



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: *To see lives transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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The Chatter

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HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AGAIN AFTER LABOR DAY!

One of the blessings of living in Western New York are our summers! Even though we experienced one of the hottest and driest summers on record, I hope you enjoyed the better weather and times away with family. Now it is back to a more normal routine. We go back to three services on Sunday and to the various Bible Studies and other fellowship activities held on a regular basis. I hope you consider being a part of what is offered at St. Bart's if you are not already. This fall we will be planning to do something new to attract folks in our neighborhood. I will share more about this after Labor Day weekend.

In the meantime, don't forget about the Mitch McVicker concert 7 PM on Saturday, September 10! This event is open to the whole community and people from other churches will be present. We would like to have refreshments afterwards so if you can bake some cookies, cupcakes, or other finger food please sign-up and let us know. Tickets will be \$10 pre-paid or \$12 at the door. My son, Arthur, will also be playing. Mitch has an incredible testimony and he will be sharing about how Christ has impacted his life so think about inviting family and friends who may not know or be walking with the Lord now.

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St. Bart's Web Information
www.stbartston.org
Also see our Facebook page
for more!



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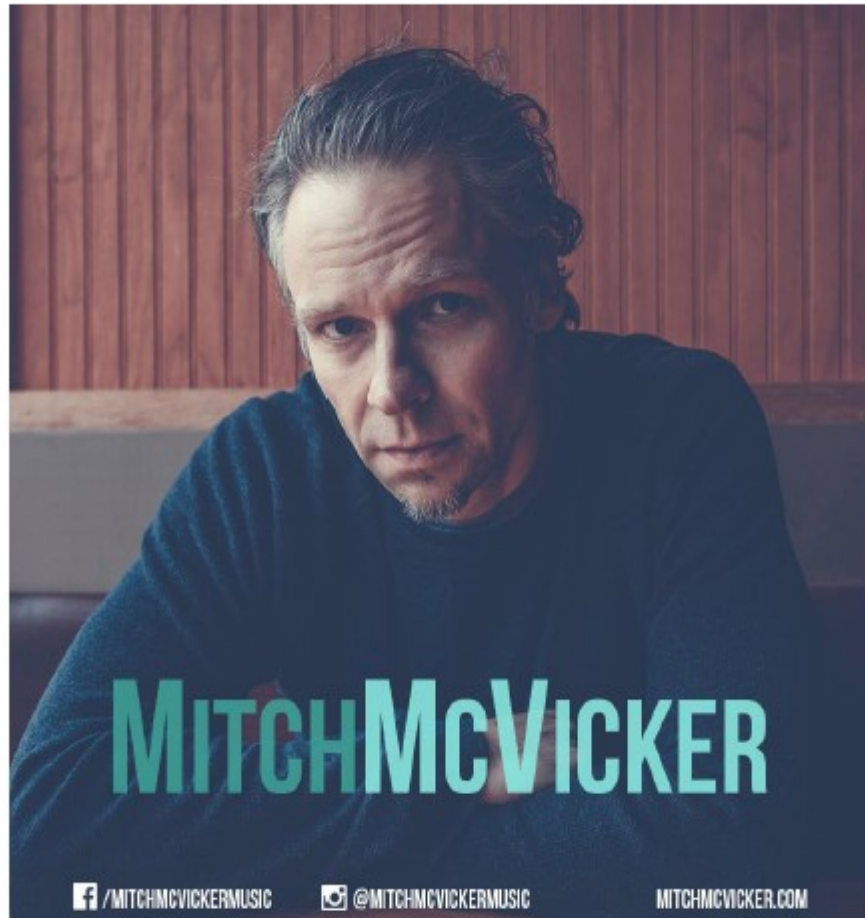
Here is a bit of some **background information on Mitch:**

