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JANUARY 2009

FIRST SERVICE AT OUR NEW CHURCH—SUNDAY DECEMBER 21—WELCOME HOME!

One picture says it all!



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

72 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in December.

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.

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.

MISSIONETTE NEWS



Our first meeting for the New Year will be Wednesday, January 7, at 6:45 PM. I am very excited that we will meet in our new spacious classrooms. the PRIMS will be meeting in **Room 22** (the 5th and 6th grade classrooms). The STARS will be meeting in **Room 21** (the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms.)

Our second meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, at 6:45 PM.

I would like to thank all my PRIMS for the gift card to Target. It was very thoughtful.

O hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and will have a blessed New Year!

Kathleen Ward



GENERATION NEXT — IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 5: Fun Night for both Junior and Senior Youth Groups.

January 12: Senior Youth Group meets 7-9 PM

January 14: Junior Group Meets 7-8:30PM

January 19: Annual Family Ski Trip!

January 26: Senior Youth Group meets 7-9 PM

January 28: Junior Group Meets 7-8:30PM



prayer
for the
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church**

PPC - "Prayer for the Persecuted Church" corner -

Check our display board in the church entrance and **join us** for prayer and purpose of mission in the **Fellowship Hall (downstairs)** the first Monday of every month. Next meeting: Monday, January 5, at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Halls.

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 suffering in India and China, where the crackdowns and attacks on Christians and destruction of churches seems to be intense.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD?

There are still quite a few in our Parish Family who have not sent in their offering pledge cards for 2009. Please do so as soon as possible, if you would like offering envelopes. Thank You!



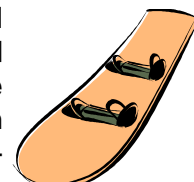
**St. Bart's
Family
Ski Trip**

HEAD FOR THE HILLS! - AND SKI WITH ST. BART'S AT KISSING BRIDGE

All youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to join us (their families are invited too) on the annual Ski Trip on Monday January 19. We will meet at the church at 7:00AM and return by 6:00PM. Their **SKI** or **SNOW BOARD** contracts need to be filled out and signed on or before January 14, returned to St. Bart's.

Girls are to bring munchies to share and boys a 2 liter or larger bottle of pop (soda). We suggest you bring either a bag lunch or money to purchase lunch at Kissing Bridge. A change of clothing especially extra gloves, hat and socks.

The church will provide hot chocolate and paper products. **Ski rental forms, permission slips and payment information are available** from Deacon John Reitz, our Youth Director at 831-1777.



THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Thanks to all who donated cookies to our *Annual Christmas Program and Cookie Ingathering* on Thursday, December 11. We were able to deliver over 25 boxes to our parish members that are shut-in's. Our Christian tenor soloist who entertained, Ron Hermann, was so well received that he will be joining us next month for a program.

Don't forget to check out the Guild's new Gift Shop. Thanks to all those that have donated all the items for our shop so we can replenish our funds that we give to worthy causes. We welcome donations. Please call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335) or Bonnie Fleischman (875-6402) for details and check our *store hours*.

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.

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING

An update in the work and the budget for the new building was presented by the Wardens, Carl Calabrese and Jim Glownia. As of 12/1/08, 97 pledges for \$215,997 have been received. On 1/1/08, 117 pledges for \$82,262 had been received. Sinatra's Landscaping has been approved for snow removal.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FULL MEMBER OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S?

Fr. Ward will be leading the *Adult Inquirers' and New Members Class* beginning Sunday January 25, 2009 at 1:00 PM. This will prepare the members of the class to be confirmed or received into the Church, along with our children's class later this year.



Adult Inquirers and New Members Class

If you are interested in attending this class, please contact the church office at 831-1777 or speak with Fr. Ward.

Matthew 2:11 "They saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."



St. Bart's SUNDAY SCHOOL

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

God is so good! We are in our new church home and have been blessed with an entire floor of classrooms for our children and teachers!

Our next day of Sunday School will be January 4. **We also have a special surprise on order** (hopefully the delivery will speed up) **and we are praying that our new tables and chairs for our classrooms will be in place for our next day of classes!** We also hope to purchase a few other things for the children such as Children's Bibles for use in the Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms and another book rack. **Many thanks to all who have donated the much needed funds to the Sunday School enabling us to purchase the furniture.**



END OF YEAR STATEMENTS FOR 2008

We hope that all statements will be received in an accurate and timely manner! We have been advised that all statements regarding income must be issued by January 31. Donation statements are not bound by the same rules. We understand that all would hope to have their statements by January 31, but if they are a bit late, we can provide a number for you to call for the year's total. Thank you for your patience.

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Let us
Adore
Him



