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**GOD IS IN CONTROL— LENTEN  
 PAST, PRESENT, FRIDAY NIGHT  
 FUTURE! - A Study of the BIBLE STUDY  
 Book of Daniel, beginning  
 Feb. 8 @ 7 PM!**



- Do you sometimes wonder if God is really in control?
- Are you curious to find out what He will be doing in the future?

Then join Fr Ward as he examines this controversial and hard to understand book of the Old Testament. The Book of Daniel, is essential for knowing God's plans and purposes for our world. In fact, Jesus tells us that we will need to understand the Book of the Prophet Daniel if we are to recognize the signs of His Return. So bring your Bible and a friend - and come and join us for this incredible study! The Lenten "covered dish" dinners will be at 6PM.

**ST. BART'S ANNUAL VALENTINE SOCIAL**



St. Bartholomew's  
**Valentine's Day Social**

You are invited to come and join in the fun on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 5:30 PM. All are invited to come and please bring friends!

Dinner will begin at 5:30 and the Dance will follow. It promises to be a great evening of fun and fellowship! PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

There is a sign-up sheet in the main entrance to the church. If you have any questions—please contact Craig Heer.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES  
 FEBRUARY 6, 2008  
 IMPOSITION OF ASHES & HOLY EUCHARIST  
 6:45 AM, 9:30 AM, & 7:00 PM**

**LENTEN WED. HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE  
 6:45 AM, 9:30 AM, & 5:30 PM Every Wednesday**

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

St. Bart's is sending two of our parish family to serve in Afghanistan, and we ask you to join us in prayer for their protection and safe return. You can keep in touch with both Jonathan and Ed at the following:

**Sp. Jonathan Merrick**, A Secfor 2-101 Cavalry, HQ Platoon, Ft. Bragg, NC 23810.

E-mail = [jonathan.merrick@us.army.mil](mailto:jonathan.merrick@us.army.mil)

**Ed Reichard's address:** 2125th GSU, attn: 27BCT C-427 LTF/SSG Edward Reichard, A-32780 Butner Road, Fort Bragg, NC, 28321-7500. ED's e-mail address is [Edward.reichard@us.army.mil](mailto:Edward.reichard@us.army.mil)

**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

On Saturday, March 8 at noon we will be having our Annual Lenten Soup Luncheon with soup made by our *Soup Chef*, Jim Glownia. Our entertainment will be Nan Hoffman and her husband, who are well known folk music artists. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table by the parking lot entrance.

**COMING EVENTS:**

May 16—18 Annual Plant Sale

June 5—Annual Spring Banquet. We will be going to the Frog Grill (formerly Warren's) again this year. Details in the May CHATTER.

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 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. Thanks for all of the donations. They are greatly appreciated.

**JANUARY VESTRY MEETING**

The new Vestry members were welcomed: Linda Doran, Mark DiMaria, Mike Tarapata, and Junior Warden, Carl Calabrese.

The Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas offerings of \$1,500 each have been sent to *Angel Tree (a Prison Fellowship Ministry that buys gifts for the children of the convicts)*, *Life Saving Ministry*, *Cornerstone Manor*, and *Anglican World Relief and Development Funds*.

As of January 11, 151 pledges for \$103,690 have been received for 2008, compared to 214 pledges for \$292,348 last January 10, 2007.

The Easter/Lenten offerings have been designated to *Freedom Village*, *Saving Grace Ministries*, *Kairos Prison Ministries*, and *Family & Children Services of Niagara County*.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



**Maundy  
Thursday  
Seder**

Please join us for a very special meal on Maundy Thursday evening at 5:30 PM. We will gather to celebrate the Passover meal as Jesus and the Apostles did - with an understanding of the significance of the Seder on this special night. Watch Parish Life and the Chatter for more details.

**BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD 2008 BUDGET**

**Diocese**

Episcopal Community Services \$500.00

**Parish**

Rector's Discretionary Fund \$500.00  
 Staff Christmas Gifts \$460.00  
 Sunshine \$100.00  
 Guild Equipment \$100.00  
 Future Guild Projects \$200.00

**Mission Outreach**

Trinity School for Ministry (Ambridge) \$500.00  
 Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels \$200.00  
 North Tonawanda Food Pantry \$300.00  
 Hospice Foundation \$300.00  
 Friends of the Night People \$200.00  
 Salvation Army \$400.00  
 City Mission \$400.00  
 Cornerstone Manor \$400.00  
 Haven House \$300.00  
 Compass House \$300.00  
 Misc. Outreach \$1,500.00  
 UB Campus Ministries \$200.00  
 Cradle Beach \$200.00  
 SPCA \$300.00  
 Anglican Communion Network Relief Fund \$200.00  
 Anglican Communion Network Nat'l Fund \$300.00  
 Threads of Hope \$300.00  
 Niagara Hospice \$300.00

