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**ARE YOU INTERESTED  
IN BECOMING A FULL  
MEMBER OF ST.  
BARTHOLOMEW'S?**



Fr. Ward will be leading the *Adult Inquirers' and New Members Class* beginning Sunday February 4, 2007 at 1:00 PM. This will prepare the members of the class to be confirmed or received into the Church, along with our children's class later this year.

**Adult Inquirers and  
New Members Class**

If you are interested in attending this class please contact the church office at 836-5454 or speak with Fr. Ward.

**MISSIONETTES NEWS:**

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and joyous Christmas!

Missionettes will have their first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday January 3, at 6:45 PM. We will have a lot of fun continuing our unit on cooking. If you have any questions about this ministry please contact Kathleen Ward at 623-0507 or Caroline Rudin at 875-6462.

**Women's Fellowship/Bible Study Group  
Spring 2007**

Please join us on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 7 p.m. for our new Bible Study entitled, "**How Can I Know What God Wants Me To Do?**" This study is published by RBC Ministries, the same people who give us **Our Daily Bread**. Some of the topics this study focuses on are: "Will He send me a clear signal?" "Will I get some kind of special feeling?" "How much should I rely on good old common sense?" "What if the Bible doesn't seem to have anything to say that applies to the matter?" "Why does God seem to leave me hanging when I want so desperately to hear a direct word from Him?" "And what about those times when there seems to be several good options, or perhaps no good option?" his study offers **Biblical guidelines** to help us sort through the confusion and move ahead confidently through life. Please join us as we join in prayer and discussion to discover what the Lord wants us to do and that we find great joy in pleasing Him.

We meet every other Tuesday evening beginning January 9 and again on January 23. For further information, please call Elaine Henzler at 836-6725.

**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

Report on the Red Sleigh Family Fair:  
Our profit was \$1,357.05: Baked Goods—\$706.94;  
Candy—\$354.88 and Crafts—\$295.25. Thanks to  
all those who contributed and to those that  
purchased.

Thanks to all those who baked for our annual  
Advent Cookie Ingathering on Thursday, December  
14. We enjoyed listening to the *Buffalo Szuki Strings*  
(they are so talented) and the delicious cookies and  
punch. We made up dozens of boxes for our shut  
in's that were delivered by Parish Members.

**COMING EVENTS:**

March— Date to be announced

We will have a Soup Luncheon and a program on  
children's books presented by Dr. Laura Klenk. This  
program was originally scheduled for October, but  
was postponed due to weather. The program will be  
on a Saturday and is for parents of children.

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

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**

Lori Abramo, Lee Hilliker, and Jeff Westerman  
were elected to three year terms. Jim Glownia  
continues as Warden for two years.

As of December 4, 2006, 119 pledges for  
\$163,812 have been received for the 2007 budget  
as compared with 48 pledges for \$79,046 as of  
December 8, 2005 for the 2006 budget.

The Rev. Isaac Ihiasota is to be installed as  
Rector of St. Stephen's, Niagara Falls on Saturday,  
January 6, 2007 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend  
to show our support for St. Stephen's, a sister ACN  
parish.

**ST. BART'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

St. Bart's **Sunday Bible Study for men and  
women ages 18 and above** will meet beginning  
Sunday, January 14, 2007.

There will be fellowship from 9:15 AM to 9:30  
AM, and then study from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.  
They will be studying **J. I. Packer's "Meeting  
God."** The cost of materials is just \$5.00. Please  
see the sign up sheet in the church entrance.

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

76 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry  
in December. 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 2006**

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 IMPORTANT DATES**

**Senior Youth group dates –**

January: Monday's 8, 22, 29, from 7-9pm

**Junior Youth group dates –**

January: Wednesday's 10, 24 from 7-8:30pm

**Combined Events -**

January 15 — Ski Trip  
to Kissing Bridge

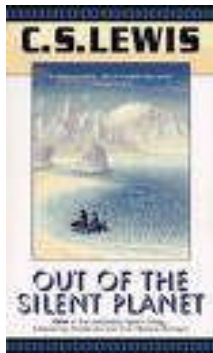


**C. S. LEWIS BOOK CLUB**

The C. S. Lewis Book Group will resume reading on Thursday, January 25, for four weeks.

We will be reading "Out Of The Silent Planet." This first book of a trilogy by C. S. Lewis.

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



**HIT THE SLOPES**

All youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to join us on the annual Ski Trip on Monday January 15. We will meet at the church at 7:00AM and return



**ST. BART'S YOUTH SKI TRIP**

by 6:00PM. Ski rental forms, permission slips and payment information are available from Deacon John Reitz, our Youth Director at 836-5454 .



**COMING TO UB  
JANUARY 27  
FOR  
EPISCOPAL  
CAMPUS  
MINISTRIES—**

**IN CONCERT**

Episcopal Campus Ministries and St. Bart's proudly present



John Schlitt and Bob Hartman— **2 GUYS FROM PETRA** — for a special "intimate evening" of acoustic music and personal testimony. There will be classic Petra songs, praise music, a time of testimony and stories from the last 33 years!

Join us Saturday evening, January 27, at 7:00 PM for an unforgettable evening with John and Bob—all in the midst of the U.B. Campus, at the Lippes Concert Hall, in Slee Hall. They will be joined by **special guests "Mike Failla and the Kingdom Bound Worship Band."**

This is an opportunity that may not happen again, since Petra retired on Dec. 31, 2005. Share this night of history with family and friends.

Tickets are available from St. Bartholomew's for only \$10, Life Resources, Kingdom Bound Ministries, or credit card purchases can be made from [www.iTickets.com](http://www.iTickets.com) or 1-800-965-9324. You can also listen to **The Family Life Network** for **chances to win tickets** to this awesome concert!

This will be a concert that will be *beyond belief* and most certainly will be a memory that will not easily be forgotten.

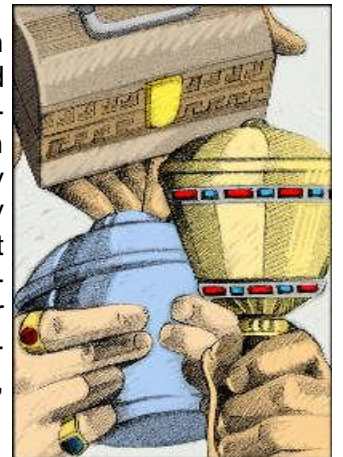
Directions to Lippes Concert Hall will be available on the table in the main entrance of the church. If you have additional questions, please see Fr. Commins or Dn. Reitz.

**HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD FOR 2007?**

There are still quite a few in our Parish Family who have not sent in their pledge cards for 2007. Please do so as soon as possible, so that you can receive envelopes and the church can meet its fiscal responsibilities for the New Year. Thank You!

**BIBLE PASSAGE**

**Matthew 2:10-11** When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



**PUT YOUR BUSINESS IN THE 2007 BLUE BOOK**

The new St. Bartholomew's 2007 Blue Book is about to go to print. If you would like to add your business to our Business Directory section—please call the Church Office at 836-5454 as soon as possible.

