



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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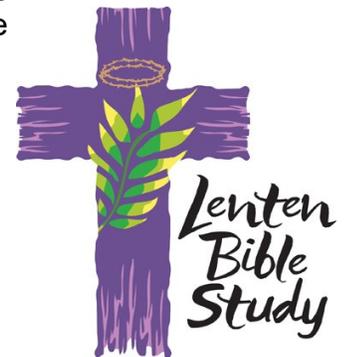
THIS YEAR'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:

"FINDING THE JOY OF THE LORD IN A WORLD OF SORROW"

This Lent, **beginning Friday February 28**, and **continuing every Wednesday and Friday** until Holy Week, Fr. Ward will be addressing one of the most important and helpful topics for everyone - ***How do we find, maintain, and even increase the joy of the Lord in our lives when we are constantly facing bad news, tragic events, trying relationships, and personal loss?*** Looking at the latest discoveries in brain science as well as the truths in God's Word, Fr. Ward will present insight and clarity on this important subject. We will discover ways that we can actually increase God's joy in our lives so that when the pains and disappointments of life descend upon us, we not only survive such sorrows but we actually thrive in them. **Note that this year's Bible Study will be offered two nights per week!** On Fridays, we will have our traditional meatless cover-dish dinner at 6 PM followed by the study from 7 - 8:30 PM. On Wednesdays we will have a shorter version of ***the same study*** from 7 - 8:00 PM followed by Holy Communion. Please invite family and friends as everyone can certainly benefit from learning how to experience the Joy of the Lord despite the trials and tragedies of life.

Also, for three weeks beginning **Wednesday, February 5** at 7pm, Fr. Thebeau will lead a Bible Study entitled ***Anglicanism 101: Why We Do What We Do.***

For more information checkout the Events Page on the church's website.



St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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



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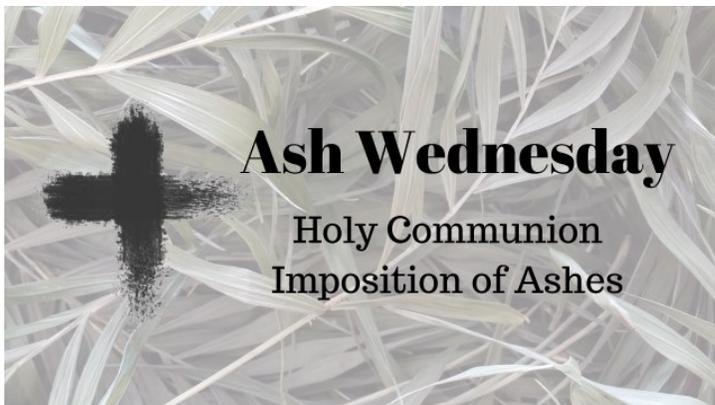
Vestry Notes for January 2020:

Welcome new vestry members: Lori Abramo, Mike Brylinski, Carl Hoffman & Tony Luckoski.

Vestry Commissioning: Will take place at all services on February 9, 2020.

2020 Pledges: If you have not already done so, please remember to send in your pledge cards, even if only requesting envelopes.

Core Team for Strategies of Effective Ministry: Will meet later in January.



Services will be at
6:45am, 9:30am and
7pm.

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

Andrew Welkley– US Air Force



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD



CORNERSTONE MANOR:
Please leave and label baby
items in good condition in the
Gift Shop.



THREADS OF HOPE: Please label items in
good condition (kitchen, linens, etc.) and leave in
the Gift Shop.

**DON'T FORGET TO DROP YOUR DASH'S
RECEIPTS IN THE BAG ON THE GIFT SHOP
DOOR!**



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **MARCH** Chatter should be submitted no later than **FEBRUARY 18**. Chatter deadline is **ALWAYS** the **3rd Tuesday** of the month.

Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY: A letter of thanks was received from the Food Pantry January 21. It said that we, St. Bart's, donated 493 bags of food and personal care items in 2019. We also contributed \$294. 34 bags of food were donated in January. Let's see if we can't beat last years total!!

Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study

Our Mission: To grow ever closer to the Lord through a greater understanding of His Word with study, prayer and praise, and through fellowship with our sisters in Christ. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the fellowship room and will be continuing our study of The Acts of the Apostles. Our next meetings will be February 11 and 25.

It's not too late to join us!!!



PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

**will meet Monday, February 17 at 7pm.
Please join us as we pray for our church,
our community, our nation, and the
world.**

WILL YOU NOT
REVIVE US AGAIN,
THAT YOUR PEOPLE
MAY REJOICE IN YOU?
SHOW US YOUR
UNFAILING LOVE,
O LORD,
AND GRANT US YOUR
SALVATION.
--PSALM 85:6-7

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION



GRIEF SHARE grief support group— Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, family member or friend. We meet Wednesdays at 7 PM at St. Bartholomew's. This is a 13-week video seminar -workbook ministry facilitated by Albert and Linda Matuch, who lost a daughter, Lydia, to cancer. Join us as we bless the Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation..

