



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

NOVEMBER 2020

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BIDS FAREWELL TO THE THEBEAUS!

On Wednesday October 21, Fr. Andrew Thebeau, his wife Rebecca, and their four sons John-Paul, James, Jonah and Joel left for Arlington, Texas. After serving three years and three months as our curate, Fr. Thebeau received the call to be the new rector of St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church in the Diocese of Fort Worth of the ACNA. It is a wonderful opportunity as he will have an assisting priest to help oversee a healthy congregation of over 500 souls. In addition, the Thebeaus will only be a three hour drive from his parents. Please continue to keep the Thebeaus in your prayers as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!!!

As we all know, the Presidential Election of 2020 is fast approaching. Rather than it being a time to calm anxieties and uncertainties of an already tumultuous year, this year's election has the potential to make matters worse. Please be informed, pray, and vote your conscience. Remember that God is ultimately sovereign over all things and every leader and nation does not rise or fall unless the Lord allows it. So regardless of the results, may we continue to remain vigilant and faithful to the call of making a difference in the lives of those around us. May we not lose heart but pray for healing in our land and pray that good comes from whatever happens. In life, we pray about the things that we cannot control, and work on the things we can control!

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As the Apostle Paul writes in **Philippians 4:4-9**: ***“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. 6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.8Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”*** In other words, PRAY, TRUST, and DO what’s right!



VESTRY

VESTRY NOTES: October 2020

Vestry Elections: A list of possible vestry candidates is being put together to serve a 3-year term beginning in 2021. As noted last month, due to the Covid pandemic and following the social-distancing protocols, the vestry unanimously voted to have only mail-in voting for the upcoming vestry elections. Ballots (if there are more than four candidates running) will be mailed to all eligible voting members in the first part of November. Ballots need to be returned by the December 10, either by mailing your vote in the stamped, self-addressed return envelope sent with the ballots or by dropping the ballot in the “voting drop box” that will be located in the Fr. Amend Hall.

Fr. Thebeau’s Replacement: It is obvious God’s hand is at work because on Nov. 1, 2020 Deacon Bush will join St. Bart’s full-time staff as a replacement for Fr. Thebeau. In the meantime, he will continue his preparation for his ordination to the priesthood which will be sometime in the new year.

Social Distancing: As the weather turns colder, please remember to bring your coats to your seats during service. There will be no coat hangers available. Also, please maintain social distancing when visiting afterwards.



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. BARTHOLOMEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOWN OF TONAWANDA, NY

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

REQUESTS THE HONOR
OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT A DINNER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

TO BE GIVEN IN HIS HONOR

THANKSGIVING DAY
November 26, 2020
8:00AM and 10:00AM

Remember the first invitation in
Matthew 22:1-14?

OUR THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES are at 8 & 10 am.
Remember to give thanks to Almighty God for His blessings to us
this past year. Emphasize the spiritual blessings of the day by
including your company in your celebration at church as well as
sharing food at your table at home. Receiving Holy Communion
on this holiday is an appropriate way to honor our Lord Jesus, as
well as gathering together our families with our church family.

THE ADVENT ENVELOPE is included in your packet of offering envelopes with the hope of returning the true meaning of Advent as a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts in our Christmas Communion. You may return the Advent envelope to church or place it in the alms basin anytime during the Advent/Christmas season. Advent offerings will be distributed to the needy and other Christian ministries. Thank you!

FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR may be given as memorials or thank offerings. Please use envelopes provided in the pews. **Deadline is December 6.**

THE ANNUAL PARISH ELECTION - Voting will take place by mail only. In November, if there are more than four candidates all members will receive ballots in the mail to be returned to the church by Dec.10. Photos and information about all candidates will be available before the election. Please see Father Ward if you are interested in being a candidate for Vestry.

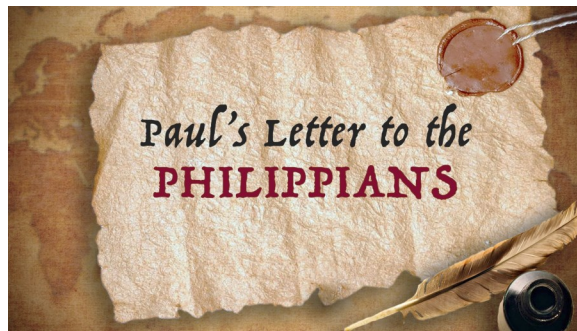
CHECK PARISH LIFE in the Sunday bulletin for announcements regarding the upcoming Annual Christmas Pageant, "A Very Mixed-up Christmas," streaming after the 10am service on 12/20 .

THE MONTHLY COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR THE PANTRY located in North Tonawanda is the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your continued, generous support of this ministry!

CARDS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS FOR YOUR PLEDGE TITHE FOR OUR 2021 BUDGET.

