

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

50 bags of food and 4 cash donations were taken to the Food Pantry in November.

The Food Pantry is still very much in desperate need of some 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, but have **expressed a need for special items for the preparation of "holiday meals."**

The Food Pantry received extra donations of Pet Food—so they are giving away this food to Senior Citizens who can't afford to feed their pets.


Please bring your items on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our "Food Pantry Delivery Angels" only have to make one trip.

MISSIONETTES NEWS




Missionettes will meet on December 3 this month. We will be having our Christmas party with games, a craft, and lots of goodies. I hope that everyone will be able to come. **It will be our last meeting at the Brighton Road location of St. Bartholomew's.**

ST. BART'S ANGELS REPORT



As we approach the Christmas season we all have much to be thankful for and St. Bart's Angels would like to thank everyone for their support to the Angel Ministry; for supplies to brighten the hearts and spirits of those less fortunate and home bound.

Over this past year you have made or donated materials for the following: 53 hats, 21 pairs of slippers, 55 pairs of mittens, 29 scarves, 39 pairs of booties, and 90 Afghans. In addition, we want to thank everyone for their generous donation of extra Christmas Cards. Thank you and God Bless!

St. Bart's Angels



GENERATION NEXT — IMPORTANT DATES
DECEMBER 1—FUN NIGHT—7 to 9 PM both Seniors and Juniors at BLVD MALL.j
DECEMBER 17—JOINT Christmas celebration in our NEW Youth room from 7 to 9 PM.



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PPC - "Prayer for the Persecuted Church" corner -

Check our display board in the lobby and **join us** for prayer and purpose of mission in the **Fellowship Hall (downstairs)** the first Monday of every month. Next meeting: Monday, December 1 at 7:30 pm.

There are so many needs for prayer in so many countries that we will offer specific prayer points each month that will cover a few countries.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the nuns who were abducted in Kenya to be released.
- Pray for the salvations of the insurgent Somalia militia and that the peace of God might infiltrate their hearts to love and not fight.
- Praise God for the release from prison of Pastor Sompong, Boot, and Khamvan in Laos! Pray for the Christians families in the Boukham village who are being persecuted for their faith.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



The choirs are busy moving into their facilities at the new church! We have a beautiful choir room, a new organ given by an anonymous donor, and too many other blessings to list here.

We are in need of people! The senior choir is in need of "a few good men!" Ladies too ~ please consider joining us. No stairs to climb, not hot balcony to endure. The contemporary choir could always use more voices. The choir director is always nice!

The choirs will be traveling to DeGraff Hospital on Sunday, December 21, for a program at 7:00 PM in the skilled nursing area of the hospital. All are welcome to attend, and sing the familiar carols of our faith with the people there.

Christmas Eve is fast approaching and the choirs will present brief recitals before the 7:30 and 11:00 PM services. The recitals will include some carols for congregational singing as well. Please come that evening at 7:00 PM and 10:30 PM to be blessed by the music of the season.

Terry Gamble
Director of Music/ Organist

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Don't forget our *Annual Christmas Program and Cookie Ingathering* on Thursday, December 11. This will be our last event in the building on Brighton Road so please attend. We will be entertained by a Tenor Soloist, Ron Hermann, who will sing Christian music. Please bring 3 dozen cookies to share and for the boxes that are made for the shut-in's of the parish.

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 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 all of the donations. They are greatly appreciated.

COMING SOON! Be sure to check out the new Bishop Scaife Guild Gift Shop that will be opening in the NEW St. Bartholomew's building on Eggert Road.

NOVEMBER VESTRY MEETING

Fr. Ward reported on the meeting with Bishop Garrison, Chancellor James Fanning and Diocesan Treasurer Howard Gondree that he attended with the Wardens, Jim Glownia and Carl Calabrese, along with Attorney John Moscati.

Snow removal bids were received and were discussed, but will be voted on at the December meeting.

BISHOP DUNCAN GREETES SOME OF THE CLERGY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S



At the recent Special Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, special guests Fr. Ward, Fr. Commins, and Deacon Ed Kusmierczyk meet Bishop Duncan.



St. Bart's SUNDAY SCHOOL

GREAT NEWS!

We have collected \$377 to purchase Bibles for children in the persecuted church countries. This will be sent through Open Doors

USA. Their goal is to send 100,000 Bibles out and St. Bartholomew's is now a part of that wonderful effort. Thank you all!

