



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, TOO, SHALL PASS...

"This, too, shall pass." You may have heard this saying before. While it is not in the Bible, its origin is thought to be from ancient Persia. In Jewish folklore, King Solomon is said to have used it, too. It reflects a spiritual principle affirmed throughout Holy Scripture. All that we know and hold dear in this life - both good and bad - is passing away. While that may seem like a negative thought it actually should give us great comfort. It is a reminder that though we live in a sinful world that is in a state of constant change and decay, the good news is that God does not change. His Word and character remain the same. And He is using all things to accomplish His purposes in Christ.

The question then, is, despite life's uncertainty and disappointments how will we make sure God is at the center of all we think and do? One of the ways we can do so is to establish a daily spiritual rhythm in our lives where our time is used not only for ourselves but for God. There is a reason why God commands us to rest at least one day a week. It is called the Sabbath. And whether it is on Saturday (the Old Covenant) or a Sunday (the New Covenant), such days remind us of our need for spiritual and physical rest. Our present health crisis has caused us to have to stay home and do just that -rest! But how will you use that rest time? There is much we can do. Maybe the best thing would be to take the time to reevaluate our entire life - our priorities, schedules, finances and work, to see if they really line up with the values of God's Kingdom.

This year in our nation's history is a cause for great anxiety unlike any in at least a couple generations. And yet, Jesus' words found in **Mt. 6:31-33** ring more clearly than ever before when He said, ***"Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 'For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.***

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St. Bart's Web Information

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So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Thus, when we seek first God's Kingdom we are actually focusing and working toward those things that are not passing away but are eternal!

It is why the Apostle Paul wrote in **2 Cor. 4:16-17**: ***"Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."***

So remember that while *"this, too, shall pass,"* take the extra time God has given you to use it for His glory and Kingdom!

Yours always in Christ,

Fr. Ward

This too shall pass...

VESTRY

Times have changed: Due the Covid 19 virus and the social distancing requirement, the full vestry met with Fr. Ward remotely via an app called “Zoom”. For those who aren’t familiar with this app, Zoom allows invitees to fully participate visually and audibly, in “real time” (live with no delays).

Sunday Services: Will continue to stream live through Facebook or later in the day on YouTube. You can find links to either of these venues through St Bart’s website (stbartston.org)

Book Club: Fr. Thebeau’s book club is now streaming on Wednesday nights. Look on St. Bart’s website for more info.

Prayer Meetings: Streaming of the prayer meetings has begun. Again, check our website for details.

Donations: On-line giving is now 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 or dropped in the mail. This will ensure your check is not blown away because the door on the mailbox isn’t 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.

Delayed until further notice:

Installation of the Sheridan Drive Sign

Active Shooter Class

Core Teem Meetings (However, now that we have the ability to meet via Zoom, it is anticipated a meeting will be held sometime in May.)

Annual Picnic: It is hoped a location and date sometime in August will be possible. No final decisions will be made until we know when this pandemic is considered over.



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.

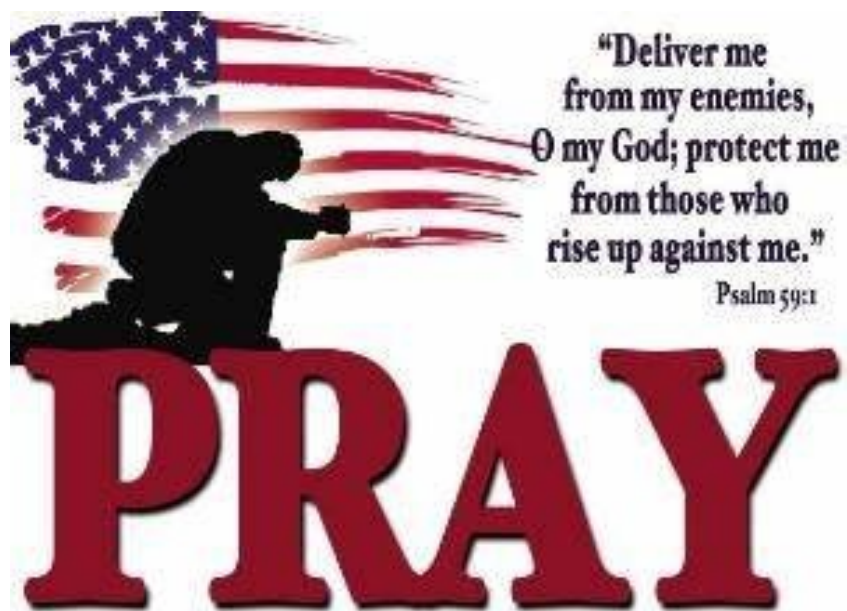
Virginia Boy– US Navy

James Kerins– US Army

A.J. Matteliano– US Army

Matthew Prohaska– US Air Force

Andrew Rebl– US Army



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **JUNE Chatter** should be submitted no later than **May 19. 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

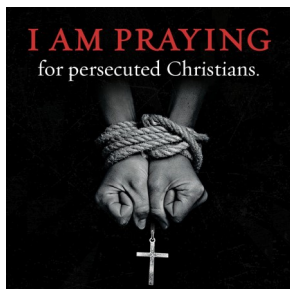


Pray for our country & its leaders as we all battle with the coronavirus.

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.