THE CAN-DO and JOYOUS CHRISTIAN: A Study of Philippians

Join Fr. Ward every Friday from 7 - 8 PM as he unpacks this powerful letter from the Apostle Paul. Paul's letter gives us key insights on how we can face the challenges and disappointments in life through our relationship with God in Christ. It is a continuation of Fr. Ward's Joy series of looking at ways we can increase our joy and more effectively move in the power of the Holy Spirit. If you can't join us live, the study will be livestreamed and available online for future viewing. The Study will continue through November 13.



Operation Christmas Child 2020

This year with just a few clicks you can pack an **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox gift online to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a boy or girl in need

around the world. Simply select toys and other fun items you'd like to include from the collection, and personalize your gift with your own letter and photo.

The gift will be packed for you and sent on its way for a suggested donation of just \$25. Help us reach our goal of 100 boxes by November 23rd by going to www.stbartston.org and donating to our goal page. Or drop off a donation of \$25 in an envelope marked "Operation Christmas Child" and we will build a box online for you.

In Christ, Liz

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A Call to Prayer from the Intercessory Prayer Team

By the time you are reading this newsletter, the 2020 election will be very close or will already have taken place. Unfortunately, given the chaos in our nation today, we may not know the results for weeks, even months. So it is more important than ever that we in the Church continue to pray for our nation and her leaders.

Regardless of who wins the Presidential and Congressional elections, we as Christians are called to respect and pray for our leaders. We may not like them or their policies, but as Romans 13:1 says "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. **The authorities that exist have been established by God.**"

So as we move ahead into 2021, as citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom, "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28. Let us keep praying and keep trusting God.

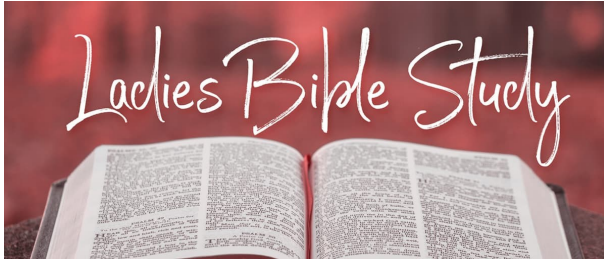
Cornerstone Manor is in need of diapers, sizes 5,6,and 7. They also need pajama sets, sweaters and sweatpants for women, medium thru extra large. Boys clothes of any size are also needed. We are going to collect items for Cornerstone the 2nd Sunday of each month.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **December Chatter** should be submitted no later than **November 17. Chatter deadline is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Thank you.**

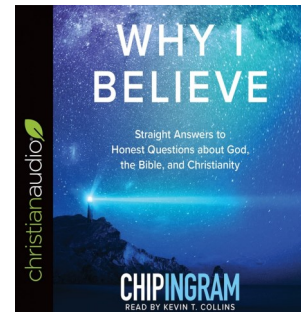
Ladies Tuesday Night Bible Study



will meet at 6:30pm November 10 & 24. We will be studying the book of Psalms. All are welcome to join us. Contact Louise Jones for more information.

Men's Tuesday Night Discipleship

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm. All men of the church are encouraged to join us. Contact John Krull for more information.



FOOD PANTRY

North Tonawanda Food Pantry
100 Ridge Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

We will collect food the first weekend of November. Please leave your bags in the front hall as you enter the building. (Only 14 bags were collected in October.) Thank you.



November Birthdays

November 1 Andrew LaDuca,
Margaret McCarthy

November 2 Brianna Hayes

November 3 Patricia Emmons, Sarah McCarthy

November 4 David Kisloski, Mark LaDuca,
Riley McAndrews, Cathy Reitz,
Renee Szymanski

November 5 Karen Dolce, Larry Miller

November 6 Hunter Hayes, Sharon Lukacz

November 9 Channing Seymour

November 10 Autumn Bush, Judy Karnuth,
Norma Passino

November 11 Muriel Forte, Karen Kristich,
Russell LaDuca, Caitlyn Siegel

November 12 James Glownia, Diane Hyzy

November 13 Pamela Austin,
Janelle Chiaravalle, Patrick McHenry

November 14 Nancy Brylinski

November 16 Michael Hillery, Larry Lade

November 17 Jean Servis

November 19 Robert Brunner, Alice Csont,
Paul Faust

November 20 Justin Johnson, Wendy Knapp

November 21 Lisa Borzilleri

November 22 Jacob Bush, Irene Scranton

November 23 Louis Oliveri Jr.

