



# 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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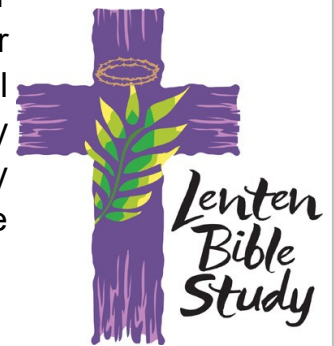
## The Chatter

MARCH 2020

### 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 of 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 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- 8PM 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.



St. Bart's Web Information

[www.stbartston.org](http://www.stbartston.org)

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



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# VESTRY

**Father Ward's Lenten Bible Study Beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th:** Will take place Wednesdays nights with the same study agenda given on Friday evenings. Only Wednesday nights will offer nursery services and Friday night's classes will follow a meatless cover-dish dinner. This year's topic will be "Finding the Joy of the Lord in a World of Sorrow".

**Lenten/Easter Offering:** The vestry approved to give our Lenten/Easter offerings to Bishop Atwood's Well Fund, Buffalo Dream Center, D. Nagy's Campus Crusade for Christ & Fr. & Mrs. Marc Jacobson's Anglican Missionaries in the Philippines.

**Vestry Members Commissioning:** Was held on Sunday, February 9, 2020.

**New Sheridan Drive Sign:** After meeting with the Town of Tonawanda for variance approval, a new sign will be installed this spring at the Sheridan Drive entrance.

**Active Shooter Training:** Anyone 14 and over will be invited to attend a 90-minute training class, on an evening sometime in April. Details are TBD.

**On-Line Giving:** This will be set up in the near future. Further details will be announced when everything is in place.

**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 the month.



# 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*

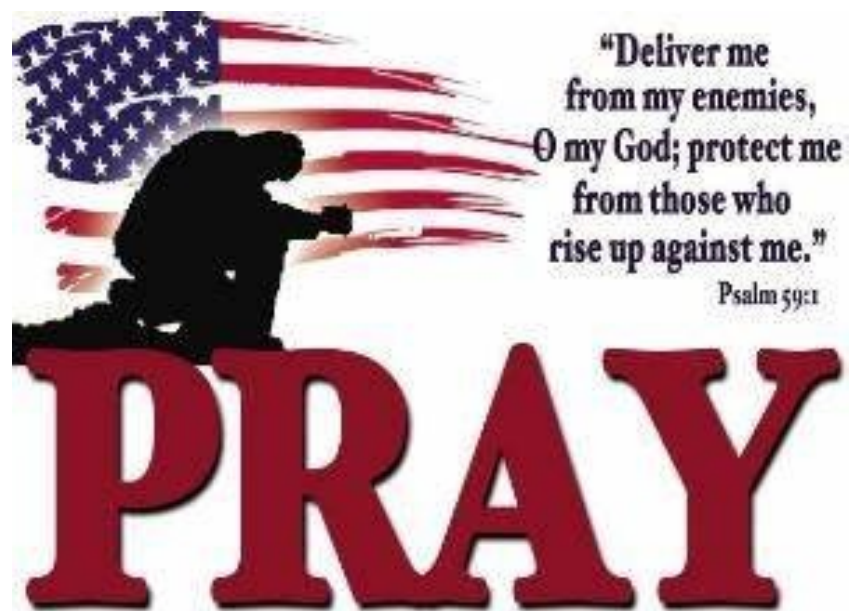
*James Kerins– US Army*

*A.J. Matteliano– US Army*

*Matthew Prohaska– US Air Force*

*Andrew Rebl– US Army*

*Michael Wassinger Jr. –US Army*



# *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!**



A big **“THANK YOU”** from Edith Manning for all of the prayers and cards and visits she has been blessed to receive. She values each and every one of them and hopes to be able to see you soon.



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **APRIL Chatter** should be submitted no later than **MARCH 17. Chatter deadline is ALWAYS the 3rd Tuesday of the month.**

Thank you.



**FOOD PANTRY:** A letter of thanks was received from the Food Pantry. It said that we, St. Bart's, donated **493 bags of food and personal care items in 2019.**

**We also contributed \$294.**

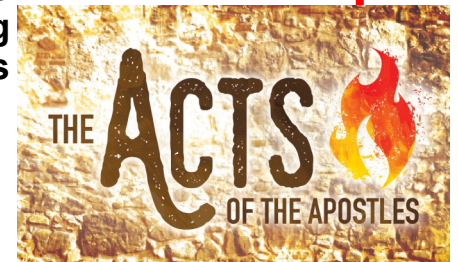
39 bags of food were donated in February.

***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 March 10 and 24, 6:30pm.

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



## PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

**will meet Monday,  
March 16 at 7pm.**

**Please join us as we pray  
for our church,  
our community,  
our nation,  
and the world.**



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



**GRIEF SHARE** will resume after Easter. Watch Parish Life and the Chatter for dates and times.

★ **MOVIE NIGHT** ★  
Admit One

**Monday, March 23** at 6:30pm

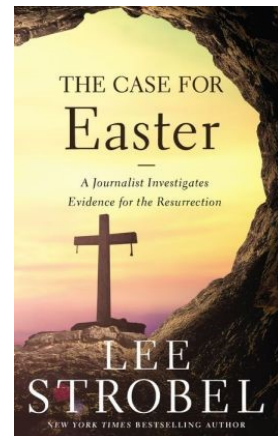
Join us for pizza and a movie that is sure to entertain. And, yes, we do have popcorn!!

## Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

*The Case for Easter: Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus*

A Book/Video presentation by Lee Strobel

10:30am All ladies are welcome.



# Generation Next News

## March 2020

### Events For grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

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

**March 21st**—Let them LOL Food packing event. Saturday, March 21st at 10:00am-12:00pm at 5205 Harris Hill Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

**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.

**Save the Date**—April 24th, Lazertron Event 6-8pm. Cost \$20 and includes food.

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Awaken was amazing! The Conference featured Reggie Dabbs Chris Hopper, and Toby Cavanaugh



as our large group session speakers. They reminded us about the importance of having, showing and sharing about our relationship with Jesus. WE learned we need grit when it comes to following Jesus. We have to find enjoyment in being a Christ follower, practice sharing his love, find out purpose, by allowing Jesus to mold our character, so that we can share the hope that can only be found in Jesus to the lost. We also had great breakout sessions on a wide variety of topics, such as LGBTQ and the church, mental health, self-harm, relationships, and how to find and use our creativity to glorify God.

These sessions Awakened us to helping those people around us who are lost and hurting and need the love and forgiveness of Jesus. The conference will be returning next year, so you have another chance to be awakened by Jesus



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.



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

For our Lazertron Event we will meet at the event center on N Bailey Avenue at 6:00pm. Pickup will also be at Lazertron. We will be doing two events Laser Tag and Cybersport. Pizza will also be provided.



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

In Christ, Liz



# PRAYER CORNER



## A LENTEN PRAYER CHALLENGE

During Lent may we reflect on our Prayer Life and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us where we maybe lacking. Scripture speaks of four different “Kinds of Prayer”.

### KINDS OF PRAYER:

- SECRET** Matthew 6:6  
But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
- FAMILY** Acts 10:2, 30  
...a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.  
So Cornelius said, “Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing.....”
- GROUP** Matthew 18:20  
For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.
- PUBLIC** 1 Corinthians 14: 14-17  
For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.



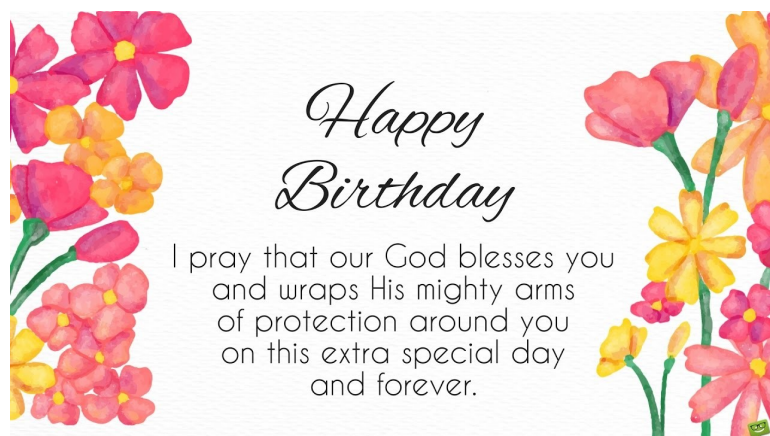
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James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D.  
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# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 Tina Gwizdowski  
March 2 Evan Dake, Morgan Simon  
March 3 Linda Cadena, Lynn Farley,  
Michael Hoy  
March 4 Janet McPherson, Richard Storey  
March 5 Donna Daniele, Rosemary Taber  
March 7 Patsy Winkler  
March 10 Elaine DiMaria, Isabelle Hillestad,  
Kenneth Sander  
March 11 Karen Decker, Joseph Flatley  
March 13 Robin Prohaska, Kelley Wojnowski  
March 14 Thomas Brzeczowski  
March 15 Thomas Crane, Christine Oliveri  
March 17 Gerald Bella  
March 18 Ashley Decker, Nathaniel Hillery,  
Ryan Hillery, Alexandra Lakeman,  
Albert Schreier, Jeanette Smalter  
March 19, William Cosentino, Kristen Fish,  
Kate Hillestad, Sharon Hughes,  
Brooke Vitaris, Freya Wilson  
March 20 Kim Condon, Richard Heer,  
James Hyzy  
March 21 Pam Ruisi  
March 22 Janice Nolan  
March 24 Jon Prohaska, Jon Arnold  
March 25 Lauren Lipinoga

March 26 Patrick Santora  
March 28 Linda Johnson, Anna Wilson  
March 29 Nancy Miletello, Morgan Tobin  
March 30 Jacob Sommer, James Scott  
March 31 Moriah Knowl



