed sheets), blankets, towels, dish towels, small appliances, kitchen items, etc. Please check the Kiosk in Fr. Amend Hall for a brochure about their ministry. For more information and delivery, please call Carol Siock (835-2105).

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. The basket for baby items is now in the Gift Shop. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities Office on Delaware where the bundles are made up. We have also been donating baby items, especially diapers to Cornerstone Manor. Thanks for all of the donations. They are greatly appreciated.

SECOND REQUEST FROM THE COUNTERS:

The counters of the Sunday collections would appreciate those who write checks - to put their *correct* envelope number in the memo line of their check.

Until the **blue envelopes** for the *Let Us Arise and Build* contributions are received with your regular envelopes - please indicate *Let Us Arise and Build* in the memo line and use the blue envelopes in the pews, or ask an usher for one. Thank You.

NOVEMBER VESTRY MEETING

The electrical work and the wheelchair ramp projects are in progress. The 2010 budget was approved.

The Annual Parish Election will be held following each of the three services on the **2nd Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2009**. Anyone interested in being a candidate - please see Fr. Ward.

An anonymous donation was received so the Library/Conference room could be completed. The Vestry approved a request to put a bin in the parking lot to collect clothing for *Hearts for the Homeless*.



ST. BART'S ANGELS ANNUAL REPORT



St. Bart's Angels

Here we are again at the end of a very Blessed year for St Bart's and the Angels.

Over the past 12 months the Angels have made and distributed 22 scarves, 83 hats, 31 afghans, 6 pairs of mittens and 49 pairs of slippers.

We look forward to increasing our donations in the coming year.

If you are interested in sewing, knitting, crocheting or donating supplies - you can contact Diane Heer at 692-3649.

The Angels want to thank all who have given to this Ministry and wish all A very Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

God Bless,

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP BREAKFASTS



Men—mark your calendars for 2 Saturday mornings: 8:00 to 9:30 AM. Our first breakfast, on November 14, was a great success, with our guest Bishop Atwood. It was attended by over 80 men, and we look forward to our next breakfasts:

December 12—speaker will be Fr. Commins
January 9—speaker will be Fr. Ward.