McVicker attended Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, in the early 1990s where he met and befriended the late CCM recording artist, Rich Mullins. After graduating in May 1995, McVicker moved to New Mexico, eventually touring and writing songs with Mullins. With Mullins and song collaborator Beaker, McVicker co-wrote the musical, *The Cantic of the Plains*, which is based on the life and teachings of Catholic Saint Francis of Assisi. Completed in the fall of 1996, McVicker sang lead vocals on four of the project's songs: "There You Are", "Heaven is Waiting", "Things Even Angels", and "You Are All". McVicker began recording his first solo project in the summer of 1997 with the help of Mullins and Mark Robertson. **On the night of September 19, 1997, McVicker and Mullins were en route to a benefit concert being held in Wichita, Kansas, and were involved in a serious auto accident after the Jeep they were riding in flipped and ejected both occupants who were not wearing seat belts. McVicker was seriously injured while Mullins instantly died at the scene after being hit by a semi-trailer truck that swerved to avoid hitting the overturned vehicle. McVicker has since suffered from double-vision as a result of the accident.** McVicker was unable to resume work on his debut album for several months but eventually released the album in 1998 as the self-titled album, *Mitch McVicker*. Both "Take Hold of Me" and "Here and Now" received extensive airplay on CCM stations across the United States. **Rich Mullins' last songwriting effort, *The Jesus Record*, was also released in 1998. "My Deliverer", a track co-written by Mullins and McVicker, earned a GMA Dove Award for the 1999 Song of the Year.** Subsequent albums released by McVicker include *Chasing the Horizon* (2000), *Without Looking Down* (2002), *Love Will Rise* (2007), *Always Believe* (2009), *Everything Shines* (2010), *Walking Through the Dark* (2011), and *Underneath* (2013). Along with recording, McVicker maintains an extensive touring schedule performing between 100 to 200 concerts a year. In his live performances, McVicker is known for his use of household props to create background percussion loops using a loop sequencer.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ward

**St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Tonawanda, NY
Welcomes *CCM* artist and *GMA Dove Award* winning songwriter**



Saturday September 10, 2016 - 7 p.m.

(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

With Special Guest:

2015 WDCX Vocal Contest Winner Arthur Ward III

Tickets are \$10 pre-sale, \$12 at the door. To purchase tickets please contact the church office at (716)831-1777

This is going to be a night you won't want to miss!

PRAY for those in the ARMED FORCES

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in
the Armed Forces in your prayers:

Jason Driscoll– US Army

Jason Duffy– US Army

Matthew Fildes– US Marines

James Kerins– US Army

A.J. Matteliano– US Army

Anthony Prohaska– US Marines

Matthew Prohaska– US Air Force

Andrew Rebl– US Army

Brandon Schessl– US Army

Andrew Welkley– US Air Force



Please let the church office know if there is anyone that needs
to be added to or deleted from this prayer list.

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Thanks to all that have donated items to the Gift Shop during the summer. Stop by after Sunday services to check out the new items. Continue to bring us items that you don't want anymore, or the gifts you received that are not quite your style, or that you really don't need!

BUNDLES FOR BABIES: We delivered several bags of baby clothes to Cornerstone this summer. They are always thankful for our donations. Any new or gently used items may be brought to the Gift Shop and we will deliver them.



THREADS OF HOPE: Please bring any small household items to the Gift Shop and mark them for Carol Siock. Linens are especially needed.

Please continue to drop your DASH'S tapes in the bag on the Gift Shop door.

VESTRY

does not meet in July or August.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

YOUTH WORSHIP WORKSHOP

ATTENTION ALL ST. BART'S YOUTH!

You are invited to a "Youth Worship Workshop" on **Saturday, September 10th** from 12-3 PM. Come learn about all the aspects of a Praise & Worship Team. There will be sessions for guitar players, keyboard players, vocalists, and more! Come with or without an instrument. All youth ages 13-21 are welcome! See Eileen Arnold for more information.



