



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: Transforming lives 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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I hope this month's Chatter finds you and your family well despite these trying and unprecedented times. We have been under home quarantine now for over two weeks. It looks like things will continue to get worse before they get better. So stay home! That said, I am hopeful that there will be pockets of spiritual renewal and revival throughout our nation as the idols of money, sports, food, entertainment, government, technology, and education are knocked down.

Some may think that is a harsh assessment but the reality is that our world has replaced the fear of God with the amusements and ingenuity of man. Church is no longer a priority for many and God is a mere passing thought. God is sending us a wake up call. The wake up call first is directed to the Body of Christ. How we respond, how we act will set the tone for how our nation holds up during this crisis. We need to be in prayer, understanding that following the Lord means that in our prayer life we are patient, persistent, and willing to persevere when things still look bad. We need to be looking out for one another, so feel free to call your fellow church members and neighbors. This is a time to reflect on what is really important in life and to spend quality time with loved ones.

As a Church we are offering live stream services on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM and on Sundays at 10 AM. We will even have a live stream **Children's Sunday School program at 11 AM.** During **Holy Week** will have a Stations of the Cross service that can be viewed at any time. We will also have live stream services on Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30 AM and a Good Friday service at Noon. **Easter Sunday's service will be live streamed at 10 AM.**

St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

Also see our [Facebook](#) page for more!



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at Noon. **The Easter Sunday service will be live streamed at 10 AM.**

St. Bartholomew's just purchased a new video camera that will enable us to show the services in a better quality and then stream them on Youtube as well as our website (www.stbartston.org), instead of just Facebook. Currently, we are only able to stream on an Ipad via Facebook.

Finally, continue to be in prayer for our elected officials that they make wise decisions and seek the Lord's counsel. **Also, pray for and see if you can tangibly support anyone who is in the medical profession.** They are our first line of defense and are being overwhelmed by the demands of so many who are sick. Pray, too, for all our members and extended family that they are protected from the effects of this deadly virus.

These are indeed trying and troubling times. We know, however, that God is not only in control but that through the power of the Holy Spirit we can let the light and love of Christ shine in such a way that the faith of others is encouraged and strengthened.

So let us press on and keep fighting the good fight of faith! And always remember **2 Tim. 1:7— “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and a sound mind.”**

**Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ward**

VESTRY

New Sheridan Drive Sign: Assuming we continue to have mild weather, work should begin in the near future.

On-Line Giving: Up and running! You will now be able to make a donation from your bank account and/or a credit card. Look for the link “Rebel Give” on our website.

Active Shooter Training: A 90-minute active shooter class will be held sometime in May for anyone 14 and over. Anyone holding a pistol permit is encouraged to attend. More details will be given when they are finalized.

Core Team for Strategies of Effective Ministry: Met in late February. The meeting focused on four items:

- Develop Shepherd’s ministry & coordinate with ushers and greeters for hospitality ministry
- Reboot the outreach team
- Hold a parish-wide meeting on a Sunday in May (possibly same day as the “launching” of new Sheridan Drive sign) to discuss ministries and vision of church as well as hear feedback from members.
- Determined we need to narrow our focus (ie: not do too many things during the year)

WNY Heroes: In partnership with this local organization, we will be hosting a monthly breakfast on the last Friday of each month. Although our local “chef”, John Krull will do the cooking, additional help is needed. If you are able to help, please contact John or stop in the office for details.

2020 Pledges: If you have not already done so, don’t forget to send in your pledge cards, even if only requesting envelopes.





Congratulations to this year's Vestry .

Front row: Bob Hughes, Cheryl MacDonald, Carl Hoffman,
Linda Doran, Tony Luckoski

Back row: Jon Merrick, Mike Brylinski, Lori Abramo, John Hillestad,
John Krull, Rocco Brindisi

Absent: Tom Brown

PRAY for those in the MILITARY

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

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

Virginia Boy– US Navy

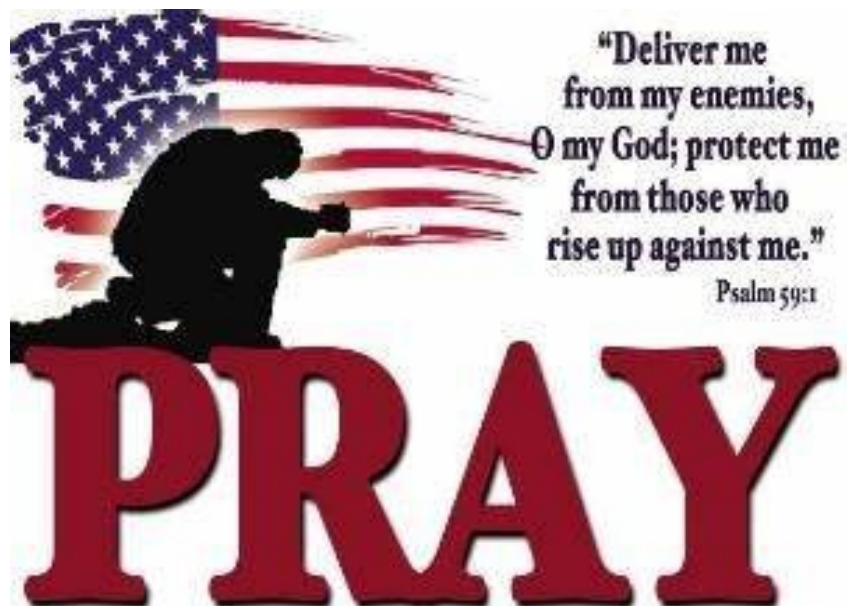
James Kerins– US Army

A.J. Matteliano– US Army

Matthew Prohaska– US Air Force

Andrew Rebl– US Army

Michael Wassinger Jr. –US Army



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **MAY Chatter** should be submitted no later than **APRIL 21. Chatter deadline is ALWAYS the 3rd Tuesday of the month.**

Thank you.

