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ST. BART'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Bart's Sunday School Ministry will be hosting their 1st Annual Open House Event on Saturday, September 8, from 9:30 am - 10:30 am.

This event is designed to allow children and parents to meet the teachers, see the classrooms and the curriculum. Hopefully, this will alleviate any anxiety the children may have and we will be able to answer any questions you, the parents, may have.

All children planning to attend Sunday school classes **MUST** be registered. We encourage all parents to register their children at the Open House (or before). The first day of Sunday school classes is the next morning, September 9, and teaching uninterrupted classes that morning will be our priority.

Our Sunday school Ministry covers grades Pre-K through 12th grade. At the Open House, each family will receive a Parent Packet and their child's offering envelope box with each registration. The Sunday School Ministry staff invites you to come and enjoy a Continental breakfast with us also. Please come and show support of your children's Christian Education. Hope to see you on September 8!

NEW THIS FALL

St. Bart's will present a special study called "**In the Beginning.**" Beginning Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 PM, we will discuss Fact vs. Fiction, Creation vs. Darwinian Evolution, Science vs. Philosophy, The Bible vs. The Origins of Species, Intelligent Design vs. Natural Selection, and so much more. For more information, contact Kimberly and Lewis Cabello.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The next **Sunday Bible study** will begin on Sunday September 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM for 12 weeks. Expectantly we will be meeting again in the Youth Center. The Study will be on the **Book of Ecclesiastes**, "Chasing after Meaning" There will be a sign-up sheet and info sheets in the Church Entrance each Sunday.

NEW BETH MOORE STUDY THIS FALL

Women of St. Bart's are invited to participate in the new Beth Moore Study called "To Live In Christ—The Life and Ministry of St. Paul" starting Wednesday, September 12 (10:30–12:30 PM) and Thursday, September 13 (6:30–8:30 PM). There is a sign up sheet in the Church Entrance—and all are encouraged to join us for this study!

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

At the November Red Sleigh Fair, the Guild will have baked goods, candy and craft tables. We won't be having sign-up sheets for donations until later this fall, but you might want to think of something you could make or suggest something we could use for our tables. If you have any suggestions please let one of our officers know: President, Lori Abramo; Vice President, Marilyn Alliger; Treasurer, Lee Hilliker; Recording Secretary, Kathy George; and Corresponding Secretary, Dawn Glownia.

We will be in charge of the reception after Confirmation, Sunday, October 7. Please check the Sunday Bulletin about our plans.

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. Thanks for the donations. They are greatly appreciated.

VESTRY MEETING

There were no scheduled Vestry meetings in July and August. The next meeting is September 11, at 7 PM

TWO GUYS FROM PETRA CONCERT

I would like to thank all of the ladies who made cookies and helped with the reception following the II Guys from Petra Concert—Friday August 10.

The reception was well attended and enjoyed by all.

God Bless,
Georgia Kusmierczyk



Men's Ministry

The Men's Fellowship of St. Bartholomew's will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 PM.

Jim Wheaton will facilitate and complete our study on the Book of Revelation. Questions: contact Gary Wisniewski or Jim Wheaton.

**Generation
Next**

- Sept. 10** - Senior's first meeting 7-9 PM
- Sept. 12** - Junior's first meeting 7-8:30 PM
- Sept. 17** - Senior's meeting - 7-9 PM
- Sept. 24** - Senior's meeting - 7-9 PM
- Sept. 26** - Junior's meeting - 7-8:30 PM
- Sept. 28-30** - *CAMPING WEEKEND*

- Oct. 1** - NO MEETING
- Oct. 8** - Fun Night - 7-9PM
- Oct. 10** - Junior's Meeting 7-8:30 PM
- Oct. 15** - Senior's meeting - 7-9 PM
- Oct. 22** - Senior's meeting - 7-9 PM
- Oct. 24** - Junior's Meeting 7-8:30 PM
- Oct. 29** - Senior's meeting - 7-9 PM

MISSIONETTES



I hope that everyone has had a wonderful fun filled summer. I would like to invite all girls to our first Missionettes meeting on Wednesday, Sept.19 from 6:45-8:00pm. We have two different age groups. The Prims are from first grade up to third grade and the Stars are from fourth grade up to sixth grade. We have a lot of fun learning, playing games, doing crafts, and eating snacks as we work through units and earn badges.

The five-fold purpose of Missionettes is:

- To win girls to Jesus Christ through love and acceptance.
- To teach girls to obey everything Jesus commanded us- developing girls spiritually and mentally.
- To provide encouragement, support, and accountability through lasting Christian relationships.
- To provide an environment for girls to develop their gifts and abilities
- To acquaint girls with the Great Commission of Christ our Lord.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Kathleen Ward @ 623-0507 or Carolyn Rudin @ 875-6462.



SEEKING AN APARTMENT

There is a retired priest who is in need of a *Handicapped Accessible* apartment. For further details, please contact either Deacon Ed Kusmierczyk or Father Commins.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BOOK CLUB

Our next book will be "*When God Whispers Your Name*" by the author Max Lucado.



Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact David Curtis or Susan Tobin.

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

55 bags of groceries and 2 cash donations were taken to the North Tonawanda Interfaith Food Pantry in August. Thank you for such a great response, but **we need your continued participation.**

The Food Pantry continues to need the usual food items such as boxed dinners, fruit, peanut butter, pasta, etc. They have specifically requested: plastic and paper bags combined for added strength, and boxed complete meals. No more egg cartons are needed– but personal items are requested.

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.

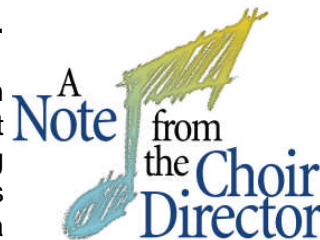
I will fear no evil: for THOU art with me



Psalm 23:4

Dear Members of St. Bartholomew's,

The singing season is about to begin! Won't you please consider being a part of one of our choirs this year? I have chosen a variety of beautiful music for all ages. Below is the rehearsal and singing schedule for our choirs:



The first rehearsal for the Junior and Senior Choirs will be Wednesday, September 5. Juniors will rehearse from 6:15 - 6:45 PM. This choir is open to all children ages 7 through 13, and will sing at the 9:15 service. The Senior Choir will rehearse from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, and is open to all, ages 14 through adult. The Senior Choir mainly sings at the 11:00 AM service. New faces are welcome!

Our Contemporary Choir sings the second Sunday of each month, for the 9:15 AM service. This choir is open to all ages. I would specifically like to invite our youth to sing with us this year! Our existing members would really welcome you. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 9, at 8:30 AM, and that will be our first Sunday to sing as well.

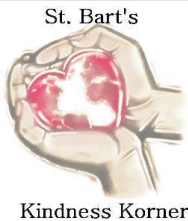
Won't you please sing with one of our choirs this year? God will bless you for the tithe of your time and talent.

Sincerely,
Terry Gamble
Organist/Choir Director

SEPTEMBER KINDNESS IDEAS

ENVIRONMENTAL IDEAS

Did you know...? It's the chlorine in the bleach that is harmful for the environment. Consider using non-chlorine bleach, or try using vinegar. Remember, every bit helps: cut open the loops on the plastic six-pack holders before discarding.



KINDNESS IDEAS

As schools get back in session, be patient as the kids walk or ride bikes/skateboards to school. The bigger the vehicle, the more responsibility the user has for watching out for the littler ones.