The Walk for Life to benefit the [Northtown Pregnancy Center](#) will be



Saturday, September 24, at Mang Park in Kenmore, beginning at 9:00am (rain or shine). This fundraiser helps provide STD & pregnancy testing, ultrasound services, and counseling & support for those facing an unplanned pregnancy. This event is literally a 'walk

in the park!' Pledge forms can be found in the pews & in the Fr. Amend Hall. You can also register online at <http://ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/?e=10772> Sign up for team 'Superheroes for Babies.' Please consider donating or walking another day if you cannot make it. Every gift makes a difference in the fight for life & salvation. Contact Marley Smith at (716) 400-2664 with questions. God bless you!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prayer for our Nation: *If you have concerns about our nation– the upcoming election, the drug epidemic, the violence against our police, our schools, etc.– and would like to do something about it, join us the 3rd Monday of every month as we pray. Our next prayer meeting will be **September 19 at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary. There will be an outline in the Sermon Rack for you to follow at home if you are unable to join us at*



FOOD PANTRY: Received 8/9/16

It is with sincerest appreciation that we acknowledge your generous contribution to the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry. As always, your contributions are invaluable in our continuing effort to distribute food and other necessary personal care items to the less fortunate citizens of our area. *August: 59 bags & boxes were donated.*



Sincerely,
Bonnie Shaffer, Coordinator

VBS photographs will be available Saturday, September 17th.



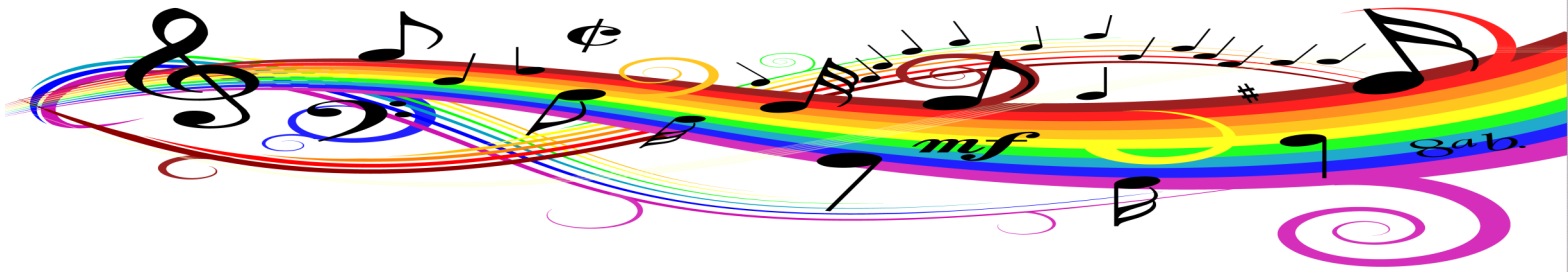
There is a limit of 4 per family (initially). Photos are also available on line. If you do not have online access please see David Curtis.

THANKSGIVING DINNER will be on a Thursday this year. Circle November 24th on your calendar, and join us for dinner at our church. David Curtis



Articles for the OCTOBER Chatter are due by September 20th.

Thank you.



Dear Members of St. Bart's,

The new singing season is about to begin! Won't some of you please consider being a part of one of our choirs this year? You will be welcome, and fun is guaranteed. Below is the schedule for the senior and contemporary choirs:

SENIOR CHOIR will rehearse every Wednesday from 7:00—8:30 P.M. and will resume Wednesday, September 7th. The Senior choir sings for the 11:00 A.M. service. A love of singing is the only prerequisite.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR will sing on Sunday, September 18th for the 9:15 A.M. service. The rehearsal is at 8:30 A.M. that morning. The Contemporary choir sings the 3rd Sunday of every month, and rehearses that morning at 8:30 A.M.

