



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.*

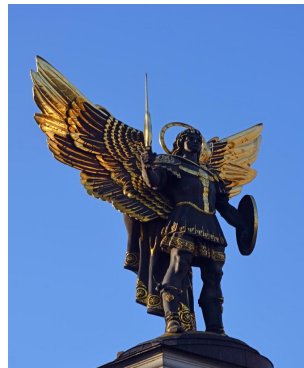
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The Chatter

APRIL 2022

WHY UKRAINE MATTERS

"And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."
Rev. 12:7-9



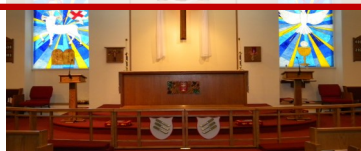
In the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, one of the most prominent statues is a powerful image of St. Michael the Archangel that overlooks Independence Square. This great archangel is the patron saint of the city! He is even on the city flag. Is that a coincidence? I don't think so.

The Archangel Michael is mentioned four times in the Bible. His role of fighting the devil figures prominently, especially in Revelation. So make no mistake, the events in Ukraine are a visible manifestation of the greater heavenly war going on around us. Christ died on the cross to give us victory over the flesh, the world and the devil. . Lent reminds us of that sacrifice but it also reminds us that the only way to defeat these three enemies of Christ is to daily crucify the flesh - our sinful human nature in Jesus name! Such self-denial is not easy. It will cost us comfort, time, and effort. But it is worth it! ***Continued on page 2***

St. Bart's Web Information

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What happens in Ukraine will continue to affect us in the weeks and months ahead. Ukraine is a test for our world. It confronts us with clear choices. Do we turn to the Lord during this dark hour with prayer and fasting or just continue with the same old routine? Do we help the Ukrainian people or ignore their plight?

The Lord Jesus is CRYSTAL CLEAR - to ignore someone who is being victimized, abused, or attacked is to be complicit with evil. Even if it means detriment or harm to your person, we are called to act. It is why Jesus said in **Jn. 15:13**, ***“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life down for his friends.”***

The invasion of Ukraine is one of the most diabolical events in modern human history. As a result of this unprovoked invasion, over 10 million people have been displaced from their homes, over 3 million of which are now in other nations. Thousands of innocent civilians have already lost their lives. The burden placed on neighboring nations is great. Ukraine and Russia are the breadbasket of Europe and supply the world with 30% of its wheat. As a result, energy and food prices will continue to skyrocket. And yet the Spirit of God is moving in Ukraine. People are being saved spiritually as well as physically.

But we can't let up. We must continue to pray, fast, and make God a priority in our lives. We must pray for our leaders in Washington to make wise and prudent decisions. And we must continue to pray that God would tear down the spiritual forces of evil that have gripped the leaders in Russia. I believe good will come from this but it will be because of the prayers and effort of God's people in support of the Archangel Michael and the heavenly host! (**Eph. 6:10-19**).

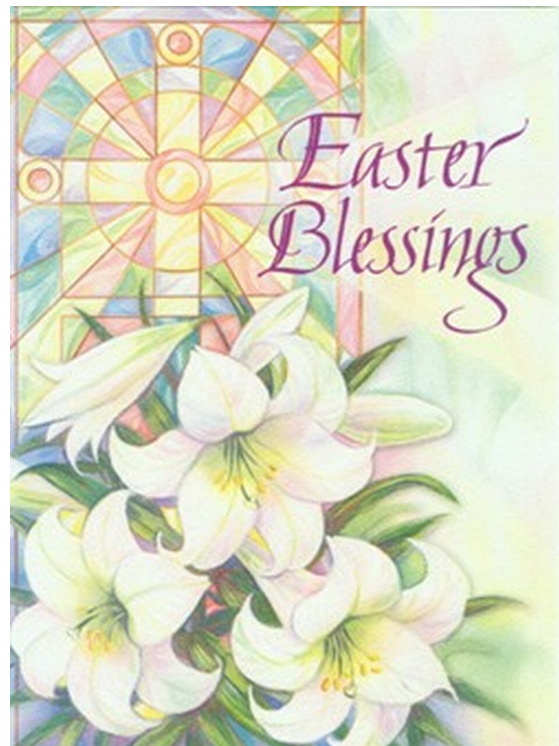
In faith , hope, and love for Ukraine,
Fr. Ward

VESTRY

March 2022

New Organist & Choir Director: Please welcome Margaret Bukkosal as the new organist and choir director. She is replacing Terry Gamble who has retired after many years of service to St. Bart's. In addition to handling all of the musical ministry needs of St. Bart's, Margaret will take on the responsibilities of leading the choirs and playing the organ and/or piano on holidays, special services and every Saturday and Sunday (except when Jim Kibby and the group is playing on the fourth Sunday of each month).