November 24 John Calabrese, Diane Merrick,
Caiden Socha

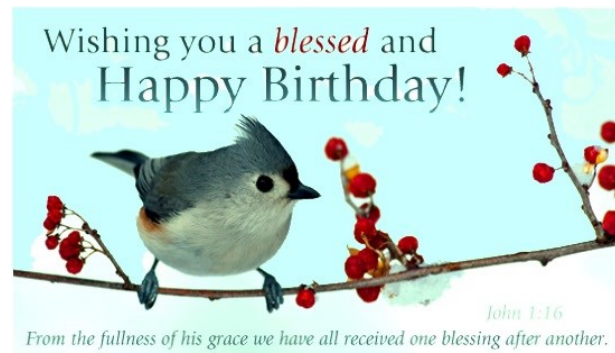
November 25 Ronald Derrett

November 27 Andrew Hillery III

November 28 Stephanie Fetter,
Thomas Passino, James Weiser

November 29 Dee Borzilleri,
Isabel Gradzewicz, Isabel Luckoski,
Robert Nowak, Molly Sammarco

November 30 Krista Clontz, Skye DeLuca,
Tom Houston, Erin VanLente



December 1 Marcia Brock, Khloe Kibby

December 2 Lucas Fish

December 4 Grace Ward

December 5 Richard Herrmann, Lindsay Tobin,
Carol Woepfel

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 & 10am HE *** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	2 7pm Prayers for Elections	3 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	4 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study	5 10:30am Women's Bible Study	6 7pm Fr. Ward's Bible Study	7 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
8 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School	9	10 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 7pm Vestry	11 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study	12 10:30am Women's Bible Study	13 7pm Fr. Ward's Bible Study	14 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
15 8 & 10am HE	16	17 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	18 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study	19 10:30am Women's Bible Study	20	21 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
22 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School	23	24 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	25 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study	26 THANKSGIVING DAY 8 & 10am HE	27	28 4:30pm HE
29 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School	30					

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

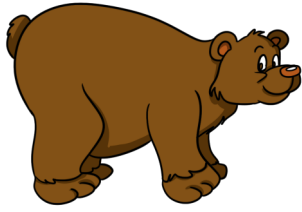
November

A Child-Like Faith

Indian believers, many of whom are former Hindus, praise God before a distribution of Christmas Care Packs to children in northern India.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 AZERBAIJAN Pray that the house church movement effectively reaches the country for Christ.	2 ISRAEL Pray for the families, the widow of martyr Ben Ayyad, and her three children.	3 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that there is growing ethnic unity and church planting and growth.	4 ERITREA Pray for the financial, physical and moral support of families of prisoners.	5 MALI Pray for Christian children who must attend Islamic schools in the north.	6 MALAYSIA Pray that Malay Muslims who hear the gospel will respond in repentance and faith.	7 EGYPT Pray that Christian converts from Islam will find godly spouses and be able to marry legally.
8 SUDAN Pray for the transitional government in Sudan following the fall of President Omar al-Bashir.	9 TANZANIA Pray that pastors in Zanzibar will continue to stand strong despite efforts to eliminate Christianity.	10 CUBA Pray for all those who have lost jobs, positions and opportunities for following Christ.	11 OMAN Pray that secret believers will find strength and encouragement.	12 MAURITANIA Pray for the spread of the gospel in this country where there are few believers.	13 EGYPT Pray that young Egyptians will be called and trained to serve in local churches.	14 KUWAIT Pray that Christian media will reach a wide audience and help many come to know Christ.
15 TURKEY Pray that mature leaders will emerge from churches of mostly former Muslims.	16 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that believers will have opportunities and the boldness to share their faith.	17 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray for Christians who are expelled from their communities after accepting Christ.	18 SYRIA Pray that Syrian Christians will continue to minister to those suffering around them.	19 DJIBOUTI Pray for the country's stability so it can serve as a refuge for persecuted believers.	20 PAKISTAN Pray that God will comfort the widows and orphans of martyred Christians.	21 VIETNAM Pray that Christmas Care Packs will reach families who most need encouragement in their faith.
22 INDIA Pray that those receiving Bibles in Mumbai will be drawn to Christ.	23 NORTH KOREA Pray for an imprisoned Christian worker facing execution in North Korea.	24 INDONESIA Pray that mission training schools will produce faithful missionaries.	25 ISRAEL Pray for outreach events happening all over the country.	26 JORDAN Pray that churches will renew their focus on raising up young leaders.	27 QATAR Pray that Qataris will hear about Jesus.	28 TUNISIA Pray that the more than 1 million Libyans who have immigrated to Tunisia will hear the gospel.
29 BHUTAN Pray that pastors will continue to grow in their knowledge of God's Word.	30 YEMEN Pray that those who receive Christ will remain faithful despite opposition.					

CHURCH CHUCKLES



Lisa came home from Sunday school and told her mother she had learned a song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took her mother a while to realize the hymn was "Gladly the Cross I'd Bear."

Anyone who has lost a job lately is invited to attend a special service to pray to a **HIRE** power.

Let's Pray!

Sign on laundromat next door to a church:

Here's where cleanliness really is next to godliness!!



As the Sunday school teacher described how Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt, little Jimmy interrupted and said, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole!"



Lynn spent the entire ride home from church inspecting the bottom of her shoes. She finally put it back on and told her mom, "I know why Rev. Ron told us to do some **sole** searching. I found gum, tape and a bug on mine!"

A Sunday school teacher asked the class, "Does anyone know what we mean by 'sins of omission?'"

One young girl replied, "Aren't those the sins we should have committed but didn't?"