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

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

# MARCH CALENDAR

## March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	2 7pm Prayer for the Persecuted Church	3 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Neighborhood Watch 7pm Vestry Meeting	4 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes, Parents in Prayer, 7pm Sr. Choir, Lego Club, Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	5 6:30pm Worship Team	6 6pm Meatless Cover-Dish Dinner 7pm Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	7 4:30pm HE ****Set your Clocks AHEAD one hour****
8 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	9	10 6:30pm Men's Discipleship & Ladies Bible Study	11 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir, Lego Club, Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	12 6pm Travel Club Dinner 6pm Contemporary Choir 6:30pm Worship Team	13 6pm Meatless Cover-Dish Dinner 7pm Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	14 10am Bp Scaife Guild Lenten Brunch- All Welcome! 4:30pm HE
15 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	16 7pm Prayer for Revival	17 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	18 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes, Parents in Prayer 7pm Sr. Choir, Lego Club, Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	19 6:30pm Worship Team	20 6pm Meatless Cover-Dish Dinner 7pm Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	21 8:30am Iron Sharpens Iron 4:30pm HE
22 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS Children's Homily 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	23 6:30pm Movie Night	24 6:30pm Men's Discipleship & Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Crime Watch Board	25 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir, Lego Club, Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	26 6:30pm Worship Team	27 11am Intersessory Prayer 6pm Meatless Cover-Dish Dinner 7pm Bible Study "Finding Joy in a World of Sorrow"	28 4:30pm HE
29 8, 9:15 & 11:15am HE 9:15 & 11:15am SS 1pm Sudanese Service, Adult New Members Class	30	31 6:30pm Men's Discipleship				

# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

# March

*Finding Ways to Worship*  
 Unable to openly worship in Iran, these Christian converts from Islam enjoy a Farsi-language church service in nearby Turkey.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>LEBANON</b> Pray that Syrian Muslim refugees will respond to the gospel.	<b>2</b> <b>SRI LANKA</b> Pray for the training of more pastors.	<b>3</b> <b>LAOS</b> Pray that believers will grow in faith by hearing God's Word on electronic devices.	<b>4</b> <b>SUDAN</b> Pray for the Islamization of Sudan will stop under the new government.	<b>5</b> <b>ETHIOPIA</b> Pray for believers whose churches have been destroyed in attacks.	<b>6</b> <b>TUNISIA</b> Pray for the protection of Tunisian believers.	<b>7</b> <b>MALAYSIA</b> Pray for Islam, a convert to Christ who is married to a Muslim.
<b>8</b> <b>AZERBAIJAN</b> Pray that Christians will address the country's social problems, including abortion.	<b>9</b> <b>COMOROS</b> Pray for new believers, who are persecuted and ostracized.	<b>10</b> <b>TAJIKISTAN</b> Pray for church activities intended to strengthen believers' faith.	<b>11</b> <b>EGYPT</b> Pray that the government will give Christians the same rights as Muslims.	<b>12</b> <b>YEMEN</b> Pray for the protection of believers who meet secretly in homes.	<b>13</b> <b>MYANMAR</b> Pray that Bibles will reach believers who need them in remote villages.	<b>14</b> <b>ISRAEL</b> Pray for President Reuven Rivlin.
<b>15</b> <b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> Pray for the strength and encouragement of believers suffering because of their faith.	<b>16</b> <b>MALDIVES</b> Pray that believers in the Maldives will find Christian fellowship amid severe restrictions.	<b>17</b> <b>TURKEY</b> Pray that God will open eyes all over Turkey to his glorious plan of salvation.	<b>18</b> <b>ERITREA</b> Pray for the government, those in authority and Eritrea's longtime leader Isaias Afewerki.	<b>19</b> <b>QATAR</b> Pray for those undergoing persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ.	<b>20</b> <b>ISRAEL</b> Pray for from-line workers supported by VOM.	<b>21</b> <b>KENYA</b> Pray for those sharing the gospel with Somali refugees.
<b>22</b> <b>OMAN</b> Pray that believers facing hardships because of their faith find peace and encouragement.	<b>23</b> <b>TAJIKISTAN</b> Pray for Tamara, the widow of Pastor Sergio, who was martyred in 2004.	<b>24</b> <b>MAURITANIA</b> Pray that Christians will openly express their faith even though leaving Islam is punishable by death.	<b>25</b> <b>IRAN</b> Pray for the boldness and wisdom of church leaders inside and outside the country.	<b>26</b> <b>BRUNEI</b> Pray that five recently baptized believers grow in their relationship with Christ.	<b>27</b> <b>CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC</b> Pray for churches in Rafal and Obo as they care for Christian refugees.	<b>28</b> <b>MALDIVES</b> Pray for the encouragement of Maldivian believers as they face intense opposition.
<b>29</b> <b>KENYA</b> Pray for unity and collaboration among those serving Christian converts from Islam.	<b>30</b> <b>UZBEKISTAN</b> Pray that Christians will be allowed to minister in hospitals, orphanages and prisons.	<b>31</b> <b>KUWAIT</b> Pray for spiritual growth and maturity among local believers.				

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 2 at 7pm.  
 All are invited to join us.



# A Little St. Patrick's Day Humor



**I try to keep busy all year. In the summer I make cookies, and in the fall and winter I make toys in Santa's workshop.**