Lenten & Easter Offerings: This year's offerings will be given to Saving Grace, Nagy's Campus Crusade for Christ, Community Life (Sheridan/Parkside Project), and the Ukrainian Relief. Please give generously as these Christian entities are in need more than ever, especially in these troubled times.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

April 10, 2022

Services at 8:00 & 10:00am

With the addition of the Blessing of the Palms

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

(April 11-16)

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Holy Eucharist 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist 9:30am, 6:30pm

THURSDAY

Holy Eucharist 7:00pm

Tenebrae Rehearsal 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Liturgical 3 hours Noon to 3:00pm

SOLEMN TENEBRAE 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

April 17, 2022

8:00am, 10:00am Holy Eucharist

FASTING – Jesus expected all of His followers to fast (Mark 2:18-20), and left general directions on our attitude while fasting (Matthew 6:16-18). Our Prayer Book gives the Church's discipline & days of fasting on pg. 7. *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday* are days when all are expected to fast – a minimum for any in good health is to omit at least one meal. Some omit food the entire day, drinking only water. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide, and follow Jesus' direction as given in Matthew's Gospel quoted above.

CARE OF THE PALMS – Blessed Palms are never to be carelessly discarded – but always reverently burned. They can be placed near any religious picture or memento in the home, and burned on the day before Ash Wednesday next year.

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPES can be found in the envelope packet you receive in the mail. Extra envelopes will be in the pews if needed. Funds will be given to those in need.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS SUNDAY MAY 1. Personal care items such as bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, etc.; also spaghetti sauce, pasta, tuna fish, cereals, fruit, peanut butter and 'boxed dinners' are appreciated. Thanks to all who have donated in the past. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the North Tonawanda Food Pantry.

HOLY CONFIRMATION will be June 5 at the 10:15am service.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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– Navy

Amanda Brzeczowski– Reserves

James Kerins– Army

A.J. Matteliano– Army

Matthew Prohaska– Air Force

Andrew Rebl– US Army



FOOD PANTRY

Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first weekend of every month**.

Leave your bags in the front hall as you enter the building. Or, consider making a financial donation to:

North Tonawanda Food Pantry
100 Ridge Road
N. Tonawanda 14120

**movie
night**

MONDAY, April 25 at 6:30pm

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be **Saturday, April 16** at 9am. All men of the church are invited. Contact John Krull for more information.



Deadline for the MAY CHATTER is Tuesday, April 19th.

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Join us for an

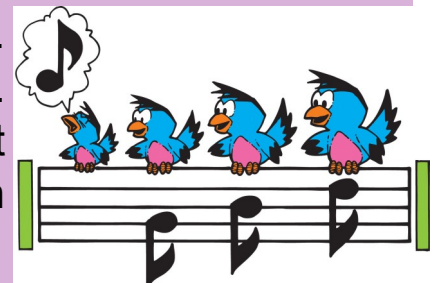
EVENING OF PRAYER,

Thursday, April 21 at 7pm.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month.



Do you love to sing? Then the Choir is where you want to be! We are looking for people to join the Senior Choir. No experience is necessary- just a desire to 'make a joyful noise' to the Lord. We rehearse most Wednesdays at 7pm. Just show up for rehearsal, or see Margaret Bukkosy (or any choir member) after church for more information.



ADD YOUR VOICE!

BIBLE STUDIES



Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

We are currently studying the book of **Matthew**. Think of miracles and parables! Study materials are provided. Bring a study Bible if you have one. We will be meeting **April 26** in the large fellowship room, **from 6:30-8:00 pm**. Come and join your sisters in Christ for study and fellowship. **Questions? Call Louise Jones at 874-0526**



Men's Discipleship meets every **Tuesday at 6:30pm** . All men of the church are encouraged to join us. Contact John Krull for more information.



The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We are continuing our study of the book of Isaiah. All ladies are invited to join us, Wednesday morning at 10:30am in the Fellowship Room. See Barbara Molison for more information

Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

April 2022

Breaking New Trails With Jesus



Have you heard the term "breaking trail"? It may sound familiar to you if you've hiked, especially in winter. "Breaking trail" is something you do when encountering deep snow that's tough to navigate. One hiker usually goes ahead of their group and clears the way to make it easier for others to follow. The person who "breaks" the trail is known as the "trail breaker." In our 6-week Easter series, we'll hear and discuss stories about our "trail breaker," Jesus, who never gives up on us, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us a mission.

