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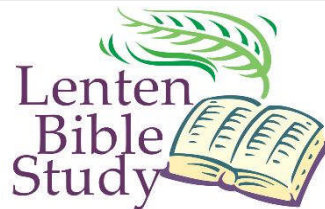
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PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN WORD AND IN DEED.

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FRIDAY NIGHT
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:
THE POWER OF
PRAYER - IT'S NOT
TOO LATE TO BECOME
A PRAYER WARRIOR.



- DO YOU WANT TO REVITALIZE YOUR PRAYER LIFE?
 - DO YOU WANT TO MAKE PRAYER A PRIORITY IN YOUR DAILY ROUTINE?
- THEN COME AND JOIN FR. WARD FOR THE ANNUAL FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AS HE PRESENTS A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW AND BASIS FOR PRAYER.
- LEARN THE **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHY, WHEN, AND HOW** OF PRAYER.
 - FIND OUT WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY TEACHES CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE AND POWER OF PRAYER.

BRING A BIBLE AND BRING A FRIEND! — AND JOIN US FOR A MEATLESS COVERDISH DINNER EVERY FRIDAY AT 6 PM BEFORE THE STUDY.
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN PRE-K AND UP WILL BE PROVIDED.



St. Bartholomew's
Valentine's Day Social

ALL ARE INVITED!
Come join us for the Annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Social, on Saturday Feb. 17, at 5:30 PM

in the undercroft. This is an event for the entire family. Please bring a dish to share.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

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, & 7:00 PM Every Wednesday

PRAYER & FASTING FOR PRIMATES MEETING

Consider joining us in prayer and fasting in preparation for the **upcoming Primates meeting in Tanzania**. We need to pray for all of the participants in the meeting that will begin February 17. The clergy of the Anglican Communion Network—WNY will be fasting from **Midnight on Feb. 16 to midnight Feb. 17**. Please consider joining with the clergy of St. Bart's in this endeavor—that God will provide a clear and decisive way forward.

FEBRUARY 2007

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Please see our 2007 Budget. If you have any questions, please call Guild President—Lori Abramo (838-1752) or Treasurer, Lee Hilliker (693-6435)

On Saturday March 10, at noon, we will be having a Soup & Bread Luncheon. Our program will be on children's books presented by a member of the parish, Dr. Laura Klenk. *This program is for parents and grandparents of children.* There will be a sign up sheet.

Our annual plant sale will be the 18th—20th. Order forms will be available in April. There will be sign up sheets for helpers. It takes a lot of organizing to make our largest fund raiser of the year, and we're blessed to have Pat Winkler and Lynn Getzin organize it. They would like to have some "back-up" helpers besides our regulars that help at the sale. If you are interested please contact Marilynn Alliger, our Guild Vice President and Program Chairman (877-8335).

Please check the display case for gift items. Call Marilynn 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.

VESTRY MEETING

Jon Arnold will replace Brett Sommer on the Vestry for the remainder of Brett's term, which ends December 31, 2007. The Christmas/Advent offering checks to the ministries will be sent soon—an update of the amounts will be in the March Chatter. As of January 8, 2007, 214 pledges for \$292,348 have been received for the 2007 budget as compared with 218 pledges for \$295,145 as of January 10, 2006. 201 pledges for \$276,280 on January 10, 2005 and 300 pledges for \$513,493 on January 8, 2004.

The Annual Church Picnic will be on Sunday, July 22, 2007 at Ellicott Creek Park. Dick Herman will again organize the picnic.

ECS BENEFIT—FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2007

The ECS will host night of Music and Magic at the "Historical Riviera Theatre," North Tonawanda, Friday night February 23, at 7:30 PM. There will be a pre-show concert on "*The Mighty Wurlitzer*" at 7:30 PM. Your host— E. Joyce Runkel will MC this night of music, dance and magic.

