



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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Hello St. Barts family! As I reflect on the past year, I cannot help but feel blessed to be where I am. For 30 years I have wanted to serve the Lord as a priest in His Church, and that desire has been realized. It is an honor to serve the Lord in His Church, and especially in the part of His Church called St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church.

What I love about the Anglican Church is threefold. First the fact that we can trace our worship and ministry back to the Apostles. Second, the balance of Scripture, tradition, and reason. And third the understanding of and reliance on the Holy Spirit. Included in that is the belief in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We are a Church that can trace our roots back to the Apostles. The Apostles laid hands on the next leaders and consecrated them as what we know as bishops. This method of being given authority has been used since Moses. Look at Deuteronomy 34:9, "Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him...". Joshua was the next leader of the nation of Israel. He received his authority to lead from God through the outward and visible sign of the laying on of hands by Moses. Similarly, the Apostles received the authority from Christ to lead the Church; and that authority was given to the next leaders, by God ultimately, but through the outward and visible sign of the laying on of hands by the Apostles. Notice Acts 6:6, "And these (those chosen to be deacons) they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them." Authority to lead and serve God in His Church has been given by God to bishops, priests, and deacons throughout the centuries in the same way.

Second, the Anglican Church has an ideal balance of Scripture, tradition, and reason. Article VI of the 39 Articles of Religion states, "Holy Scripture contains all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation." So, Holy Scripture is the authority on all matters of the Faith.

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What of tradition? The traditions of the Anglican Church have developed over time from the Church in the days of the Apostles. I believe that there is a richness in the traditions of the Anglican Church that express what we find in Scripture. For example, having communion every service and the words that we say at the Eucharist which come from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. The use of incense (yes, I know some do not like it) during worship comes from Exodus 30, where God instructs Moses as to what to include in the Tabernacle, and the understanding that they represent the prayers of the Saints comes from Revelation 5:8. These are just two examples of how traditions that are included in our worship are found in Scripture.

As Anglicans we use reason to understand doctrine and defend the faith. We cannot understand the doctrines of the faith without using the God-given gift of reason. For example, if the Church did not use reason, we might not have the doctrine of the Trinity as we understand it today. The word, Trinity, is found nowhere in Scripture. So, some have wrongly said that without that word present in Scripture they will not believe. Yet we can find the truth everywhere in Scripture. We need look no further than Matthew 28:19, "the great commission." Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." All three persons of the Trinity are there in that command of Christ. But how do they relate to one another? We cannot understand that without using both Scripture and reason. And thus, through the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Church, the gift of His word and the gift of reason present in the Church, what developed was the Nicene Creed which states this doctrine with great clarity proven by Scripture.

Furthermore, we cannot understand how to defend our faith and reach others with the Gospel without using reason. C.S. Lewis, an Anglican, wrote "Mere Christianity." This book details his thought process, his use of reason, in coming to faith in Christ. A wonderful read for all, but especially those interested in Apologetics, which is the field of study that relates to defending the faith, which I would argue we all need to understand. When we are speaking to people what do we say and how do we say it? Is the person we are speaking with receptive or just cold to the faith? We need to use our God-given gift of reason, and listen to and rely on the Holy Spirit, to know what to say and how to say it when we talk to others about Christ.

That is my final point, Reliance on the Holy Spirit. As Anglicans we are open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, are sensitive to His leading, and are open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As Christians we cannot do anything apart from the Holy Spirit. We cannot understand the faith without Him as He is the Spirit of truth (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit gives us a variety of gifts for ministry for the building up of the Church (1 Corinthians 12-14). And the Holy Spirit provides us with the strength to live boldly as followers of Christ. Remember the Apostle Peter denied Christ but after receiving the Holy Spirit in Acts was willing to face any persecution to preach the Gospel.

There is more that can be said about these things, but those are the reasons I feel blessed to have been called to the Anglican Church and to be a priest and serve the Lord here at St. Bartholomew's. You all are wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. And I pray that God will continue to work through us all and in this parish to preach the Word and make disciples of Christ for His glory. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Fr. Jacob Bush

VESTRY

JULY 2021

New Building Committee Established: The purpose of this committee will be to review and make recommendations to the vestry for approval on future needs such as the signs, HVAC requirements, etc. Jim Glownia, Jeff Westerman, Rocco Brindisi, Tony Luckoski, Dan Tobin, John Krull and Jim Kibby have volunteered to serve on this new committee.