We will meet at 7pm Wednesdays.



Monday, February 24 at 6:30pm

Join us for pizza and a movie that is sure to entertain. And, yes, we do have popcorn!!

St. Bart's TRAVEL CLUB Events

Lumagination will be at the The Botanical Gardens starting Jan. 25th. The theme is Mysterious Minerals, an interactive exhibit that will include light, sound and imagination. Some attractions will be simulated salt caves, stalactites, wooden sculptures, crystals and much more. Join us on **Thursday, February 6th** from 6-9 pm. The price is \$14 for seniors, adults \$15.50 and kids \$7. Check the website www.buffalogardens.com for alternate dates. For information, call Holly Thompson at 689-9652 or Rich Heer 864-4290.

Sunday, March 1 at 2:30 O'Connell & Company 3200 Elmwood Ave. (old Philip Sheridan school) \$27.00 per person. **GLORIOUS!** - the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the worst singer in the world. If interested, there are information sheets in the Father Amend Hall — right near the sign-up sheet. Everyone is welcomed. Should be a lot of fun. Something to help us through the winter doldrums!

Generation Next News

February 2020

Events For grades 6th -12th

Wednesdays— from 6:30-8:00pm. A time of interactive Bible lessons and fun games.

February 5th and 9th —Kingdom Bound and Awaken Youth Event meeting at 6:00pm on the 5th or 10:30am on the 9th in youth room.

February 14-15th. Awaken youth event Cost is \$35 per person. Money is due by Feb 5th

Save the Date—Let them LOL Food packing event. Saturday, March 21st at 10:00am-12:00pm

Save the Date—April 12th, Easter Sunday Puppet show and Egg Hunt help needs at 9:15am and 11:15am services. For practice times see info in newsletter

For more information contact:
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(Director of Christian Education)
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Email - dce@stbartston.org

Don't forget to sign up for Awaken. We will be having a meeting about that event and Kingdom Bound on Feb 5th. The awaken youth conference presented by Kingdom Bound. Featuring



Reggie Dabbs, North Point Inside Out, Mike Gordon and more! Awaken 2020 is a conference specifically geared for students in grades 7-12 and their leaders to encounter the overwhelming love of Christ. We'll tackle real issues facing today's students with Biblical truth while also equipping and empowering leaders to impact their students like never before. Awaken 2020, Awakening Hope. Go to awakencon.com for more information

Kingdom Bound will be her before you know it. Our First informal meeting with be Wednesday Feb 5th at 6:00pm or



Sunday February 9th at 10:30am in the youth room. There you will receive an information packet and all the other paperwork needed to be completed for the event. The cost of the event is \$250 and that includes tickets for the event, food and lodging. A \$25 registration fee is due by Sunday February 9th. Financial assistance is available so let myself or Fr. Ward know who we can help, so we can make sure no one is left out of this great event.

Please join us for food packing fun on March 21st at Let Them LOL Volunteer Center on 5205 Harris Hill Road in Williamsville, NY. This is a great opportunity to serve those in need. We will meet at the Volunteer Center at 9:50am. Family members are welcome to join us. We will be done packing at noon.



let them lol

Believe it or not its that time of year already when Easter is just around the corner and I am in need of some help with a puppet show and hiding of eggs for our children's program on Easter Sunday. We will meet to practice the puppet show Sunday March 29th and April 5th at 10:30am in the Sunday School large room. And on Good Friday the April 10th at 7:00pm before the Good Friday Service at 8:00pm. I need 4 people for the puppet show 2 for each service and some people to help me hide eggs on Easter Sunday at 8:30am in the Sunday school rooms. If you are available please let me know.



If you have any questions about these events please feel free to contact me.

