



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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A NEW NORMAL?

After weathering the storm of the quarantine, we now face the challenge of worship with restrictions. Many of you know we reopened this past weekend. With the new restrictions of mask wearing, social distancing, and limited singing, it certainly poses challenges for everyone. Regardless, it was wonderful to see those who were able to attend last weekend! On an equally positive note, the past few months have afforded us the opportunity to live stream our services and Bible Studies to a larger audience. This will continue. Please pray that our "web print" will expand and the lives of those watching will be touched and transformed by the message they hear.

With outbreaks now rapidly rising in the south and west of the country, thereby indicating that the coronavirus is not seasonal, we are in for a long ordeal. But we will get through it the same way the early Church faced the challenges of persecution and starting from scratch. In fact, we have the key to moving forward from the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Church in Philippi. While he was under house arrest by the Roman authorities, Paul wrote in **Philippians 2:1-5**, ***"Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.***

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St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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In other words, in a time of crisis remember to keep the big picture in mind and look at this "new normal" as an opportunity to maximize the time God has given us and to make sure His Kingdom priorities are always center stage. This can only happen if we don't focus on our own wants and desires but rather remain united in Christ's love and purpose.

Recall our vision is ***transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ***. We accomplish this vision through our mission of sharing God's love through outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study. We can still do all of these both at home AND on site. **That is why your presence and support is vitally important now more than ever whether it be in person or online**. Our nation is at a crossroads. There is a lot that can go wrong and a lot that can go right. As we celebrate July 4th, let us, as the Body of Christ, not retreat and lessen our footprint in our nation and community, but rather let us increase it! Moreover, we are all in this together. So let's live like it!

In the Master's Service,
Fr. Ward

If all of your prayers were answered, would ***the*** world be a better place or would ***your*** world be better?

VESTRY

JUNE 2020

“Drive-In” & Sunday Services: Services will continue to stream live at 10 AM on Sundays even as we reopen with summer weekend services on Sat. at 4:30 PM and Sunday at 8 & 10 AM. You can click on a Facebook link from our website (stbartston.org). It should be noted our public worship follows the guidelines and requirements of the governing officials, the ACNA House of Bishops and the Diocese. Until then, we will not be doing anything beyond what is required and recommended. We need to remember there are serious liability issues if we do otherwise.

2020 VBS: Liz Burkett will be doing this year’s VBS virtually on July 13, 15, 17 & 19th, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Each participant will get a kit with all the necessary supplies to participate. Registration will be done on line.

2020 Picnic: Due to the concern over everyone’s safety and the need to social distance, St. Bart’s will not be having their annual picnic.

Remote Vestry Meetings: The full vestry will continue to meet with Fr. Ward via “Zoom” until it is safe to do so otherwise.

Donations: On-line giving is available through Rebelgive. Please go to our website for the link. If you do not have the ability to give on line, please contact the office to notify them a check is being mailed. This will ensure your check does not blow away because the door on the mailbox is not closed properly and/or tightly.

North Tonawanda Food Pantry: Recognizing the need to do our part in social distancing, please consider making a much-needed financial donation in lieu of dropping off bags of groceries.

Printed Sermons: Knowing some of you do not have the means to watch services on line, a printed version of the sermons can be sent to you. Please contact the office if you would like to receive a printed copy.



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



St. Barts Virtual VBS!



July 13th, 15th, 17th, & 19th | 6:30-7:30pm

TO REGISTER GO TO STBARTSTON.ORG

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY MORNINGS

11:45AM | ON ZOOM

CONTACT MISS LIZ FOR ZOOM INFO | DCE@STBARTSTON.ORG

VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:00PM | ON ZOOM

CONTACT MISS LIZ FOR ZOOM INFO | DCE@STBARTSTON.ORG

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **AUGUST** Chatter should be submitted no later than July 21. **Chatter deadline is ALWAYS the 3rd Tuesday of the month.** Thank you.

Son Rays Ministries is alive and well and has continued working during the COVID lockdown. Their events have been rescheduled as follows:

The annual yard sale will be held August 6 - 8.

The annual fundraising banquet is now scheduled for September 18 at a cost of \$40pp.

The annual Craft Fair and Lunch will be held October 14 -17.

If you are interested in attending any of these events or want more information about Son Rays Ministries, please contact Martha Francis (695-1022). The current newsletter will also be available in Fr. Amend Hall.