Please join us! If you need more information, please feel free to see me at church, or contact me at

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ble@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Terry Gamble





TUESDAY NIGHT Women's Study

Our mission: To grow ever closer to the Lord through a greater understanding of His Word with study, prayer and praise, and through fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

With September comes a new year— a new beginning and a new Bible Study on Couples of the Old Testament—there are 10 of these—the first being Adam and Eve, the last, King Xerxes and Esther.

The group meets every other Tuesday. September meetings will be September 13th and 27th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Future meetings will be listed in Parish Life.

Come join with your sisters in Christ for a deeper insight into these couples, from those we know well to those who might be new to us.

Study materials will be provided. Bring your Bible and a friend. All are welcomed for a time of prayer, fellowship and sharing.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP begins Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 PM. They will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S Bible study meets every Wednesday at 10:30 am, after the 9:30am Holy Eucharist. You are always welcome to join them for study, fellowship and prayer.

THURSDAY NIGHT Ladies Thursday Night Bible Study will start on September 15th at 6:30pm. The study will be 7 sessions on The Armor of God (Ephesians 6) by Priscilla Shirer. Find out how to equip yourself every day against Satan's schemes. Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY begins September 11 at 9:15am. They will be studying Old Testament Characters.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS INVITED TO JOIN ANY OR ALL OF THESE BIBLE STUDIES.

Letter to the Editor that appeared in the Buffalo News, Saturday, July 30, 2016

Parents have to instill family values in children

Where are all the children in church today? When I was growing up in the 50's and 60's, families spent Sunday mornings having breakfast and then getting ready for church. Today's families get up, bolt down a fast-food breakfast and get ready to go to either sports practice or a game. What happened to that special time of family bonding and relaxing?



We tend to blame all of the unrest and violence on everything but ourselves. When was the last time you took your family to church, other than for a wedding or funeral? We need to put God and family values back in our children's lives. Children's sports activities should not be scheduled on Sundays-take that time to reconnect. Enjoy breakfast, church, take a walk or visit our great cultural exhibits. Spend quality time with your kids, listen to their joys and concerns. They can never have enough hugs and kisses.

Neal J. Hodgson



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1 Cameron Bohall,
Angelo Morgante

September 4 Julie Clementi, Beth Derschug

September 5 Robert Reuse

September 6 Emily Arnold, Thelma Fuhr

September 8 Debora Geis,
Dn. Gary Wisniewski

September 9 Donald Lonczak

September 11 Michael Bohall II,
Justine McCargo, Brayden Santora

September 13 Joann Bush

September 14 Dawn Glowonia,
Danielle Hyland, Damian Sammarco

September 15 Dorothy Baurle

September 16 Sharon Brodka,
Jocelyn Clontz, James Daniele

September 17 Rebecca Hillery,
Austin Loveric, Carianne McCarthy,
Raymond Milewski, Mary Rojek,
Dorothy Willard

September 18 Carter Heacock,
Theresa Klotzbir

September 19 Ethan Brown,
JoAnn Buczkowski, Mary Gamble,
Alex Morgante

September 20 Lawrence Fenzel, Daniel Hart,
Alison Karelus, Patrick McAndrews

September 21 Thomas Brown Jr.,
Robert Henzler, Joseph Rudin

September 22 Michele Bainbridge

September 23 Jason Fish, Hayleigh Lilleck,
Mark Prohaska

September 24 Fr. Russell Amend,
Kimberly Atwood, Brian Lapp,
Kiersten Lapp, Nathan Lapp,
Aaron Machelor, Susan Rieman

September 26 Alana Bush, Kelsey Simon

September 27 Wilson Emmons Jr.