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD 2007 BUDGET

Diocese

Episcopal Community Services	\$500.00
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Parish

Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$500.00
Staff Christmas Gifts	\$420.00
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	\$100.00
Hospice Foundation	\$200.00
Friends of the Night People	\$200.00
Salvation Army	\$200.00
City Mission	\$200.00
Cornerstone Manor	\$200.00
Haven House	\$200.00
Compass House	\$200.00
Hope Ministries	\$100.00
Compass House	\$100.00
Misc. Outreach	\$500.00
UB Campus Ministries	\$200.00
Cradle Beach	\$100.00
Life Saving Ministries	\$100.00
Buffalo Teen Challenge	\$100.00
SPCA	\$100.00
Anglican Communion Network Relief Fund	\$200.00

Guild Operating

Discretionary Fund	\$200.00
Funds in Reserve	\$3,344.03
Special Events	\$500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$9364.03</u>

2006 FUND RAISING

Wreaths 2005-2006	\$ 77.50
Red Sleigh Candy Booth	\$354.88
Red Sleigh Craft Booth	\$295.25
Red Sleigh Baked Goods Booth	\$706.94
Flowers	\$2,257.90
Crafts	\$322.34
Kauffman's Spring Fling	\$660.00
Macy's Shop For A Cause	\$165.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4,839.81</u>

MISSIONETTE NEWS

The Prims are having a lot of fun earning their cooking badge. We have made Caramel apple dip and no bake cookies. Our service project for this month has been to collect cans of food for the Food Pantry of Western New York.

The Stars are not only learning about friendship this month, they are developing some wonderful friendships within their group. The girls really enjoy getting together twice a month. Missionettes will be meeting on Feb. 7 and Feb. 28 this month. We will not be meeting on the 21 due to Ash Wednesday. Just a reminder to parents both the Stars and Prims are scheduled to begin at 6:45pm.

C. S. LEWIS BOOK CLUB

The C. S. Lewis Book Group will continue meeting on Thursdays, February 2, 8 and 15. We are reading "Out Of The Silent Planet." This first book of a trilogy by C. S. Lewis.

We will resume reading after Easter, with the second book of this trilogy.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Tobin or David Curtis.



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

60 bags of food, 5 boxes and 1 cash donation 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.



WINTER BEACH BLAST

Our annual Winter Beach Blast is happening on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. It is for all children in Pre-K through 6th grade. As soon as the children arrive they will feel like they are at the beach with many special things to do like making footprints in

the sand, building a sand castle, swimming through an underwater tunnel to see many different sea creatures, digging in the sand for a special treasure, and other games and crafts. There will be a special picture spot for a great photo op aboard the S.S. Bartholomew.

The children should wear (or bring) their bathing suits or shorts and T-shirts. They must wear sandals or sneakers - no bare feet (except when they make their footprints). They should also bring a beach towel or a sand chair to do some whale watching. All the children will be making their own sun visor. We will have snacks and drinks available at the SnackShack on the Boardwalk.

This will be a great time for a break from the snow and the cold. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the fun too. If you plan to attend, please sign your child's name on the list on the green clipboard in the lobby so we can be sure we have enough of everything for all the children.

So, bring your kids to St. Bart's Beach to learn about and enjoy all the gifts we have from our God of Wonders! You don't want to miss it!



Senior: youth group meetings in February - 5,

12 fun night: beat the clergy, 19, 26,

Junior: youth group meetings in February - 12, fun night: beat the clergy,

14, 28 Fun night for juniors 7-9pm

STEWARDS OF GOD'S EARTH

Some ideas to keep in mind:

Spread a little love:

- Take in a neighbor's trash can for them.
- Return a shopping cart for someone as you walk in the parking lot
- Drop a coin into an expired parking meter

Practice smart earth-care actions:

- Recycle paper, including cracker/cereal boxes, junk mail, cards, envelopes, newspapers, tissue boxes. Some schools have recycling programs as fundraising—check it out!
- Return plastic grocery bags to the grocery store for recycling.
- Use reverse side of school letters, etc. for some computer printing.