



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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"FEAR NOT AND BE NOT DISMAYED!"

"Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand." (Is. 41:10) Although such words were spoken by the Holy Spirit through the prophet Isaiah over 2700 years ago, they still ring true today! Despite the continued uncertainty and disruption of every day life, God is with us! And He will see us through this year and into the next no matter what happens. In the meantime, we will continue to have a three service weekend schedule with services at 4:30 PM on Saturdays, and 8 AM and 10 AM on Sundays for the foreseeable future. Live Wednesday morning Holy Eucharist will resume on September 9 at 9:30 AM. We will continue to live stream the 10 AM Sunday and 9:30 AM Wednesday services.

Beginning September 13, Children's Sunday School will be held live in person every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month while our program will go virtual on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month. We hope to provide nursery care at the 10 AM service. There will be no choirs at least into the new year. Small group Bible Studies will be allowed on site as long as social distancing is maintained. My Friday Night Bible Study on Joy will resume every Friday from 7-8:15 PM beginning October 2 and it will also be live streamed for those who can't attend in person.

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St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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It should be noted that many Church leaders across the country are calling for the citizens of our nation to gather for a time of prayer for repentance and revival on Saturday September 26. While tens of thousands will gather on the Mall in Washington DC the all day event will be simulcast so that the entire nation can participate. We will be one of the sites hosting the simulcast and everyone is invited to come for at least an hour to the church on that day. You will also be able to view the event online at home. You can find more details on our website at www.stbartston.org or www.thereturn.org.

During these unprecedented times, it is imperative that all of us begin a season of renewed repentance in our lives. As I noted in my sermon at the end of August, when there is a crisis, the one response God calls all of us to - is repentance! We cannot expect revival in our own spirit unless we practice a life of daily repentance, of turning from self to God in Christ. It is why Jesus declared in **Luke 9:23**, ***"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."*** And we cannot expect revival in our family, church, community, or nation, unless we first do so individually! Revival starts with me and you!

So let us not lose heart, but press on and make the most of the opportunities God gives us to grow in our walks with Christ and share His light and love with others!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ward

VESTRY

VESTRY did not meet in August.



FOOD PANTRY

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

We will begin collecting food in September (first Sat. & Sun.). Please leave your bags in the front hall as you enter the building.



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 **OCTOBER** Chatter should be submitted no later than September 22. **Chatter deadline is USUALLY the 3rd Tuesday of the month.**

Thank you.

Women's Tuesday night Bible Study



We will meet **Tuesday, September 15,**
6:30- 8:00 in the small Fellowship room.

It will be a "catching up and planning" meeting. Hopefully we will be able to social distance and not wear masks. Contact Louise Jones for more information.

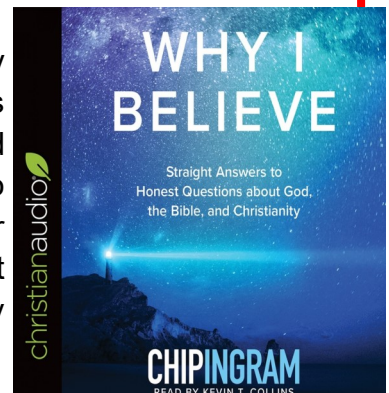


A CALL TO PRAYER

The Intercessory Prayer Team of St. Bart's encourages all members and friends of St. Bart's to spend time in prayer for the next months as we approach possibly the most significant election in our country's history. We need to pray for our leaders and our citizens, that God will work in our hearts to understand what is happening in the United States at this time and we need to recognize our need to repent of our personal sins as well as the sins of the Church and our nation. We need to humbly kneel before God and beseech him to bring healing and peace to our nation. God has blessed this nation in uncountable ways but we have turned away from Him and His law, so it is past time for the United States to return to Him and follow His ways. Only a return to God and obedience to His law can save our nation. Our part, as believers, is to seek Him in prayer and live lives that reflect His love and mercy.

Men's Tuesday Night Discipleship

We will resume on September 15 and continue every Tuesday after that. We begin at 6:30 PM and go until about 8 PM, sometimes a little over. We will be starting a new series by Chip Ingram titled "Why I Believe." We have the DVDs and we have the work books, so all we need now is your attendance. This series will go on for 6 weeks. On Tuesday nights that there is a vestry meeting we start at 6PM instead of 6:30PM. You will need to bring a mask with you. Any questions give John Krull a call (716-868-6328).



