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FROM JENNY DAVENPORT

I want to thank everyone at St. Bartholomew's for their prayers and cards—the Prayer Chain, Women's Fellowship, the Altar Guild, and Bishop Scaife Guild. It was all so overwhelming!

You are all a great testimony to God and His love for one another. I love you all!

You can really feel the power of prayer.

Love in the Lord,

Jenny Davenport

A memorial service for Jenny's husband, founding member Donald Davenport was held at St. Bartholomew's on Thursday October 26

AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE

AND THE **TRUTH**

SHALL MAKE YOU FREE!

JOHN 8:32

THE STORM OF A LIFETIME-OCTOBER 12, 2006

There are very few people in the Western New York Area that were un-affected by the "sneak attack" of this recent storm. It certainly came out of nowhere and stopped this area "dead in its tracks."

Those of you who were fortunate enough to attend the "candlelight services" on Sunday, October 15, will remember the blessing of gathering in the chilly sanctuary to worship and glorify Almighty God, in spite of what was going on at home, or across town. Instead there was singing, praying, worship, and praising God by the light of candles and flashlights. Instead of organ there was piano. How simple, but also how memorable!

We prayed for our brothers and sisters who were stranded with no lights, no heat, or no way of coming to church. You were missed, there is no doubt about it, but you were in our hearts as well as our prayers.

What an awesome experience it was to assist Fr. Ward at the Wedding of Mark and Gail Bush on Saturday. No light, no heat, just a great deal of love, as this couple refused to be deterred from dedicating their lives to each other and Almighty God, by the light of the candles. Thanks be to God!

I cannot express to you how encouraged and proud I am by the incredible faith shown by this community of God.

May God continue to bless you, abundantly, as we try to put things back together, by the grace of God.

Fr. John Commius - Curate

RED SLEIGH FAMILY FAIR

Come join the fun, Saturday, November 18, from 9am to 3pm. There will be music, food, fun and fellowship! Check out the baked goods, the candy, and the crafts.

This year there will be a rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall. If you have donations they can be put in the Church Garage.

If you would like to make a gift basket and donate it to the Fair— please contact Craig Heer at 692-3649.

All proceeds, as in past years, will go to charity.

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Due to the weather our Saturday, October 21, Soup Luncheon with Dr. Laura Klenk presentation *Looking at Life through Children's Storybooks* was cancelled. We will be rescheduling the luncheon in the near future. Please check the Sunday bulletin for the new date.

The Guild will be having baked goods and candy tables at the *Red Sleigh Fair* on November 18. If you can help by making candy or baked goods it would be appreciated. There will be a notice in the Sunday Bulletins. We will also have a craft table. Donations will be welcomed.

Coming Events:

December 10—Christmas wreath and poinsettia sale—order forms will be in the Sunday Bulletin.

December 14—Cookie Ingathering.

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 by the Guild's display case. 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

The annual Diocesan Convention was held on October 27 and 28 at the Millennium Hotel, Buffalo. Joe Albrecht, Anne DiCenso, and Scott Giaquinto were our delegates.

Anyone interested in running for the Vestry please see Fr. Ward. Appointed Vestry members are eligible to run in the election which will be held after all three services on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2006.

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

54 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in October, including one cash donation. They send their many thanks.

The Food Pantry is still in desperate need of 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 Are in need of fruit and items for Thanksgiving Dinner.** 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.



NEED A MEAL?

Do you know someone who is sick, convalescing in the hospital, had a baby, a passing of a loved one in the family?



Let St. Bart's Bread From Heaven Team bring a meal. Call or e-mail Eileen Arnold at 835-9162, e-mail jon.eileen@adelphia.net, or contact Deacon Ed or the Church Office.

(Editor's note: sorry for e-mail address misspelling in last months CHATTER.)



GENERATION NEXT

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Senior Youth group dates –

Nov.: Monday's 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 7-9pm

Junior Youth group dates –

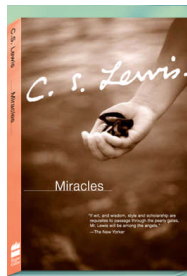
Nov.: Wednesday's 8 and 22 from 7-8:30pm

Nov. 7 — Tues. Youth Group Fund Raiser at MacDonald's - N F Blvd from 4:30pm till 7:30pm.

C. S. LEWIS BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Thursday evenings at 7 PM, starting 10/26, 11/2, and 11/9. We will be reading "Miracles."

For more information contact Susan Tobin or David Curtis.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP/BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Do you ever feel "stressed out?" Not enough time to relax? Did you know there is "good stress" and "bad stress?" How can our relationship with Jesus Christ help us with the stresses we all face in our daily lives? If you have answered yes to feeling stressed out—then God's Word has something for you!

Please join us for our new Bible study entitled "*Surviving the Storms of Stress.*" We will delve into many powerful topics that you will not want to miss.

We will meet every other Tuesday, at 7 PM until December 12. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Elaine Henzler at 836-6725 if you have any questions.

MISSIONETTES

Missionettes is in "full swing!" The girls have so much fun playing games, making a craft, and learning about Friendship. This year the Prims (K-2nd grade) will be working on earning the badges of Friendship, Cooking, Bible Treasures, and Family. The Stars (3rd-5th grade) will also earn four badges this year. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 6:45pm. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, please call Kathleen Ward @623-0507 or Carolyn Rudin @ 875-6462. Please check out the St. Bart's website www.stbartston.org for more information and pictures of Missionettes.

"RESOURCES" FROM DEACON REITZ!

There is a gem of a store hiding in the Burlington plaza on Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Maybe you have been there before? The name of this store is **Life Resources** and it is the only Christian store within this area- unless you want to drive the distance to Bender's.

Life Resources has been in business for almost 30 years. They offer a wide variety of items to help you grow in your Christian walk, as well as gift ideas and items for pure enjoyment and pleasure. Think Bibles, books for young and old, greeting cards, home décor, and apparel.

Looking for Christmas gifts? They've got items in every price range: T-shirts, ties, wallets, car items, ornaments, posters, jewelry, coffee mugs – the list goes on and on.

One of the nicest features of **Life Resources** is their selection of Christian music on CD and DVD. They carry all genres and can order anything you want! They have a listening station that allows you to listen to thousands of selections. Their prices are very comparable to department stores and they always have CD's on sale or discounted.

Check out this one-of-a-kind store. Give **Life Resources** your support so we can all enjoy the treasures it offers for years to come.

AN EXCERPT FROM A RECENT HOMILY BY DEACON ED.

Isn't it interesting how the Lord tells us to come to Him when we are tired and heavy laden and He will give us rest! Yet instead of turning to Him and His Word, we turn to TV. We don't pick up the Bible to help us grow in peace, strength and maturity, instead we pick up the TV Guide to somehow sustain us from all the stuff of the day.

Now if you think I am exaggerating, let me illustrate my point with a poem.

On the table side by side ,
the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One well worn but cherished with pride.
Not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
One is used daily to help them decide;
No, it isn't the Bible, it's the TV Guide.
As pages are turned, what shall we see?
It doesn't matter, turn on the TV.
Confusion reigns;
they can't all agree on what they should watch
On the old TV.
So they open the book in which they confide;
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide!
The Word of God is seldom read;
Maybe a verse as they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy, and as tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible, but from watching TV.
So then back to the table, side by side,
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, No time for the Word;
The plan of Salvation is seldom heard.
Yet, forgiveness of sins, so full and so free,
Is found in the Bible, NOT on TV.