Next Happenings

Wednesdays, 6 pm - 8 pm

Join us for our regular meetings filled with engaging Bible lessons and fun activities

***No meeting April 13th during Holy Week**

Friday, April 22nd

Our Bowling Event will take place from 6 pm - 8 pm at Tonawanda Lanes 574 Young St. in Tonawanda.

Sunday, April 24th

Kingdom Bound informational meeting at 11:45 am

Friday, May 20th

Save the Date! We will meet at Lasertron on N Bailey Ave. 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

"But the Fact is, Christ has been raised From the dead, the First Fruits of those who are asleep."

1 Corinthians 15:20 NASB

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett

What an incredible night we had at the Casting Crowns Concert! I was encouraged by Mark Hall's words as he shared the importance of being in God's presence. The more time we spend with God, the less we have to work on humbling ourselves because we'll be able to recognize who we truly are; sinners in need of a Savior and that Savior is Jesus. He is the only one who can take away our sin and give us everlasting life. So let's live for the world to see nobody but Jesus!

In Christ,
Liz

Our Bowling Event will take place on Friday, April 22nd, from 6 pm - 8 pm at Tonawanda Lanes at 574 Young Street in Tonawanda. The cost is \$10 and will include bowling ball and shoe rental, pizza, and pop. Please let me know by ASAP if you and any of your friends will be joining us for this fun event!



Kingdom Bound informational meeting on Sunday, April 24th at 11:45 am in the double room upstairs. The dates are July 24th - 28th. We will look over the informational packet for the event have sign-up sheets for the food requests and Dinner Fundraiser coming up in June (date TBD) to help offset the cost of Kingdom Bound. The price is \$250 per person and includes their ticket, lodging (in an air-conditioned, fully furnished cabin with a full bathroom), and meals for the four days. We do have scholarships available, so please don't let costs keep them from coming to this great event, contact Liz, and we can work it out. We ask for a commitment of \$50 to be turned in to Liz at the meeting.

Save the Date! May 20th! For this event, we will meet at the Lasertron event center on N Bailey Avenue at 6:00 pm Pickup will also be at Lasertron at 8:30 pm. We will be doing two events: Laser Tag and Putt-Putt Golf. Pizza will also be provided. The cost is \$20 per person.



Ingredients

- 1 can Pillsbury Crescent Dough
- 8 large marshmallows
- water
- cinnamon & sugar mixed together in a bowl

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray or line with parchment paper.
- Unroll crescent dough and separate each triangle.
- Have children dip marshmallow in water. Roll in cinnamon and sugar mixture.
- Place marshmallow in the top of the crescent roll and roll into a crescent roll shape, then secure the sides by tucking them under and pinching them closed.
- Place on prepared cookie sheet and repeat with remaining 7 rolls.
- Bake in preheated oven for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown on the outside.
- Let cool for a few minutes and then let the children pick a roll to open up. The marshmallow has disappeared!

www.yummyhealthyeasy.com/easter-resurrection-rolls

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|
| 1 Carolyn Everett, Pamela Morrison | 25 Zachary Passino |
| 2 Aidyn McAndrews | 26 Isaiah Luckoski, Edith Manning,
Diane Moyer, Tammy Osmon,
Carol Swist |
| 3 Jennifer Gradzewicz,
Jacquelyn Luckoski | 27 Sonny Scilia |
| 4 KatieGrace Hillestad, Edward Woepfel | 29 Alan Heacock |
| 5 Joan Bella, Makayla Johnson | 30 David Gray |
| 7 Debra Birchenough | |
| 9 Danette Utz | |
| 10 Jean Dean | |
| 11 Samantha Fisher, Kenneth George | |
| 12 Diane Heer | |
| 13 Denise Brown, Renee Garrasi,
Holly Thompson | |
| 14 Paul Karelus, Jeremy Kyser,
Aaron Machelor | |
| 17 Scott Giaquinto, Connie Hoock | |
| 18 Craig Heer, Kristopher Styn | |
| 19 Cindy Brown, Kevin Moyer,
Alyssa Ward | |
| 20 William Austin, Kyle Matesic,
Janelle Westerman | |
| 22 Arielle Derrett | |
| 23 James McNamara, Amanda Merrick,
Thomas Prohaska | |