September Birthdays

September 1 Angelo Morgante

September 4 Julie Clementi

September 6 Emily Begovich

September 8 Debora Geis,
Dn. Gary Wisniewski

September 9 Donald Lonczak

September 11 Justine McCargo,
Brayden Santora, Elizabeth Stacks

September 13 Joann Bush, Stella Sawicki

September 14 Dawn Glowonia, Danielle Hyland,
Damian Sammarco

September 15 Dorothy Bauerle

September 16 Sharon Brodka, Jocelyn Clontz,
James Daniele

September 17 Rebecca Hillery,
Carianne McCarthy, Mary Rojek

September 18 Carter Heacock,
Theresa Klotzbir

September 19 Ethan Brown, Mary Gamble,
Alex Morgante

September 20 Lawrence Fenzel,
Alison Karelus, Patrick McAndrews

September 21 Thomas Brown Jr., Eliana Craig,
Robert Henzler, Joseph Rudin

September 22 Michele Bainbridge,
Alexis Santillo

September 23 Jason Fish, Mark Prohaska

September 24 Fr. Russell Amend, Brian Lapp,
Kiersten Lapp, Nathan Lapp,
Aaron Machelor, Susan Rieman

September 26 Alana Bush, Kelsey Simon

September 27 Wilson Emmons Jr.,
Julia Sawicki

September 28 David Dyviniak

September 29 Madison Boyle, Jay Clontz Jr.,
Linda Kisloski, Jonathon Welkley

September 30 Bradley Fish, Ryan Fish,
Kimberley McAndrews, Jennifer Moyer,
Abigail Sommer



October 1 Ephraim Bush, Scott Stolz

October 2 Victoria Smith

October 3 Dona Fenzel, Elaine Kyser

October 4 Alessia Craig, Pamela Fish,
Sarah Hillery, Joanna Jones,
Fr. Albert Montanari

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

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

September

Secret Bible Study

Front-line workers must meet secretly to teach the Scriptures to North Koreans along the mountainous border between North Korea and China.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 UZBEKISTAN Pray for President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.	2 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that those standing trial because of their faith will be encouraged and strengthened.	3 NORTH KOREA Pray for "Sister J" as she distributes audio Bibles inside North Korea.	4 CHINA Pray for Pastor Xi and his wife, who were arrested, tortured and forced to relocate.	5 KUWAIT Pray that Kuwaiti students in the U.S. will bear the gospel and turn to Christ.
6 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that displaced Christians will forgive their persecutors.	7 SOMALIA Pray that believers will have access to Somali Bibles.	8 MOROCCO Pray that basic schools led by extremists will be closed.	9 BRUNEI Pray that churches and missionaries will find creative ways to bring the gospel to Malay people.	10 TURKEY Pray that Christian youth will find ways to minister to those who are persecuted to Christ.	11 DJIBOUTI Pray for Christian converts from Islam who face pressure and persecution from their communities.	12 EGYPT Pray that Christian converts from Islam will be accepted by existing churches.
13 LEBANON Pray for pastors and churches who feel overwhelmed by the needs of refugees.	14 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray that more workers will be sent to tribal areas of the country.	15 BRUNEI Pray for a front-line worker battling cancer.	16 QATAR Pray that believers will overcome fear and that the gospel will be freely shared.	17 LEBANON Pray for persecuted Christians who feel alone in their suffering.	18 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray for Spanish Bible distributions in previously inaccessible communities.	19 LIBYA Pray for those whose only opportunity for fellowship is online churches.
20 COLOMBIA Pray that "red zone" churches stand strong amid restrictions and threats.	21 LAOS Pray that new believers expelled by their communities will not waver in faith.	22 BAHRAIN Pray for the peace and comfort of those abandoned by loved ones because of their faith.	23 DJIBOUTI Pray for unity among front-line workers in Djibouti.	24 SAUDI ARABIA Pray for those forced to leave their family and even their country because of their faith.	25 UZBEKISTAN Pray for an increase in the number of native Uzbek evangelists.	26 BAHRAIN Pray that the truth of Christ will be revealed to those who receive a Bible.
27 TURKMENISTAN Pray for unity and cooperation among the pastors of registered and unregistered congregations.	28 LIBYA Pray that many will be reached by Christian broadcasts and internet evangelism.	29 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray for churches in areas controlled by the Zapatistas (Marxist guerrillas).	30 EGYPT Pray that churches in Egypt will always be prepared for persecution.			

From Reader's Digest:

A kindergarten teacher was telling her students about different kinds of animals. "Whales are the largest," she said, "but they cannot swallow people because their throats are too small."

"But in the Bible, it says that Jonah was swallowed by a whale," said a little girl.

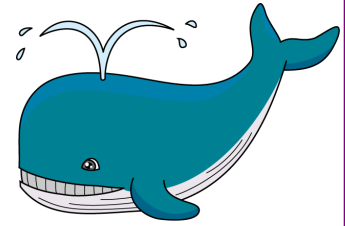
"You can't always believe what you read," the teacher replied.

"Well, when I go to heaven," said the little girl, "I'll ask Jonah."

"And what if Jonah didn't go to heaven?"

"Then you ask him."

submitted by Betty Alexander



The fact that Head & Shoulders doesn't have a body wash called Knees & Toes disappoints me!

What does a dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac do at night?

He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.



Forecast: God reigns and the Son shines forever

As you pass this little church,
be sure to plan a visit,
so when at last
you're carried in,
God won't ask "Who is it?"