Future Strategies & Vision: The survey results are in and are being assessed, reviewed and analyzed. Fr. Ward will give a brief “preliminary overview” at an upcoming service, with the final report being given at the parish meeting toward the end of the year/beginning of 2022.

Iron Sharpen Iron: If you are interested in attending this enlightening seminar on November 6th in Rochester, NY, please contact John Krull for further details.

Men’s Breakfast: Should start up again in September. John Krull is looking for guest speaker suggestions. More information will be forthcoming.

Catered Luncheon for Local First Responders Who Worked Throughout the Pandemic: Although a final date and other details have yet to be determined, St. Bart’s will be sponsoring this *free* luncheon as recognition to all first responders who worked throughout the Covid Pandemic. However, due to space limitations, this will be offered only to Town of Tonawanda (first responder) residents. Anyone who “qualifies” as a town first responder will be asked to sign up ahead of time so this event can be properly planned. Further details will be announced as they become available.

Monday Night Movies: Finally! Now that we are on the other side of the pandemic, movie night has started up again. The next movie night is Aug. 23rd (the fourth Monday in August). You are encouraged to attend with your whole family but don’t forget to bring your snacks and drinks! Family movie suggestions are encouraged and welcome.

Farwell to Fr. Amend: Father Amend has made the decision to move to Rochester so he can be closer to his son and wife. Thank you, Father Amend for your years of dedication to God and St. Bart’s; you will be missed!

Fr. Ed Kusmeirczyk Needs Your Prayers: Fr. Ed fell and is not doing well. Please keep both Ed, Georgia and the whole family in your prayers.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear St. Bart's Family,

While I am "filling in" as the organist at St. Bart's until January 1st, I thought it would be nice to reactivate the Senior Choir. We would meet through Christmas, and sing for the 10 AM service twice a month. Rehearsals would only be twice a month on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. If anyone in the congregation would like to join us in praising the Lord in song for a limited time, please call me (832-6327), email me at mandtgamble@hotmail.com or see me at church. No one will pressure you, and you are not signing up for life!

Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 8th at 7PM, and we will sing for the first time Sunday, September 12th at 10AM.

I hope to see you then!

Terry Gamble



MONDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 6:30PM

Bring your own snacks and/or beverages.

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



Food Collection

FOOD PANTRY:

***NO MORE EGG CARTONS
PLEASE.***

Remember, 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

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nicholas Weber, Mike Wisz
- 4 David Merrick, Elaine Wisniewski
- 5 Carie-Jo Cleary
- 6 Tochukwu Ezeagwuna, Tim Fildes
- 7 Cynthia Carter
- 8 Carrie Hillery, David Prohaska
- 9 Michelle Rocker
- 10 James Arnold, Kathleen Noye,
Leslie Percival, James Spence
- 11 Florence Purchase
- 12 Justine Derrett
- 13 Karon Cavalleri, John Okiec
- 14 John Cadena, Dee Jackman
- 15 Suzanne Slayton, Fr. Arthur Ward Jr.
- 16 Thomas Carter, Daniel Tobin
- 17 Micah Begovich,
Laurie-Anne Hammond,
Julie Schwartzmyer
- 20 Edith Koerner, Albert Matuch,
Adam Wilkowski
- 22 Jim Thompson
- 23 Earl McDonald, Sophie Poeller
- 24 Will Crosby
- 25 Hannah LaDuca
- 26 Brandon Ganci, Rhoda Mason
- 27 Larry Bainbridge, Laura Klenk,
Laura Zuefle
- 28 Katherine Oliveri
- 29 Robert Johnson, Cianna Morgante,
Kathleen Schwab
- 30 Abby Wojnowski
- 31 Wayne Hayes



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Angelo Morgtane
- 6 Emily Begovich
- 8 Debora Geis, Dn. Gary Wisniewski