MAY

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| 1 Susan Horvath, Sydney Lakeman,
Rachel Teall |
| 3 Charles Abramo, Jack Gradzewicz |
| 4 Elizabeth Merrick |
| 5 Joan Calamita, Rosemary Davis,
Valerie Ulrich |

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (716) 831-1777 or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NOTES:</p> <p><i>April</i></p>						
<p>3 ALGERIA Pray for Christians who suffer at the hands of their unbelieving families.</p>	<p>4 PAKISTAN Pray for impoverished believers and for those imprisoned for their faith.</p>	<p>5 COLOMBIA Pray that families of martyrs will remain faithful and continue to heal emotionally and spiritually.</p>	<p>6 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for Pastor Zhetis and his family, who are continually threatened by local authorities.</p>	<p>7 COMOROS Pray for Bible translations in Comorian dialects.</p>	<p>8 ISRAEL Pray for Christian families in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip who face continual pressure.</p>	<p>9 AFGHANISTAN Pray for front-line workers involved in evangelism, discipleship and house churches.</p>
<p>10 KUWAIT Pray that persecuted believers who fled the country will be able to visit their families.</p>	<p>11 PHILIPPINES Pray for front-line workers Ruth and Mary, beginning work in a new community among the Maguindanao people.</p>	<p>12 NIGERIA Pray that more Fulani will come to Christ through a new outreach in northeastern Nigeria.</p>	<p>13 UGANDA Pray for the courage and stability of Molly and Shanita, whose mother was killed for her faith.</p>	<p>14 INDIA Pray for Christian organizations, as many are being shut down by new government regulations.</p>	<p>15 TANZANIA Pray for Christian converts from Islam, who suffer greatly at the hands of family members.</p>	<p>16 CAMEROON Pray that church leaders will lead God's people biblically in love and wisdom.</p>
<p>17 LAOS Pray for unity among the new generation of Christian leaders despite their differing ethnicities.</p>	<p>18 SAUDI ARABIA Pray for the protection and growth of small local fellowships throughout the country.</p>	<p>19 MYANMAR Pray for churches in Myanmar as they navigate political instability and uncertainty.</p>	<p>20 BAHRAIN Pray that Jesus Christ will be revealed to those persecuting believers.</p>	<p>21 LEBANON Pray for those ministering to Syrian refugees in the Bekaa Valley.</p>	<p>22 SRI LANKA Pray for those reaching out to children.</p>	<p>23 TURKMENISTAN Pray that the government will officially recognize the Bible in the Turkmen language.</p>
<p>24 NORTH KOREA Pray for the engineers responsible for keeping daily gospel radio broadcasts on the air.</p>	<p>25 NEPAL Pray for Christian widows in Nepal who face severe discrimination.</p>	<p>26 SYRIA Pray for Pastor Victor in Afrin, who is faithfully sharing Christ amid great turmoil.</p>	<p>27 VIETNAM Pray for new believers experiencing persecution through the loss of homes, land and livelihood.</p>	<p>28 AZERBAIJAN Pray that churches will reach out to those who lost income during pandemic quarantines.</p>	<p>29 ERITREA Pray for the government, those in authority and Eritrea's long-time leader, Isaias Afwerki.</p>	<p>30 BURKINA FASO Pray that new believers will be able to get their own copy of God's Word.</p>

APRIL CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7pm Fr. Ward's Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount	2 4:30pm HE
3 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School 11:45am New Member's Class	4	5 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	6 9:30am HE 10:30am Woman's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Choir	7	8 7pm Fr. Ward's Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount	9 4:30pm HE
10 PALM SUNDAY 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School 11:45am New Member's Class	11 7pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm HE	12 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm HE	13 9:30am HE 10:30am Woman's Bible Study 6:30pm HE 7pm Choir	14 7pm HE 7:30pm Tenebrae Rehearsal	15 GOOD FRIDAY Noon-3pm Liturgical Three Hours 8pm Solemn Tenebrae	16 9am Men's Breakfast 4:30pm HE
17 EASTER 8 & 10:15am HE 10am Sunday School	18	19 6:30pm Men's Disc.	20 9:30am HE 10:30am Woman's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	21 7pm Prayer Service	22 6pm Youth Group Bowling	23 4:30pm HE
24 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School 11:45am New Member's Class 11:45am Kingdom Bound Meeting	25 6:30pm Movie Night	26 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Women's Bible Study	27 9:30am HE 10:30am Woman's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Choir	28	29	30 4:30pm HE

EASTER BLESSINGS

