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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies - the **2007 Women's Retreat** will be held Friday Eve—**May 18** (7PM to 10:30 PM) and **Saturday, May 19** (9AM to 5 PM) here at St. Bart's. Breakfast will be available beginning at 8AM. The theme is **Spiritual Gifts, Talents and Passions.** It

will be important to attend BOTH sessions. All women from the churches of the ACN-WNY are invited to attend. Registration forms can be obtained in the entrance—or by contacting Anne DiCenso.



2007 BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD - PLANT SALE

While the order forms were due April 29, there will still be many beautiful plants available for sale on the pick up dates of Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19.

Come browse and be blessed by bringing some beautiful plants home. Prices are very reasonable.



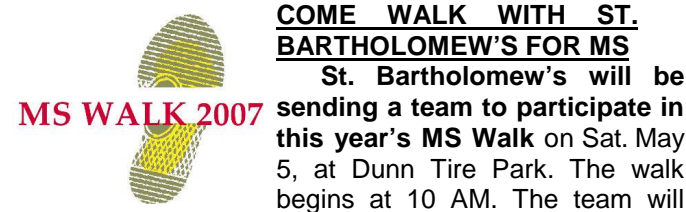
Men's ACN-WNY Breakfast

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, May 19, from 9 to 11 AM - **The Men of the churches in the Anglican Communion Network WNY** will gather for a **breakfast** at St. Stephen's

Church, Niagara Falls.. All men are welcome to come and be a part of this awesome fellowship.

There is a sign up sheet in the entrance of the church. Breakfast begins at 9:00 AM. For more information—call Jim Thompson at 689-9862



COME WALK WITH ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S FOR MS

MS WALK 2007 **St. Bartholomew's will be sending a team to participate in this year's MS Walk** on Sat. May 5, at Dunn Tire Park. The walk begins at 10 AM. The team will assemble here at St. Bart's at 9 AM. If you would like to sign up to be a part of Team St. Bart's and participate — please speak with **Team Captain Laura Zuefle at 876-5417 after 5pm.**

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Our Annual Plant Sale is May 18-20. We hope that your order in in! If not, please come and check out the extra flowers that we always have. We need helpers, especially on Thursday, May 17 when the flowers are delivered and the orders have to be made up. There will be a sign up sheet in the Sunday Bulletins.

COMING EVENT: Our Annual Spring Banquet will be a t the Jack Daniel's Banquet Room at the Frog Grill, (formerly Warren's) in Tonawanda, on Thursday June 7, 2007. A sign up sheet with the dinner choices and prices will be posted. Our entertainment will be *The Andrews Sisters* (impersonators). Please come and join us for a delicious dinner and entertainment.

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 the 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.

APRIL VESTRY MEETING

Chairs will be purchased for the 398 Fries house and small group meetings will be held there. Table replacements will also be purchased. The Lent and Easter offerings will be distributed to *Kairos Prison Ministries, Saving Grace Ministries, Youth for Christ, and the Diocese of Quincy.*

MISSIONETTES

I can't believe that the year has passed so quickly. We have had so much fun learning, playing games, and making crafts. One of our goals this year has been to reach out to others by doing kind and thoughtful deeds so many of our crafts were given away to encourage others. I have really enjoyed getting to know the girls a little better. I hope they have enjoyed it as much as me. Missionettes will be meeting on May 2 and the 16th of this month.

Our last meeting will be June 6. We will play games and take a trip to Dairy Queen for ice cream. If you are interested in Missionettes, please call Kathleen Ward @623-0507 or Carolyn Rudin @ 875-6462.



Women's Bible Study

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Beginning May 7— and on alternating Tuesdays thereafter, the St. Bartholomew's **Women's Fellowship Bible Study** will meet and discuss "How can I know what God wants me to do?" For more information, contact Elaine Henzler.

CROWN SMALL GROUP STUDY

"Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of worldly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?" **Luke 16:11**

This small group study is a ten week in-depth study of what scripture teaches about being stewards of **God's Time, Money and Possessions**. It is also about ways of becoming consistent savers, generous givers and prudent consumers."

Here is what some from the first small group from St. Bart's had to say about the study:

"What a blessing to study scripture and realize God's plan for us as stewards of His money. Insightful lessons!" *Susan Tobin*

"By focusing on how I think about and use money, the Crown Bible Study is helping me understand God and my relationship with Him in a deeper, more satisfying way." *Laura Klenk, Ph.D.*

"An excellent course on helping families deal with money. At first thought before I started the course, I thought it would be boring, and merely quoting scripture, chapter and verse. I would recommend this course to any family that needs relief from money pressures." *David Curtis*

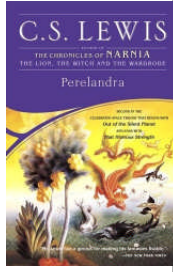
"A little over 10 weeks ago I thought I would not make it through. Did we know what we were getting into? Where was God leading us? He has used us all in such different ways throughout these ten weeks. Just the feeling that there was support and a small group praying for each other was a comfort." *Gary Wisniewski*

If you are interested in participating in the next small group or want more information please contact: Gary Wisniewski – 694-9154

C. S. LEWIS BOOK CLUB

The C. S. Lewis Book Group will continue on Thursdays at 7 PM in the Wickenden Room with the book "Perelandra," followed by "That Hideous Strength."

Questions, or suggestions, please contact David Curtis



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

72 bags of groceries and 1 cash donation were taken to the Food Pantry in April. They send their many thanks.

They continue to need the usual food items such as boxed dinners, fruit, peanut butter, pasta, etc. They have specifically requested: egg cartons, plastic and paper bags combined for added strength, and boxed complete meals.

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.

DE COLORES!

Have you been to a **Cursillo Weekend? Koinonia? Tres Dias? Walk to Emmaus? Happening?**



If you have experienced your weekend and are now in your Fourth Day—we would like to know—so that we may plan a reunion event— an Ultreya—right here at St. Bart's.

Wouldn't it be great if we could revive the blessings that come with this fellowship? Please sign the clipboard in the entrance—and let us know when and where you made your weekend. For more information, please see Fr. Commins.

BIBLE VERSE FOR MAY

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
 Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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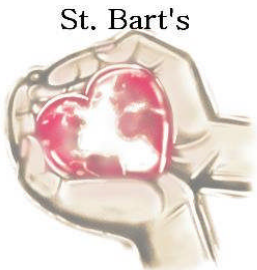
Please mark your calendars—June 25 through June 29.

The Teacher and activity sign up sheets are already posted near the entrance to the church. Student sign-ups will be posted in Late May.

If you can help, or want more information contact David Curtis and Jim Kibby. Thank You!

KINDNESS IDEAS FOR MAY

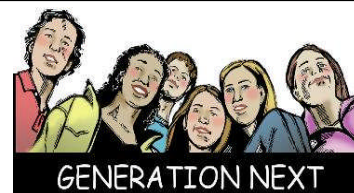
During various gatherings (concerts, school plays, solos, recitals—and yes, even church services) respect the performers/speakers: do not talk while the gathering is in progress—and please — do turn cell phones off—or mute the ringer.



St. Bart's Kindness Korner

Know a teacher who is retiring? Send a note of thanks for their helping shape our future.

Save Campbell's labels, Box Tops, Tyson labels and more, for your local school or civic group. They can get great stuff for their programs.



Seniors

5/7 – Meeting, 7-9 PM

5/14 – Meeting, 7-9 PM

5/21 – Meeting, 7-9 PM

5/28 – No Meeting

Juniors

5/9 – Meeting, 7-8:30 PM

5/23—Meeting, 7-8:30 PM