

THE CHATTER

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CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

St. Bart's Sunday School is having a big End of Year Party, Friday, June 8, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. There will be outdoor field/relay games, grilled hot dogs, T-shirt signing/decorating, Tug of War, and we'll end the evening with a movie.

All children are encouraged to bring a pillow or blanket to relax and watch the movie with and they may even wear their pajamas! Each child attending is asked to: 1) Sign up, 2) Bring a white T-shirt for signing, 3) Bring a dozen cookies. Parents are welcome to stay and help. Please see the Sunday School announcement board for details.

INSERTED WITH THIS ISSUE— A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR—AND PARISH SURVEY

Please read and respond to the letter that is enclosed with this issue of the CHATTER.

Fr. Ward's letter is self explanatory—and the Parish survey and return envelope are included for your convenience. Thank you.



INFORMATIONAL LUNCHEON

Date: June 16th, 2007

Time: 12 noon- 3pm

Location: The Undercroft

If you are a woman parishioner, over the age of 18 and are interested in finding out exactly what this lay order is all about, please join us for lunch and get all your questions answered.

For more information please call: Jenny Waley- 685-8047 or Diane Merrick- 835-0866

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CAN YOU HELP?



Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to help at their Open House on Saturday June 16, 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.

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Thank you for another successful Plant Sale — to all those that purchased plants and those that helped out to make it a success! We'll have the total profit next month.

Hope you have signed up for our Annual Spring Banquet on Thursday June 7, at the Jack Daniel's Banquet Room at the Frog Grill (formerly Warren's). More about the banquet next month.

The officers will continue in their positions on the board: President, Lori Abramo; Vice President, Marilynn Alliger; Treasurer, Lee Hilliker; Recording Secretary, Kathy George; and Corresponding Secretary, Dawn Glownia. We welcome ideas for new programs and fund raising. Please make suggestions to one of our officers. We also need leads on programs that are appropriate for our events.

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.

MAY VESTRY MEETING

The total of the Lenten and Easter offering was \$5,612. Checks of \$1403 each were sent to *Kairos Prison Ministries, Saving Grace Ministries, Youth for Christ's Joshua Revolution, and the Diocese of Quincy.* The Good Friday offering of \$844 was sent to *St. George's College.*

US Gas and Electric will be the new commodity supplier of these utilities with a savings of 8% for the church.

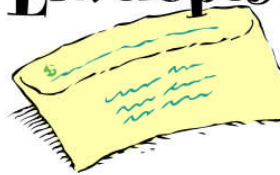
The Rector announced that Bishop Ackerman will be coming to St. Bart's to do Confirmations, on Sunday October 7.

The monitors and speakers used by the youth band, as well as for concerts, will be replaced.

The Vestry authorized contributing \$500 to the fund of Isabella Brinkerhoff, daughter of New York State Trooper David Brinkerhoff, was killed in the line of duty in April. His father, Roy, and step mother, Ruth, are long time members of St. Bart's.

The members of St. Bartholomew's have graciously contributed \$2,721.49 to her fund, as of the printing of this newsletter.

Offering Envelopes



PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR ENVELOPES!

Please use your offering envelopes. If you don't receive envelopes, please call the church office. If you have forgotten your envelope, please put your number on your check. Ask an usher for an envelope if you have cash, and then put your name/envelope number on it. The envelope number is the 3 digit number on the front of the envelope. Please memorize it.

Summer Bible Study



SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

This year's Summer Sunday Bible Study begins Sunday, June 24th from 9am to 10 am. **Sign up sheet is on the table.** The study is on the prophet, Elijah: Living Securely in an Insecure World. Every day the news reinforces that you live in an insecure world. Elijah's times were no safer. He faced famine, murder and corruption--with both courage and fear. These eight studies on Elijah's life, will help you look beyond the insecurity of the world to our sovereign God who reigns forever.



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.

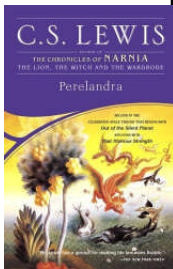
They will perform many of their hits from 33 years as Petra, as well as songs from their new CD "Vertical Expressions." Tickets (\$10 per person) will go on sale very soon.

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

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.



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Please mark your calendars for VBS 2007, June 25– 29, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. This year's theme is 'Avalanche Ranch.' God is real, God is with us, God is strong, God is awesome, and God is in charge! The keyword is "Wahoo!" Student sign up

starts the first week of June for grades Pre-school, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th (grades as of next September.) We still need teachers and assistants, and help from Senior High for games and crafts. See David Curtis or Jim Kibby.

JUNE KINDNESS IDEAS

Did you receive fantastic service at a store recently? Give the manager that employees name and a than you.

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

Ecology Ideas

Try to walk to a nearby store instead of using the car for a quick errand. Take your child or a pet, too, and you will all benefit.

St. Bart's



Kindness Korner

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

43 bags of groceries and 1 cash donation were taken to the North Tonawanda Interfaith Food Pantry in May. 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.

Saving Grace Ministries, Inc. and its community partners presents

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Community Walk-a-thon

Saturday, July 14, 2007

Delaware Park (enter from Parkside)

Registration: 8am @ Ring Rd statue | Walk: 9am-12pm

Registration: \$10 per person/\$20 per family registration includes 1 t-shirt per walker or 2 per family, pre-walk breakfast, post-walk hot dogs, drinks



Be sure to look for our walk-a-thon website in upcoming months at www.sgmworld.org/walkathon.htm

Families, churches, and individuals are encouraged to come and show support!

"Grace House" Transitional Residence Program—Serving Buffalo since 1999

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1



GENERATION NEXT

Seniors and Juniors

6/4 – Meeting, 7-9 PM

For more future dates and Summer events—check the Generation Next Newsletter.