ALL activities at the church are suspended until further notice. Watch for email updates as to when things may resume. Until we meet again, keep everyone in your prayers.

GRIEF SHARE



Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones, and may feel especially alone during this time of isolation.

BIBLE STUDIES

Pray for all of our members and friends, that they will stay safe while continuing their study of God's word from their homes.



PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

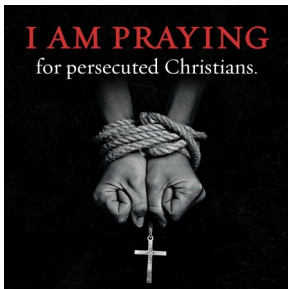


Pray for our country & its leaders as we all battle with the coronavirus.

Consider watching some of the great Christian movies with your family. It's a good way to stay connected with the Lord.

★ **MOVIE NIGHT** ★
Admit One

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



Pray for those who continue to be persecuted around the world each day. Persecution never ends.



Add the doctors, nurses, first responders, grocery store workers, pharmacists, delivery people, et cetera, who are working daily to help meet our needs. They all need our prayers too.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 Steven Callari, Carolyn Everett,
Pamela Morrison

April 2 Kyle MacLeay, Aidyn McAndrews

April 3 Jennifer Gradzewicz,
Jacquelyn Luckoski

April 4 KathrynGrace Hillestad,
Grayson Santora, Edward Woeppel

April 5 Joan Bella, Makayla Johnson

April 6 Kelsey Garrasi

April 7 Debra Birchenough

April 9 Danette Utz

April 11 Samantha Fisher, Kenneth George,
Diane Heer

April 13 Renee Garrasi, Kathleen Houston,
Holly Thompson

April 14 Denise Brown, Paul Karelus,
Aaron Machelor, Richard Smalter

April 15 Jeremy Kyser

April 17 Scott Giaquinto, Connie Hook

April 18 Craig Heer, Jessica Hoy,
Kristopher Styn

April 19 Cindy Brown, Kevin Moyer,
Alyssa Ward

April 20 William Austin, Lisa Derrett,
Lisa MacLeay, Kyle Matesic,
Janelle Westerman

April 22 Arielle Derrett

April 23 James McNamara, Thomas Prohaska

April 24 Thomas Delo

April 25 Amanda Merrick, Zacahry Passino

April 26 Isaiah Luckoski, Edith Manning,
Diane Moyer, Carol Swist

April 27 Tammy Osmon, Joseph Scillia

April 29 Alan Heacock

April 30 David Gray, Deborah Zanghi



May 1 Susan Horvath, Sydney Lakeman

May 2 Charlene Hodgson, Brian Wallace

May 3 Charles Abramo, Jack Gradzewicz

May 4 Andrew McHenry, Elizabeth Merrick,
Cynthia Symons, Susan Uptegrove

May 5 Joan Calamita, Rosemary Davis,
Rachel Teall, Valerie Ulrich

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (831-1777) or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

April

Bibles for Persecuted Children
 Young people in southern Mexico receive Bibles and school supplies after being forced from their homes by communities that do not accept their Christian faith.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 TANZANIA Pray that the gospel will be well received by unreached tribal groups.	6 MALI Pray that Christians in the south will encourage their persecuted brothers and sisters in the north.	7 OMAN Pray that those forced to leave their homes because of their faith will reconcile with families.	8 INDONESIA Pray for Pastor Saefuddin, who was recently released from an anti-evangelizing Muslims.	9 YEMEN Pray that God will provide for women whose husbands are in prison because of their faith.	10 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that Christian refugees will find safety and hope of victory in Christ.	11 AZERBAIJAN Pray that the government will provide solutions to widespread corruption.
12 PHILIPPINES Pray that believers will boldly communicate the truth of the gospel to their Muslim neighbors.	13 AZERBAIJAN Pray that the gospel reaches the nearly 1 million displaced people.	14 NEPAL Pray for those who have lost their jobs because of their Christian faith.	15 INDIA Pray for pastors whose church buildings have been destroyed.	16 BRUNEI Pray that indigenous believers will be bold and effective witnesses.	17 SOMALIA Pray for the families of Somali believers killed for their faith.	18 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for illegal churches that face raids, threats and fines.
19 NEPAL Pray for unity among indigenous Christians.	20 SYRIA Pray for Syrian pastors ordered to meet weekly with police about their activities.	21 NIGERIA Pray for believers who are discovered by their Muslim families and ostracized by their communities.	22 LAOS Pray that evangelists will avoid arrest while "illegally" ministering outside their home districts.	23 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that new laws prohibiting Christian activities do not pass.	24 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for women whose children have been taken away because of their faith in Christ.	25 INDIA Pray for foot-line workers trying to start churches in Kashmir among Muslims.
26 PHILIPPINES Pray that schools and training will be available to those called into ministry.	27 CHINA Pray for the release of Pastor John Cao, who is serving a seven-year prison sentence.	28 TURKMENISTAN Pray that the Turkmen Bible will be given legal status.	29 COLOMBIA Pray for evangelists who travel into the jungle to share with the various armed criminal groups.	30 ALGERIA Pray for peace and stability in the country.		

A Blessed Easter to all!