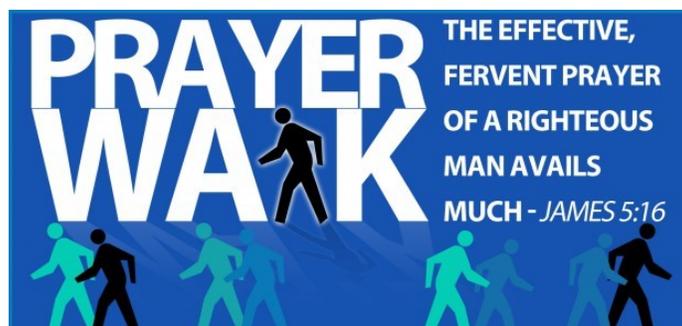
In Christ, Liz

PRAYER CORNER



PRAYER WALKING

As I write this it is hard to believe that in four short months we will be into Summer and beginning our 2020 Prayer Walks. *What is a Prayer Walk?* Simply put it is taking our prayers beyond the walls of our Church and home. Okay, you may say, but *what do you actually do?* We pray silently in pairs as we walk an area for the lost, reclaiming surrendered ground. *Why do you walk in pairs?* As Jesus sent His disciples out in twos, Prayer Walkers meet at a designated sight and split off in pairs on a designated route. *Are we meant to draw attention to what we are doing?* Prayer walking is about seeing and praying silently as the Holy Spirit leads, not being seen. *So what is the focus?* Prayer walkers focus on God's plan, purpose and destiny for the place and people they see as they pray, "Your Kingdom come Your will be done." *What are the elements of our prayers?* Elements of Prayer are Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Okay, *so how does it begin and end?* Prayer Walkers begin by praying a short prayer as a group before they cover their designated route. Prayer Walkers end well with the pairs meeting up with the larger group to share what they heard from God. *How long will I be walking?* Prayer walks shall last approximately 30 minutes (approx. one mile). Afterwards, Prayer Walkers will return to the original meeting location and then gather to share what they heard from the Lord and to end in group prayer. *Will the day and time be announced?* Check Parish Life. Prayer Walks are held once a month in June, July, August and September.



February Birthdays

February 1 Joseph Albrecht Jr.

February 2 Allison Hillery

February 3 Barbara Chiaravalle, Samantha Crane,
Lual Dut, Brittany Wilkowski

February 4 Carol Brock, Dorothea Haase,
Connie Prohaska

February 6 Gino Forte

February 7 Anthony Brunner, Ann Camp,
Earl Farley Jr.

February 8 David Saunders

February 9 Michael Chiaravalle, Linda Doran,
Connor Moyer, Theresa Shipman

February 10 Judi Curtis, Lauren Gradzewicz,
Maddelena Prohaska, Constance Sander

February 11 Colleen Reichard, Jason Simon,
Evelyn Stacks

February 12 James Borsellino, Mike Hilliker,
Doris Hurren

February 13 Colton Machelor

February 14 Anthony Horvath

February 15 Emma Hillery

February 16 Gertrude Hedges

February 17 Peter Militello Jr.