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

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 INDONESIA Pray that the government will control those inciting social unrest, especially against Christians.	2 CAMEROON Pray for tribal Christians in the north whose villages are routinely attacked.	3 EGYPT Pray for Geda and her daughter, who had to flee because of their faith.	4 ETHIOPIA Pray for believers who are persecuted by Orthodox Christians in northern Ethiopia.	5 MALDIVES Pray that more Christian workers will choose to minister in this Islamic stronghold.	6 SOMALIA Pray for Somali Christian leaders who risk their lives to share the gospel throughout eastern Africa.	7 SUDAN Pray for hospital chaplains in the Nuba Mountains as they comfort patients in Jesus' name.	
8 SAUDI ARABIA Pray for the health of a Saudi believer forced to flee the country.	9 QATAR Pray for local believers who are persecuted for their faith.	10 CHINA Pray that front-line workers will trust God for financial provision.	11 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for the encouragement and courage of local believers worshipping in secret.	12 IRAN Pray for Christian prisoners who were released from jail last year at the outset of the pandemic.	13 TURKMENISTAN Pray that believers will maintain a courageous witness despite intimidation.	14 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that churches will be able to help those who have lost income.	
15 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for the effective use of technology in proclaiming the gospel.	16 PAKISTAN Pray for front-line workers throughout Pakistan.	17 BANGLADESH Pray for Barrun's boldness and protection as he reaches out to Muslims.	18 MEXICO Pray for YOM's work responding to persecution faced by the Chol people in Chiapas.	19 LAOS Pray for those who practice a mix of Buddhism and animism.	20 KENYA Pray for the wisdom and strength of government leaders standing against Islamic extremism.	21 MALAYSIA Pray that God will bring about an end to government corruption.	
22 MAURITANIA Pray that those imprisoned for their faith will be bold witnesses for the gospel.	23 TURKEY Pray for the comfort and direction of the many missionaries deported from Turkey.	24 TAJIKISTAN Pray for outreach efforts in the eastern part of the country.	25 COLOMBIA Pray for families that have been affected by violence.	26 SRI LANKA Pray for those training and equipping pastors.	27 VIETNAM Pray for Christians who have been displaced.	28 LIBYA Pray for those who must worship through online churches because of persecution.	
29 NIGERIA Pray for orphans whose parents were killed by Boko Haram.	30 INDIA Pray that God will change the hearts of persecutors and that they will turn to Christ.	31 PHILIPPINES Pray for church leaders as they provide encouragement to fearful believers.	NOTES:				<h1>August</h1>

AUGUST CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	2	3 7 PM Vestry	4 9:30 AM HE	5	6	7 4:30 PM HE
8 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	9	10	11 9:30 AM HE	12	13	14 4:30 PM HE
15 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School (last)	16	17	18 9:30 AM HE	19	20	21 4:30 PM HE
22 8 & 10 am HE	23 6:30 PM Movie Night	24	25 9:30 AM HE	26	27	28 4:30 PM HE
29 8 & 10 am HE	30	31				

Jokes for your summer enjoyment!!

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
ORANGE
ORANGE WHO?
ORANGE YOU GLAD
IT'S SUMMERTIME!

**Q: How can you tell that
the ocean is friendly?**
A: It waves!

**Q: What happens if you
throw a red sun hat in
the water?**
It gets wet!

**WHY DO SEAGULLS FLY
OVER THE SEA?**



**BECAUSE IF THEY FLEW
OVER THE BAY THEY'D BE
CALLED BAYGULLS
(BAGELS) !!**



Q: What's the best day to go to the beach?

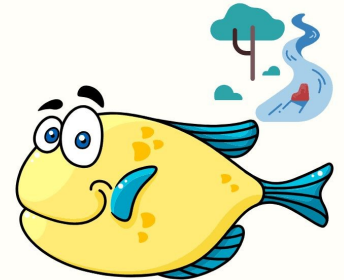
A: SUN day!



JuicyQuotes.com | THE BEST JOKES TO SHARE

**WHAT DID THE FISH DO
RIGHT BEFORE HE LEFT
FOR VACATION?**

**HE WENT TO THE RIVER
BANK TO GET SOME
SPENDING CASH!**



TheJokeSite.com

**Q: What's gray, has four
legs and a trunk?**
A: A mouse on vacation!

**Q: What does a mermaid
use to call her friends?**
A shell phone, of course.

**Q: What do you call a
snowman in July?**
A: A puddle!