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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

May 6 Daniel Borzilleri, Monte Dolce

May 7 Alicia Matesic

May 8 Asa Begovich, Isabelle Kepner

May 9 Brandon Heacock, Harry Sam,
Robert Siegel

May 11 Caroline Rudin, Lucas Sommer,
Scott Ulrich

May 12 Mary DiPiano, Amy Giambanco

May 13 Anthony Oliveri

May 14 Gretchen Beyer, Charlotte Isaacs

May 15 James Winkler

May 16 Donald Gwizdowski, Julie VanLente,
Jeffrey Westerman

May 17 Michael Giambanco, Evelyn Luckoski,
Anna Okiec, Vanessa VanNorman

May 20 Victoria VanNorman

May 21 Donald Beyer

May 23 Bradley Smith, Victoria Martin

May 24 Michelle McCarthy

May 25 Betty Herrmann, Angel Hoy,
Nicole Santora, Benjamin Sawicki

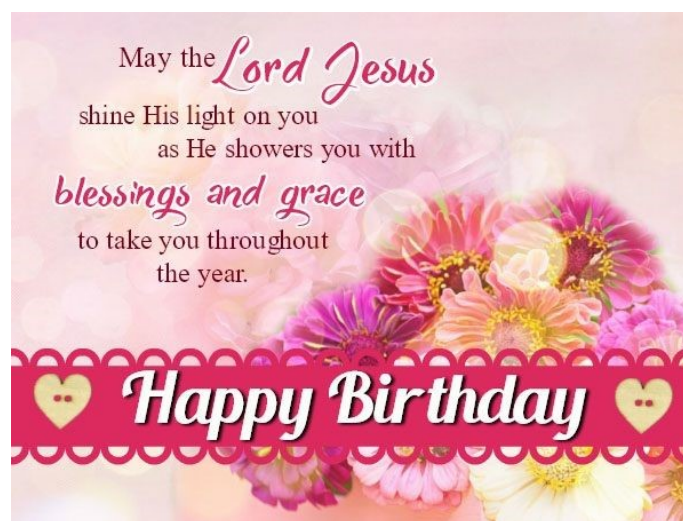
May 26 Gerald Ciccarelli, Danie McCarthy,
Matthew Rudin

May 27 Edward Doran, Barbara Weiser

May 28 Sharon Scott, Jessica Sawicki,
Joyce Wahl

May 30 Marie Prout

May 31 Christine Cross-Tedesco



June 1 Candace Kane, Mary Krause,
Linda McGee

June 2 Abby Hoy, William Ruhland,
Craig Schwab

June 3 Emily Bush, Robert Krieger,
Chailyn Seymour, Chase Seymour,
Chyler Seymour, Jennifer Stacks

June 4 Pam Machelor, Michael Spence Jr.

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

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

May

Good News for All

Many Khmu people, an ethnic minority in Communist Laos, have found hope in Christ through the faithful evangelistic work of men and women like this Khmu pastor.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 BANGLADESH Pray for those taking shelter from persecution in safe houses.	2 PHILIPPINES Pray that believers will show God's love to Muslims rather than viewing them as enemies.
3 PAKISTAN Pray for front-line workers who seek to strengthen Pakistani Christians.	4 COLOMBIA Pray for the strength of those who minister in the "red zones."	5 NORTH KOREA Pray for North Koreans who hear God's Word via shortwave radio broadcasts.	6 ISRAEL Pray that both Jews and Muslims will see the truth of Christ in God's Word.	7 ERITREA Pray that more Christian churches in Eritrea be licensed so that the Bible will be available for Eritrean youth.	8 IRAN Pray that God will protect the growing church in Iran from false teaching.	9 SUDAN Pray for those recovering from past Sudanese Air Force bombings in the Nuba Mountains.
10 NIGERIA Pray for items attending a camp for children whose parents were killed by Boko Haram.	11 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray for Christian refugees in Djemah who remain vulnerable after fleeing rebel attacks.	12 INDIA Pray for workers taking the gospel to members of the Jain religion, an unreached group.	13 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that Kyrgyz and Uzbek believers in southern Kyrgyzstan will unite in Christian love.	14 JORDAN Pray that churches will operate without fear and boldly evangelize their neighbors.	15 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for God's blessing on all outreach activities taking place in the country.	16 MALAYSIA Pray that front-line workers will find creative ways to distribute Bibles and Christian literature.
17 BANGLADESH Pray for Neelam, one of only two Christians at her school who faces persecution.	18 YEMEN Pray that women who are imprisoned because of their faith will see Christ in their circumstances.	19 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray that believers who hear the gospel will come to know Jesus Christ.	20 TURKMENISTAN Pray for believers distributing Christian literature in the Turkmen language.	21 LIBYA Pray that Libyans who have left their country will hear the gospel.	22 CUBA Pray that God will close the eyes of officials as Bibles pass through checkpoints.	23 SRI LANKA Pray that Sri Lankan churches will increase their evangelistic efforts.
24 BAHRAIN Pray for spiritual growth and unity among believers in the country.	25 VIETNAM Pray that front-line workers will identify and help persecuted believers.	26 MAURITANIA Pray that Christian converts from Islam will stand firm amid persecution.	27 ALGERIA Pray for government-approved churches that are being closed.	28 ERITREA Pray for underground church leaders inside Eritrea.	29 IRAQ Pray that those who risk their lives for God's kingdom will thrive.	30 MALDIVES Pray that those working in the Maldives will see much fruit from their efforts.
31 SOMALIA Pray for a VOM-sponsored media ministry reaching Somalis around the globe.						

Quarantined!!!

Government: work from home
Government employees:



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Lifeguards:



Government: Work from home
Firemen:



Government: work from home
Bus drivers:



Government: Work from home
Zookeepers:



Government: Work from home
Railroad workers:



Scenes From Quarantine