FOOD PANTRY: Because we are unable to collect food at this time please consider making a financial donation to:

North Tonawanda Food Pantry

100 Ridge Road

North Tonawanda, NY

14120



The Church Office will be re-opening Monday, July 6, though hours will most likely be reduced.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Bryce Sortino

July 2 Carl Hoffman

July 3 Caleb Chiaravalle, Daniel MacLeay,
Carolyn Oliveri, Rosemary Styn

July 4 Joseph Fisher, Denise Stacks,
Brenda Wisz

July 5 Mary Machelor, Anthony Prohaska

July 6 Amy Dake, Ross J. Tobin

July 8 Desiree Derschug, Terry Gamble,
Alaynah Hoy, Patti Prohaska, Nathaniel
VanNorman

July 10 Donna Delo, Evelyn Fisher

July 12 Zackary Boyle, Roy Brinkerhoff, Norm
Machelor, Adam Morgante

July 13 Emily Decker, Raymond Hooch, Glen
MacLeay, Dn. John Reitz, Janet Spence, Hugh
Wilson

July 14 Debi Calabrese, Gianna Clontz, Gregory
Tedesco Sr.

July 15 Lisa Johnson, Johanna Vaccaro

July 16 Margaret McAndrews, Sarah Small

July 17 Jim Glowonia

July 19 Rita Kissel

July 20 Richard Herrmann

July 22 Dottie LaDuca, Peter VanLente

July 23 Joseph Covella, Gary Galbreath,
Timothy Shotwell

July 24 Darryl Derschug, Christopher
Guggemos

July 25 Mark Begovich, Andrew Hillery, Jonah
Thebeau

July 26 Michele Brindisi, Michael Brylinski

July 27 Chase Clontz, Emily Emmons, Karen
Kopper, Sonny Scilia

July 28 Laurie Hayes, Robert Poeller

July 29 Eileen Arnold, Ashley Oberther, Ross
M. Tobin

July 30 Kathryn Sam, Michael Tarapata, Fiona
Wislom

July 31 Janice Casiano



August 1 Nicholas Weber, Mike Wisz

August 4 Elaine Wisniewski

August 5 Carie-Jo Cleary

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

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

July

New Life in Christ

Front-line workers in Myanmar baptize new believers in an area where Buddhist monks have actively opposed new Christian converts and evangelists.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ETHIOPIA Pray for the widows of recently martyred Christians.	2 AFGHANISTAN Pray for the provision and protection of local believers and their families.	3 MALAYSIA Pray that Christian converts from Islam will witness to family and friends.	4 DJIBOUTI Pray that Somali and Eritrean refugees will hear the gospel in Djibouti.
5 KENYA Pray that Somali refugees will be progressively open to the gospel.	6 MYANMAR Pray that hostile neighbors in war zones will not target believers.	7 ERITREA Pray for the continued development and success of a Bible school for Eritrean believers.	8 MALAYSIA Pray that missionaries will be able to get visas to live and work in Malaysia.	9 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that those arrested for their faith will feel Christ's presence.	10 MALDIVES Pray that Maldivians living in their country will come to know Christ.	11 CHINA Pray for a Uyghur believer who was kidnapped two years ago.
12 PHILIPPINES Pray that evangelists will have the right tools to reach and encourage believers in remote villages.	13 BRUTAN Pray that Nepali Christians in Brutan will grow in faith.	14 BANGLADESH Pray for orphans and other widows who have been orphaned or widowed for their faith.	15 KENYA Pray that churches in northeastern Kenya will remain strong as they face Islamist attacks.	16 CHINA Pray for children, who are forbidden to attend church or Sunday school.	17 TURKEY Pray that Christians will thrive in a difficult economic environment.	18 COMOROS Pray that believers will be able to meet and worship safely.
19 IRAQ Pray that more persecutors will come to know Christ in their hostile communities.	20 MALDIVES Pray that Christian workers will develop new strategies to reach the Maldives.	21 JORDAN Pray that churches in Jordan will minister to their Muslim neighbors as well as to refugees.	22 CHINA Pray for the protection of missionaries, despite the government's offer of cash to informants.	23 ETHIOPIA Pray that radio ministries will reach unreached people groups.	24 SYRIA Pray that God will raise up new pastors for depleted Syrian churches.	25 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that more pastors will be trained and more believers disciplined.
26 OMAN Pray for the protection of local believers.	27 KYRGYZSTAN Pray for President Tokayev.	28 NEPAL Pray that Bibles will reach the most remote mountainous regions of Nepal.	29 QATAR Pray that Qataris will respond to the gospel shared through Arabic broadcasts and websites.	30 TUNISIA Pray that the Barber people will be valued by other Tunisians.	31 BAHRAIN Pray that persecuted believers will continue to find strength in Christ.	

SUMMARY OF PAST TRAVELS (Pre-Pandemic!)

I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots**. Apparently, you can't go there alone. You have to be with someone.

I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in **Sane**. They don't have an airport— you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, family, and friends.

I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump to get there, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was important to stand firm.

Sometimes, I'm in **Capable**, and I find I go there more often as I've gotten older.

One of my favorite places to be is in **Suspense**. It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart. At my age I need all the stimuli I can get.

These are some of the many places I've been. How about you? Have you visited any of these places? If not, I suggest you give a few of them a try.