February 18 Jillian Meacham, Mark Rieman

February 19 Donald Symons

February 20 Mary Gray, Sharon Tarapata,
AnnaLee Wilkinson

February 21 Marie Crosby, Minor McCorkle

February 22 Tyler Delisanti, Brooke Ganci,
Russell Kopp, James Lobdell

February 23 Laina Morgante, Lorna Williams

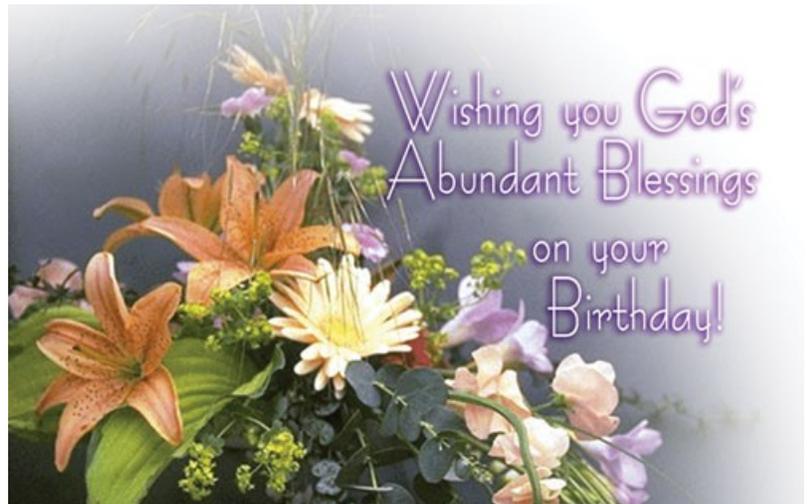
February 24 Heather Kopp

February 25 Brenna Luckoski, Robert Small

February 26 Deborah Zurzuski

February 27 Scott Socha

February 28 Sonia Delisanti, Anthony DiPiano,
Jessica Passino



March 1 Tina Gwizdowski

March 2 Evan Dake, Morgan Simon

March 3 Linda Cadena, Lynn Farley, Michael Hoy,
Mary Montanari

March 4 Janet McPherson, Richard Storey

March 5 Donna Daniele, Rosemary Taber

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

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	3 7pm Prayer for the Persecuted Church	4 6:30pm Men's Discipleship, Neighborhood Watch 7pm Vestry	5 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 12:30-2pm Rivendell Rehearsal 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Parents in Prayer, "Missionettes" 7pm Sr. Choir, GriefShare, Bible Study	6 6:30pm Worship Team	7 6-9pm Rivendell Celebration of Learning	8 4:30pm HE
9 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	10	11 6:30pm Men's Discipleship & Ladies Bible Study	12 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm Sr. Choir, GriefShare, Bible Study	13 6pm Travel Club Dinner 6pm Contemporary Choir 6:30pm Worship Team	14 "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY" AWAKEN Youth Event	15 AWAKEN! Youth Event 8:30am Men's Breakfast 4:30pm HE
16 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	17 6:30pm BARRA Auction 7pm Prayer for Revival	18 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	19 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Parents in Prayer, "Missionettes" 7pm Sr. Choir, GriefShare, Bible Study	20 6:30pm Worship Team	21	22 4:30pm HE
23 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS Children's Homily 9:30am Bible Study 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	24 6:30pm Movie Night	25 6:30pm Men's Discipleship & Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Crime Watch Board	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:45-9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm HE	27 6:30pm Worship Team	28 11am Intercessory Prayer 6pm Meatless Cover-Dish Dinner 7pm Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	29 4:30pm HE

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SYRIA Pray for those who choose to stay in Syria to advance God's kingdom despite the war.
2 LEBANON Pray for the spiritual health of remnant churches in Lebanon.	3 BRUNEI Pray for a team of evangelists who were reimagined by police and deported.	4 SRI LANKA Pray for the encouragement of pastors seeking in majority Hindu and Buddhist areas.	5 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for the solution of persecuted believers' family members.	6 TAJIKISTAN Pray that the church will teach children even though it is considered illegal.	7 MOROCCO Pray for the wisdom of believers caught by secret police.	8 COLOMBIA Pray for the safe escape of "hot zone" pastors traveling to attend training.
9 INDIA Pray for Ardi's recovery from injuries suffered when he was beaten for his faith.	10 OMAN Pray that believers scattered around the country will have the opportunity for fellowship.	11 BHUTAN Pray for unity among Bhutanese Christians.	12 MOROCCO Pray that believers will boldly share the gospel with their families.	13 NIGERIA Pray that literacy programs will help Christians learn to read the Bible.	14 MALI Pray for the protection of two pastors who have received death threats.	15 JORDAN Pray that those ministering to refugees will be continually refreshed in Christ.
16 AZERBAIJAN Pray for President Ilham Aliyev.	17 BHUTAN Pray for more new pastors in the country.	18 MAURITANIA Pray for the protection of new believers, as war-torn areas is illegal.	19 NEPAL Pray that Nepal believers will continue to grow in faith despite increased pressure.	20 ETHIOPIA Pray for Christians who are persecuted by others who claim to follow Christ.	21 NIGERIA Pray for believers recovering from schools in southern Kaduna state.	22 AFGHANISTAN Pray that believers will be able to gather in house churches for secret, encouragement and worship.
23 BANGLADESH Pray for the Algar family, who rebelled because of persecution.	24 TURKMENISTAN Pray for creative and wise ways to share the gospel under tight governmental controls.	25 LEBANON Pray that Lebanon will remain a place of refuge for those fleeing neighboring countries.	26 VIETNAM Pray that believers will not be deceived by false teaching.	27 BAHRAIN Pray that children who accept Christ will grow and be encouraged in their faith.	28 YEMEN Pray for the strength and encouragement of persecuted believers.	29 OMAN Pray that Omani believers around the world will boldly speak about their faith.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 3 at 7pm.
All are invited to join us.

A (Very) Little Humor



An elderly pastor was told he only a short time to live. He called for his lawyer and IRS agent. They came to see him and sat down, one on each side of his bed. They said they were glad to be with him in his final hours, but wondered why he asked for them. He said, "Jesus died between two thieves, I want to go like He did!"



A cowboy had not gone to church in a long time. He decides to go and gets out his best shirt and jeans. He irons them, polishes his boots, and dusts off his hat. When he gets to the church he notices that everyone is very dressed-up. He finds a place to sit and listens to the preacher. After church, he shakes the preachers hand, and as he does so the preacher says, "I want you to go home and ask God how you should dress for church." The cowboy comes back the next Sunday, sits in the front row, wearing the same outfit. The preacher is not happy and came down to confront him. "I thought I asked you to ask God how you should dress for church." The cowboy answered, "I did, and He told me that He had never been to this church before!!"



A little girl was sitting on her grandfathers lap, looked up at him, and said, "You have a lot of wrinkles!" He replied, "I know. God made me a very long time ago." She asked, "Did God make me?" When grandfather replied, "Yes," she said, "He must be getting better at it, isn't He grandpa?"

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A Russian, an American, and a blonde were talking. The Russian says, "We were the first into space!" The American says, "We were the first to step on the moon!" The blonde says, "We are going to be the first to go to the sun!" The 2 remind her that the sun is VERY hot. She replies, "We are not that dumb. We'll go at night."

