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**BISHOP BILL ATWOOD IS COMING BACK—  
SATURDAY MAY 30 AND SUNDAY, MAY 31 FOR  
HOLY CONFIRMATION DAY.**



We are so very blessed here at St. Bart's. We are going to have our third visit this year from a Bishop. Our Bishop, Bill Atwood, will return to us for Holy Confirmation, Sunday, May 31.

We will move the 11 AM to 11:15 for that day.

Bishop Bill came to visit us on March 13, 14 and 15 for a Friday Night Bible Study, a Healing Service, and to celebrate and preach at all three services on March 15. Pictured above is (l to r) Associate Rector Fr. John Commins, Bishop Bill Atwood, and the Rector, Fr. Arthur Ward.

We are planning on having another Healing Service on Saturday, May 30 at 3 PM, followed by the Youth Group's Spaghetti Dinner at 4:30 PM with the Bishop.

A NOTE OF



We would like to thank all of our brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers for Malachi.

We have been provided with courage, strength, guidance, and perseverance through this time. God has done amazing things through and for Malachi. The Lord is healing Malachi in his own time and his own way.

We give all Glory, praise and thanksgiving to our Father for his provision and your continued prayer and support.

God Bless you,  
*The Bush Family*

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**



A big thank you to St. Bart's Angels, and to our wonderful church family for all of the prayers, notes, and cards which have so bolstered Clare's spirits during this trying illness.

God bless you all!  
*Marcia Hutt*

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

59 bags of food, and 5 cash donations were taken to the Food Pantry in April.

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.

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.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2009**

Feeling "swamped" this Summer? **Think about Vacation Bible School - June 28 to July 2.**

Can your child spell "Crocodile"? A crocodile's jaws remind us that God is

powerful.

For more information - or to volunteer, Please speak with David Curtis or Jim Kibby.

I WAIT FOR THE LORD,



MY SOUL DOES WAIT,  
AND IN HIS WORD  
**DO I HOPE.**

Psalm 130:5, NASB



prayer  
for the  
persecuted  
church

**PPC** – "Prayer for the Persecuted Church" corner –

Check our display board and table in the lobby and **join us** for prayer and purpose of mission in the **Fellowship Hall** the first Monday of every month. Check the display board to see how you can help with our next project.

**Next meeting:** Monday June 1st, at 7:30pm.

**Pakistan**

The signing of the peace deal in Swat Valley has prompted hundreds of Christians to return home – but the start of Sharia rule means they are wary of going to church. An estimated 500 Christians are now said to be living in this troubled part of North West Frontier Province. Many have recently returned from nearby districts where they had fled during months of fierce fighting between Islamist militants and government troops. For the past two years, Christians have suffered intense persecution, including kidnappings and aggression at the hands of extremists (7x7, November 13, 2007).

Peace has held since the signing of the peace accord in February – but the ceasefire was conditional upon the government handing over Swat Valley to the Taliban and Sharia law. This means Islamic codes of practice – such as women wearing veils – will apply to all citizens, including non-Muslims. Compass Direct news agency quotes the pastor of a church in central Swat as saying that his congregation are staying home – and watching and waiting. 'People don't come to the church as they used to,' he said.

Local Taliban have reportedly promised 'equal opportunities' for all faiths in Swat Valley – but Christians have yet to be reassured that these promises will be honored. (Source: Compass Direct)

**Prayer Points:**

- Ask God to protect and multiply the 500 Christians in Swat Valley.
- Pray that local Taliban will honor their promise of religious tolerance.



**GENERATION NEXT — IMPORTANT DATES**

- Both youth groups:** 5/4  
**Senior youth group:** 5/11, 5/18  
**Junior youth group:** 5/13, 5/27

**Spaghetti Dinner:** 5/30

**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

Thanks to all that ordered plants. We are sorry that we are unable to have "extras" this year, but due to the lack of outside protected space, it was decided not to order them. Those who have ordered are asked to please pick up your plants on the dates that were scheduled. Check *PARISH LIFE* for more.

There will be a *help needed* form in the Sunday Bulletin preceding the sale. We especially need help on Thursday, May 14, at 7 AM to help unload the flowers and at 9 AM to make up the plant orders. You may help for a couple of hours or longer if possible. We will have coffee and donuts/rolls.

Our annual *Guild Spring Banquet* will be on Thursday, June 4, at Banchetti's on North French Road. There will be a sign-up sheet starting May 10 on the table in the Church Entrance. Dinner choices are: Salmon (\$22), Stuffed Pork Chop (\$20), and Prime Rib (\$24). The meal includes a fruit cup, salad, potato, green beans, ice cream, and coffee/tea. A cash bar will be open at 6 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM, and our entertainment, *Irish Dancers* will be at 7:45 PM.

Thanks to all who have been donating items to our Gift Shop! More donations are welcome. We have been having requests for baby blankets. Please call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335) or Bonnie Fleischman (875-6402) for details and check our *store hours*.

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

**APRIL VESTRY MEETING**

The sign at the Sheridan Drive entrance has been installed. The crosses over the *Star of David* and on the north end of the church building have been decided upon and will be installed soon.

Jim Wheaton reported that the roof needs extensive repair. We will be continuing to support the UB Campus Ministries with financial help from a few more ministries.

The new by-laws were reviewed. Rocco Brindisi was approved as the additional vestry member per requirements of the new by-laws. As of 4/6/09, 265 pledges for \$553,656 have been received compared to 258 pledges for \$433,000 for all of 2003. **Praise God for the generosity of our members!**

**HAVE YOU GOT A PRAYER REQUEST?**

If you have a prayer concern or request—please let us know.

St. Bartholomew's has a wonderful ministry called the "Prayer Chain" and if you let us know then our prayer warriors can bring it to the Lord.

On the table in the Church Entrance you will see a nice "little white church" - that is where you can leave your prayer requests. It is confidential. Forms and writing utensils are also with the church (which was just recently made by one of our very talented parishioners.)



**MISSIONETTE NEWS**

Missionettes will be meeting May 6 and May 20.



Missionettes is a truly wonderful ministry that focuses on building Christian character through unit studies, activities, and projects. If you would like your daughter to become involved in this ministry, please contact Kathleen Ward @ 623-0507. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month right after the Junior choir practices.



**St. Bart's SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Check out the St. Bart's website for the new link to the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. It talks about the Children's Ministry, upcoming events

for kids, and there is also a link for pictures!

**Upcoming Events:**

Pentecost Sunday is May 31!

End of the Year Kids Party is Friday, June 12, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Last Day of Sunday School is Sunday, June 14, Bible and Attendance awards

Our Sunday School classes are going great! Be sure your children keep up their attendance and don't forget the Scripture Challenge for 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders. They can win gifts cards to Tim Horton's, Dunkin Donuts, Subway, and more!

Check out our Bulletin Board between the Guild Store and the stairs across from the Fellowship Hall for more details.