**Guild Operating**

Discretionary Fund \$200.00  
 Funds in Reserve \$ 0  
 Special Events \$156.61

**TOTAL**

**\$8,816.61**

**2007 FUND RAISING**

Flower Sale \$2,432.25  
 Crafts \$93.25  
 Red Sleigh Candy Booth \$444.02  
 Red Sleigh Craft Booth \$310.00  
 Red Sleigh Baked Goods Booth \$592.05

**TOTAL**

**\$3,871.57**

**Donations 2007**

**\$530.00**

**MISSIONETTE NEWS**



Missionettes will not be meeting on Feb. 6th due to Ash Wednesday. We will meet on Feb. 13th, March 5th and the 26th. The Prims are learning about God's plan for the family and how they can help others become part of God's family. The Stars have finished their puppets and are now creating their puppet theater. They hope to present their puppet show to the Prims and to their parents on March 5th. If you are interested in signing up your daughter for Missionettes, please contact Kathleen Ward @ 623-0507.

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

55 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in January. They send their many thanks.

The Food Pantry is still very much 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, pasta, etc. 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.



**END OF YEAR STATEMENTS FOR 2007**

We hope that all statements will be received in an accurate and timely manner! We have been advised that all statements regarding income must be issued by January 31.

Donation statements are not bound by the same rules. We understand that all would hope to have their statements by January 31, but if they are a bit late, we can provide a number for you to call for the year's total. Thank you for your patience.



**GENERATION NEXT**

**GENERATION NEXT IMPORTANT DATES**

**Senior Youth group dates –**

February: Monday's 11, 18, 25 7-9 PM

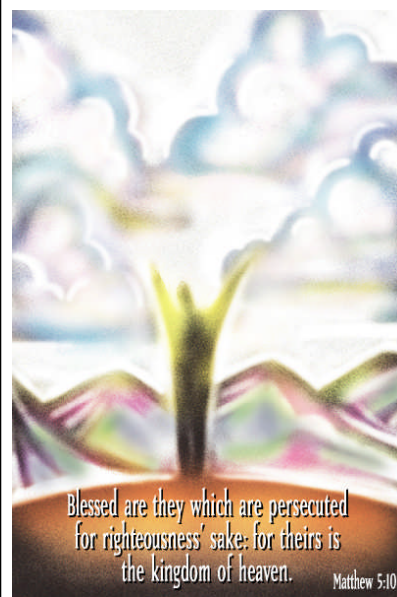
**Junior Youth group dates –**

February : Wednesday's - 13, 27 from 7-8:30pm

**Combined Events -**

February 4 - FUN NIGHT — 7-9 PM

February 22 to 23 - 30 Hour Famine at Kenmore Alliance Church



**PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

Stephen (34 A.D.)...stoned to death... James (44 A.D.)...beheaded... Matthew (60 A.D.)... crucified to the ground & beheaded... Bartholomew (70 A.D.)...flayed and crucified... Justin Martyr (165 A.D.)... scoured & beheaded... William Tyndale (1536 A.D.)

...burned at the stake...Lizzie Atwater (1900)... hacked to death by sword...Watchman Nee (1972) ...imprisoned & left to die...Pastor Irianto Kongkoli (2006)...shot in back of head, died...Shuang Shuying, 77 years old, arrested and imprisoned January 2007, she is very ill and dying in prison now...

As you read this list, some of the names are Biblically familiar and some are not. Did you know that Christian Persecution is very prevalent in the world? Millions in over 50 countries are imprisoned and tortured every year just for speaking the truth of Jesus. Millions more are not permitted to meet together and worship or even to own a Bible. Did you know that there really is something you can do to help them?

Come to the first meeting of our new prayer ministry, Prayer for the Persecuted Church on Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:15 pm to find out how you can help them for the sake of the Gospel. For more info, contact Marilyn Commins or Elaine Henzler.

**Women's Fellowship/Bible Study Group - Spring 2008**

Please come and join us on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 at 7 p.m. for our new Bible Study—"Why is Life So Unfair?" Our second study will be "Why would a Good God allow Suffering?"



*Women's Bible Study*

We meet every other Tuesday evening: Feb 26; March 11,25; April 8, 22; May 6,20; and June 10.

If you would like further information, please call Elaine Henzler at 836-6725.