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WITH OUR DEEPEST THANKS
 Dear St. Bart's Family, we want to express our heartfelt thank you for your generosity and support shown to us following Mike's death. We have been overwhelmed by all you have done for us and appreciate it more than words can express. During this difficult time we have felt the Lord's presence and know it was because of all your prayers.
 We feel truly blessed to be part of the St. Bart's family. May the Lord bless you all!
Diane, Jonathan, and Jeremy Merrick



ROCK, RODS, AND RELATIONSHIPS 2007
 Come and join us on Saturday, July 21, from 2PM to 8 PM, here at St. Bart's.
 There will be music by local Christian artists: Tina Marie Williams, Nate Wolfe of "One Foot In Heaven", Immanuel, as well as Mike Failla and the Kingdom Bound Worship Band, classic cars, "Motormouth" - Nile Jenkins from WDCX's Car Connection, free food, fellowship, a bounce house, face painting, a car cruise event, and a Healing Eucharist at 4:30 PM. Please mark your calendars - and invite your neighbors!



KINGDOM BOUND 2007
 Darien Lake is the place to be August 5-8 as Western New York celebrates its very own Christian Music Festival. St. Bart's is sending its Youth once again this year. We have 50 going, so our trailers are full! You can purchase tickets to attend all or part of the festival by calling Kingdom Bound at (716) 633-1177 or at www.kingdombound.org. If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the event or to sponsor a youth, please contact Fr. Ward



PICNIC TIME IS HERE!
 Once again it's picnic time at St. Bart's! Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday July 22, at Ellicott Creek Park Casino, immediately following the 10 AM service.
 The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, Polish sausage and Italian patties along with rolls and buns, as well as four types of pop, popcorn, bottled water and all of the condiments, tea and coffee, a sheet-cake and more! All that St. Bart's members and their guests need to bring are themselves, the kids, and a covered dish to share, salad or dessert.



THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

This year's Plant Sale was the most successful we've had! Our profit was \$2,424.06. The left over plants were planted around the Church property. Thanks again for all the help, especially on Thursday, when the orders were made up. A record number of helpers came forth.

Our Annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, June

7, at the Jack Daniel's Banquet Room of the Frog Grill (formerly Warren's) was very successful. We all enjoyed the talents of the Spotlight Players, who performed a "Tribute to the Andrews Sisters."



The Board will be working on events soon. If you have any suggestions, please let on of our officers know. President, Lori Abramo; Vice President, Marilynn Alliger; Treasurer, Lee Hilliker; Recording Secretary, Kathy George; and Corresponding Secretary, Dawn Glownia.

Please check the display case for gift items. Call Marilynn 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.

JUNE VESTRY MEETING

The total of the offering for Isabella Brinkerhoff was \$2,793, which will be sent to the Baby's fund along with \$500 from the Vestry. Two new powered monitors (speakers) have been purchased for \$956.77.

Fr. Ward will be on vacation July 2-13, and August 12-28. Fr. Commins will be on vacation June 24-July 10, and August 30-September 6.

Vestry members were asked to help at the RR&R event on Saturday, July 21, and the Church Picnic on Sunday, July 22, if they are able.



**Generation Next
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

July 13 & 14 SLEEP OUT FOR THE HOMELESS EVENT. An overnight event that begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends the following morning around 9:00 a.m. Departure and pick-up will happen at St. Bart's.

July 21 ROCK, RODS, AND RELATIONSHIPS. This is an event that all members of St. Bart's should participate in, including our youth ~ from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

July 30 MONDAY NIGHT KINGDOM BOUND MEETING from 7-9 p.m. This is a mandatory meeting for one or both parents to attend. We will be discussing basic rules, scheduling, and items to pack for this annual event. The parent's portion will last about 30 minutes. The students will have time for fellowship and games.

August 5 – 9 KINGDOM BOUND! Check general information packet for all needed information. This packet will be available at the meeting on July 30.

August 21-22 (BOYS) OVERNIGHT BIBLE STUDY
August 23-24 (GIRLS) OVERNIGHT BIBLE STUDY
 at the Youth building. Invite a friend and immerse yourself in God's Word. We will be studying the book of **HEBREWS**.



THEY'RE BACK! — II GUYS FROM PETRA

John Schlitt and Bob Hartman—Two Guys From Petra, will be back once again with us in concert **Friday Night—August 10, 7 PM, right here at St. Bart's.**

John and Bob performed at our UB Campus Ministry Concert in January, and then led worship at two services here at St. Bart's on Sunday, Jan. 28.

They will perform many of their hits from 33 years as Petra, as well as songs from their new CD "*Vertical Expressions*." **Tickets (\$10 per person) are on sale now at the church office.**

Please mark your calendars: **Friday August 10, here at St. Bart's, 7 PM.**

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BOOK CLUB

Yes, the name has changed, but the purpose remains the same—to meet weekly and discuss a given title.

We will meet again in September, but see us at the Ministries Fair in August!

Any questions, or suggestions, please contact David Curtis.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CAN YOU HELP?



Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to help at their Open House on Saturday August 11, 2007. The store is located at 2303 Union Rd., West Seneca. They will need: from 10 AM to 2 PM – at least 3 women and 2 men; From 2 PM to 6 PM they will need at least 5 men or young adults to help clean up.

If you can help or want more information — please call Joe Ackerman at 698-5062 or email him at joeackrmn@yahoo.com.

JULY KINDNESS IDEAS

Help out a neighbor ~ water their flowers and plants while they're on vacation.

Practice a random act of kindness of your choice—and make it a habit!

ENVIRONMENTAL IDEAS

Be a good steward of God's earth.

- **Reduce:** the plastics and Styrofoam you buy.
- **Re-use:** create a craft from garbage.
- **Recycle:** use your town's bins to collect recyclables.

St. Bart's



Kindness Korner

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

42 bags of groceries were taken to the North Tonawanda Interfaith Food Pantry in June. This was a very low count—and we need your participation!

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.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU from the Sunday School Superintendent:

This past year our Sunday school branched out into a Children's Ministry that went beyond the regular Sunday morning Sunday school. Our 1st, 2nd, & 7th graders all received Bibles this year. We had many special big events outside of Sunday morning Sunday school; the Harvest Party, 1st Annual Advent Celebration, Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration, Winter Beach Blast, 6 special Friday night Lenten Lessons, 1st annual Easter Joy event, special Easter program, and the Big End of the Year Party. We also had some very special events during our Sunday morning Sunday school; *Manger Sunday, Heifer Project, Pentecost Celebration, and the special Creation Presentation.*

None of these Children's Ministry Events would have been possible without the fabulous support of our fantastic team of Sunday School teachers and so many of our wonderful parents. I would add that many of our kids and some of our High school kids and Young Adults also were a great help in all of this.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Jesus is the "right way". St. Bart's children need to be taught this and with the continued help of our teachers, parents, the students, and with the wonderful support of our Clergy, all St. Bart's kids will know just how much Jesus loves and cares for them, and they will learn to cultivate a special personal relationship with our Lord.

Thank you ALL again so much for all your effort and support. Already looking forward to next year! All for Jesus Sake,

Marilyn Commins