- **Saturday, November 29:** from 4:00-6:00 pm: Our annual Advent Celebration - a fun event. We'll be doing some Advent activities, donation of \$3.00 toward materials, and there will be a Pizza supper with a drink and dessert for \$1.00. This is a wonderful way to begin your Advent season with your children. This year's Advent Devotional Booklet will be available then also.
- **December 14:** our last day at the old church building, there will be NO Sunday School. We will be showing a video downstairs for children up to third grade at both services. This will give all of our teachers a chance to attend the last service in the old building.
- **December 21:** we will resume Sunday School classes in our new church facility at 9:15 am and 11:00 am. All children will start out in the new sanctuary and will be dismissed after the Gospel to meet their teachers and follow them to their new classrooms.
- **December 24:** we will have children's activities in our "Journey to Bethlehem" at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service only. This will be held upstairs in the double classroom in the Christian Education wing.



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

John 1:14

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7pm Jr. & Sr. Youth 7:30pm Persecuted Church Prayer Ministry	2 6:00pm Vestry 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	3 9:30am HE 6pm Jr. Choir 7pm Sr. Choir 6:45pm Missions/Tea	4 6:30pm Beth Moore Social	5	6 10am Conf. Class
7 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS Manger Sunday 7:30pm Upper Room Ministry	8	9 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	10 9:30am HE 7pm Sr. Choir	11 7pm Guild Cookie Ingathering	12	13 10am Conf. Class
14 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS 7:30pm Upper Rm Ministry Last Day of Services at 1064 Brighton	15	16 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	17 9:30am HE 6pm Jr. Choir 7pm Sr. Choir 7pm Jr. & Sr. Youth at new location	18	19	20 10am Conf. Class at new location, 2368 Eggert Rd.
21 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS All services at new location, 2368 Eggert Road 7:15pm All choirs at Degraff	22	23 6:30pm Men's Bible Study No WNYMPBC.	24 7 & 10:30pm Carol Sings 4:00, 7:30 & 11:00pm Family HE 4pm Happy Birthday Jesus Party	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10AM Holy Eucharist	26	27 No Conf. Class Joshua Revolution
28 8, 9:15, & 11AM HE 9:15 & 11:00AM SS All services at new location 7:30pm Upper Rm Ministry Joshua Revolution	29 Joshua Revolution	30 Joshua Revolution	31 NO HE NO Choir rah. (resumes 1/2)			

December Birthdays

December 01	Marola	Brook
December 01	John	Collins
December 01	Carl	Foehl
December 01	James	McLean
December 02	Joseph	Kelly
December 04	Thomas	Stayton
December 06	Richard	Herrmann
December 06	Lindsey	Tobin
December 06	Carol	Woepfel
December 08	Thomas	MaoLeay
December 07	Arianna	Dommell
December 07	Judith	Vine
December 08	Jennifer	Guggemog
December 08	Skyler	VanWagenen
December 08	Kathleen	Ward
December 08	Marlynn	Alliger
December 10	Dorothy	Bamberg
December 10	Patrik	Dake
December 10	Lois	Meloaif
December 10	Karen	Zuefle
December 11	Russell	Ballaro
December 11	Amanda	Daniela
December 11	Susan	Tobin
December 12	Scott	Calhoun
December 12	Robert	Fish, Jr.
December 12	Catherine	Hawthorn
December 12	Christopher	Heer
December 12	Jeremy	Merrick
December 12	Lisa	Sheehan
December 13	Peter	Illio
December 14	Joan	Amend
December 14	Traoey	Callari
December 14	Jim	Hubbard
December 14	James	Kibby
December 14	Blake	Rounds
December 16	Jeffrey	Brylinski
December 16	Louise	Jones
December 16	Corey	Riohner
December 18	Ronald	Horvath
December 18	Mary	Waggoner
December 17	Richard	Fahc
December 17	Kathy	George
December 18	Francois	Ballaro
December 18	James	Colocanti
December 18	Jeremy	Moyer
December 18	Emily	Small
December 18	Krista	Glowla
December 18	Jean	Houck
December 18	Heather	Rzeczutek
December 20	Benjamin	Henneberger
December 21	Jennifer	Kamman
December 21	Calvin	Reed
December 21	Jennifer	Marolnelli
December 22	Samantha	Stook
December 23	Renee	Weber
December 24	Carol	Krieger
December 26	Charles	DiMaria
December 28	Ann	Miller
December 27	Stephen	Florella
December 27	Kristie	June
December 27	Eugene	Left
December 27	Margaret	Wahi
December 28	Sarah	Stook
December 28	Madelaine	Wahi
December 28	Micolly	Delicanti
December 28	Sarah	Delicanti
December 28	Robert	Ehrmann
December 28	Nicholas	Jones
December 30	Diane	Lobdell
December 31	John	Aurlinger
December 31	Lisa	Boyle
December 31	Julie	Cloarelli
December 31	Marietta	Lipomi
December 31	Edward	Rehhard