September 28 David Dyviniak

September 29 Madison Boyle, Jay Clontz Jr.,
Linda Kisloski, Jonathon Welkley

September 30 Bradley Fish, Ryan Fish,
Kimberly McAndrews, Jennifer Moyer,
Abigail Sommer



SEPTEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 4:30pm HE
4 8am & 10am HE 10am CEM (pre-K-3)	5 Labor Day Office closed	6	7 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Sr. Choir	8 7:00pm Vestry	9	10 12:30pm Youth Worship Workshop 4:30pm HE 7:00pm Misch McVicker Concert
11 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am CEM 9:15am Bible Study	12	13 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	14 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Sr. Choir	15 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	16	17 4:30pm HE
18 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am CEM 9:15am Bible Study	19 6:00pm BARRA 7:00pm Prayer for our Nation	20 Traveler's Group to Lancaster, PA to see 'Samson' 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	21 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Sr. Choir	22 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	23	24 8am Northtown Pregnancy Ctr. Walk 9:30am Conf. Class 11am Erie County SPCA Pet Blessing 4:30pm HE
25 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am CEM 9:15am Bible Study	26	27 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	28 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Sr. Choir	29 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	30 10am - 5pm Quilt Show	October 1 10am-4pm Quilt Show 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

Nepali women listening to the Bible

SEPTEMBER

2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 NORTH KOREA Pray that a nightly radio broadcast will encourage Christians to stand firm in their faith.	2 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that the growing number of believers in Saudi Arabia will mature and multiply.	3 LIBYA Pray for righteous leaders in Libya who will end the fighting and establish a just government.
4 SRI LANKA Pray for Christians who are being persecuted by radical Buddhists.	5 ERITREA Pray for freedom of worship in Eritrea.	6 MYANMAR Pray for indigenous church planters, who are being trained and sent to difficult areas.	7 MAURITANIA Pray for the protection of Christian converts who meet secretly in the desert once a week.	8 VIETNAM Pray that Christian workers will have the financial resources to provide for their families.	9 ETHIOPIA Pray that Islamic extremism will decline in 2016.	10 CHINA Pray that Werolli and other recently released Christians will adjust well to life outside prison.
11 NORTH KOREA Pray that North Koreans will seek to fill spiritual emptiness with Jesus.	12 PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO) Pray for the safety of pastors going into Muslim areas to share the gospel.	13 CHINA Pray for imprisoned Christians Cheng Jie, Luchang Ren, Yang Rongji and Alimujang Yimil.	14 UGANDA Pray for the recovery of Pastor Umar Mukinda, who was severely burned when attackers threw acid on him.	15 AZERBAIJAN Pray for unity among Christians and churches of different denominations.	16 COLOMBIA Pray for Christian children, who are being targeted for recruitment by rebel groups.	17 LIBERIA Pray that the Zoa, Zoda and Bodio people will receive salvation through Jesus Christ.
18 COLOMBIA Pray for widows of martyred pastors and other Christian leaders.	19 SIERRA LEONE Pray for peace and that the body of Christ will reach out to the lost.	20 OMAN Pray that Christians in hiding will be comforted by God.	21 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray that missionaries will see more fruit from their efforts.	22 BRUNEI Pray that believers in Brunei will use their wealth for God's glory and acknowledge Him as their provider.	23 SYRIA Pray that Syrian believers will boldly continue to share Christ with those around them.	24 TUNISIA Pray for the protection of Tunisian believers, especially with the Islamic State in nearby Libya.
25 CUBA Pray for Christian children, who are marginalized by communists at school.	26 VIETNAM Pray that ethnic people groups will have access to Bible translations that they can read and understand.	27 OMAN Pray that secret believers will continue to grow in depth and number.	28 BAHRAIN Pray that civil unrest will draw more people to the Prince of Peace.	29 YEMEN Pray that God will bring peace to Yemen.	30 NEPAL Pray for front-line workers who are being trained in church planting.	1

KINGDOM BOUND 2016



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FAMILY FUN DAY



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The following letter is from Felix Fails, SCORE missionary in the Dominican Republic. Felix recently got married (his wife Kristin is in one of the photos with him). He assisted us when St. Bart's took a group to the DR in February 2015 and helped us secure a prosthetic leg for Nando Sousa last year. He is supported by financial donations only. ***If you would like to support him please send a check to SCORE, 707 S. Germantown Road, Chattanooga, TN 37412 and put Felix Fails in the memo and attached letter.***

Dear Friends and Family,

August 2016

Well it is officially summer here and it is getting busy at Score with many groups coming down. The Lord has blessed my wife and I greatly and we are so thankful for all His provision. We are also so very thankful for all your prayers and encouraging words. As a couple, we have realized what a great blessing and support system the people around us have been! We have also enjoyed going to a couple's bible study at our church, where we get to study God's Word together and lift up one another in prayer.

I have had the opportunity to work with many different types of groups at Score in the last few months. I would love to share with you about the amazing work the Lord is doing here in the Dominican Republic and how we are touching lives with the gospel of Christ.

I have worked with different groups that were able to build enough bunkbeds for 50 families that were in need in the town of Quisqueya, as well as providing them with the mattress and the bedsheets. With each family, we were able to effectively share the gospel with them as they delivered the beds. It was a great way to reach out to the community and minister to their spiritual and physical needs!

I also had the privilege to spend some time with Jeff Hackett, a close friend and brother in Christ as he came down and ministered with a group from Buffalo. That week, we were able to minister and work in a village called San Jose. We were busy building a new pavilion for the community there and the women of the group led a kids program with the children in the village.

This summer I was even able to have my wife, Kristin, come out with me to help with some of the groups. We were able to work with a man named Stephen from Syracuse, NY in Quisqueya who comes down every month to work with the deaf community in the area. He had such a heart and passion for reaching the deaf community with the gospel of Christ and has been doing an excellent job teaching not only the deaf sign language, but also others in the community that are eager to learn.



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He had such a heart and passion for reaching the deaf community with the gospel of Christ and has been doing an excellent job teaching not only the deaf sign language, but also others in the community that are eager to learn. We also got to work alongside of some good friends of mine, as they brought down a group to do some baseball ministry. It was a great week and we both enjoyed working with the group. The team was able to share their testimonies and gospel with various groups of kids from different areas in San Pedro. It was great to hear some of the younger team members speak and share how baseball, although fun, cannot bring you complete satisfaction in life, only Christ can do that. They also were able to minister at a girl's home called Pasitos de Jesus and spend some time with the girls there and an Orphanage called Springs in the Desert, playing with the children there and helping feed them at lunch time.

We appreciate your prayers and support so much! Please be praying for me, as I had motorcycle accident and am currently recovering from the injuries. The Lord protected me and I had no broken bones, just a bad cut that required 12 stitches. I am using some crutches to help me get around for now, but it is healing up little by little, praise the Lord! I hope to get back to Score soon and continue serving our Lord and Savior. Pray that the Lord would give me the strength and endurance, as well as healing during this process. It really is a pleasure to serve in so many different aspects with groups coming down throughout the summer through Score. Be praying for my firefighter ministry as well, that the men would continue to grow in their faith and spend time in the Word. Again, thank you for all your support and encouragement, Kristin and I are so grateful!

To glorify God through mission in obedience to the great commission.

In Christ, Felix and Kristin Fails



The New School Prayer

Adapted from a poem by Laurie Witzel

Now I sit me down in school where praying is against the rules;
For this great nation under God finds mention of Him very odd.
If Scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow becomes a federal matter now.

Hair can be purple, orange or green; that's no offense— it's the freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise— prayers spoken allowed are a serious vice.
For praying in a public hall might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence we must meditate; God's name is prohibited by the State.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed prayer and also the Bible; to quote the Good Book makes me liable.
We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, and the unwed daddy, our Senior King.
It's inappropriate to teach right from wrong. We're taught that such judgements do not belong.

We give out condoms and birth control, study Satan, witchcraft, and totem poles,
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed. No Word of God may reach this crowd.
It's scary here, I must confess. When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So Lord, this silent plea I make: Please guard me
at school. My soul is at stake!! Amen.

