



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

JUNE 2023

JOIN US FOR HOLY CONFIRMATION and HOLY ORDINATION in JUNE!

There are **two special events** in the life of our parish coming up during the **second weekend of June**. **Bishop Bill Atwood** will be visiting St. Bartholomew's **June 9-11** for our annual Confirmation service. There are **nine members** in this year's class. **The service will be at 10 AM on Sunday June 11**. If you normally attend the 10 AM service please plan on joining us. After fifteen years as our bishop, Bishop Atwood will be retiring from our diocese next year so this will be one of the last times he will be with us.

Holy Confirmation is an essential rite established by the early Church. Our Anglican Catechism reminds us that *"Confirmation is the laying on of the bishop's hands with prayer for strengthening by the Holy Spirit, following a period of catechetical formation. In confirmation, I make a mature confession of faith, publicly renewing the vows and promises made at my Baptism."* It is also called a sacrament by the church. Our Anglican Catechism (pp.55-56) defines a sacrament as *"an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. God gives us the sign as a means by which we receive that grace."* While there are seven sacraments, only two, Holy Communion and Holy Baptism, are seen as *"necessary to salvation."* Holy Confirmation is an opportunity to confirm one's baptismal vows. This is especially important if one's baptism was done as an infant or young child. Usually adult baptisms include confirmation if the Bishop is able to be present.

The biblical foundation for Holy Confirmation is found in **Acts 8:14-17** and **2 Timothy 1:6**. It is the context for becoming a full member of the Anglican Church. Our sister Catholic bodies (Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox) also administer this rite of the Church.

On **June 10, at the 4:30 PM service**, we will be also witnessing another sacrament of the Church - Holy Ordination. Lifelong member **James Kibby will be ordained to the holy order of deacons**. The ministry of deacon is a special ministry instituted by the early Church with the ordination of the first deacons in **Acts 6:1-6**. *(continued on page 2)*

St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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The character requirements of deacons are set forth in **1 Tim. 3:8-13**. The purpose of the diaconate is to assist the priests at worship and to remind the congregation of the needs of those both in and outside the faith community. Deacons are literally to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus.

Jim has led our contemporary worship ministry for nearly twenty years. He has served as our full-time sexton for the last ten years and has assisted with numerous VBS programs. He wrote the scripts for our last two Christmas pageants and currently serves as a lay eucharistic minister. Clearly, Jim's lay ministry experience has prepared him for this new call in his life. We look forward to the additional blessing his diaconal ministry will be to us in the years to come.

The above services are important highpoints in the life of our parish family. While I know many of us our busy, my hope is that you'll consider coming to both services to show your support for fellow members entering new chapters in their walks with the Lord and in the life of His Church.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ward



Congratulations to Ryan and Rachel Edwards! The couple were married at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday April 22, 2023,. They will reside in Columbus, Ohio. Rachel is the daughter of fellow members Fred and Fran Teall, and sister to Warren Teall whose family also belongs to our parish. Fr. Ward presided over the ceremony and Fr. Wandel assisted.

VESTRY

May 2023 Chatter Notes

Upcoming Happenings and Events:

Bishop Atwood's Upcoming Visit: Will be on the weekend of June 9-11, with Holy Confirmation at the 10 am service on June 11th. Four adults and two youth will be confirmed and three members will reaffirm their confirmation vows. The Bishop will ordain James Kibby as a deacon on June 10 at the 4:30 PM service.

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast: Will be held on June 18th after the 10 AM service.

Annual Church Picnic: Will be held on Sunday, July 23 under St. Bart's tent. ***Deacon Kibby will be overseeing the event. We need volunteers to help.*** We're hoping to have joint 11 AM service with the Sudanese before the picnic.



**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY CHATTER is
Tuesday, June 20 Thank you.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Meets at 10:30am in the
Fellowship Hall

All ladies are welcome to join them.
See Barbara Molison for more
information.



Men's Discipleship

meets every Tuesday evening at
6:30pm at the church.
Contact John Krull for more
information.



A BIG **THANK YOU**

to all of the men who so graciously
prepared and served breakfast to
approximately 100 women on Saturday,
May 13. (**Some** of them are pictured here.)
It was a wonderful breakfast followed by a
very personal and inspiring testimony from
Kathleen Ward. All in all, a great morning.

Happy
Fathers
Day

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

Andrew Rebl– Army

James Kerins– Army

Matthew Prohaska– Air Force



FOOD PANTRY: Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first weekend of every month**. 24 bags and boxes were taken in May. They are so appreciative, as we are the **ONLY** large-scale givers they have.



Please remember that they also can use personal care items, paper products and soap, etc..

Let's continue to show them St. Bart's generosity.

Prayer Night

**Thursday, June 20
at 7pm**

NIGHT OF PRAYER

**Thank
you!**

We would like to thank our St. Bart's family for all their prayers and cards during this difficult time. Thanks be to God feeling so much better.

God bless all of you,
Carol & Ed Woeppel

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

Ushers Needed We are in urgent need of Ushers (Male or Female) for the 4:30 pm Saturday service and the 8:00 am Sunday service. If you are interested in assisting one Sunday a month in this ministry, please contact Rocco Brindisi at 716-553-0064 or see Fr. Ward.

A New Music Orchestra Opportunity for Children and Youth

Join an orchestra comprised of instruments that engage the mind, the body and encourage creative thinking! Learn rhythm patterns and how to keep a steady beat! Learn to listen to others and work as a team playing Orff instruments!

Orff instruments include barred instruments such as bass and alto xylophones, bass, alto and soprano metallophones, soprano glockenspiels, and many rhythm instruments, like tympani, claves, etcetera. Playing them provides a unique introduction to creating music. Carl Orff, a German musician, developed these concepts of music education and they are used throughout the world.

During this summer, on July 30, August 6, and August 13, there will be an opportunity for kids from age 6 and up to explore playing Orff instruments and create an orchestration of a song that will be shared with the congregation at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 20.

The practice sessions will be approximately a half hour in length and will take place in the choir room directly after the 10:00 a.m. service. They will end at noon.

The children and youth must be available for all 3 rehearsals and the performance on August 20th to participate.

There is a sign-up sheet on the choir room door. If you plan to join our Orff summer orchestra, please sign up by July 16th! We are looking forward to a lot of music making!



Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

June 2023

God is bigger than our doubts



It's not easy to express doubt when it comes to matters of faith. We fear that God will be displeased with us, and that our family and friends will judge us. So, we tend to “soldier on” and keep our questions to ourselves, thinking they’ll just go away. But, like the dirty laundry we stuff under our bed to convince our parents that our room is clean, our questions and doubts don’t disappear; they pile up in our hearts until we can no longer ignore them. Thankfully, God is bigger than our doubts and can handle our “dirty laundry”! In this four-week series, we’ll see it really is possible to have questions and doubts while still having faith. Through Scripture, we’ll discover that we don’t need to ignore them or sweep them under the rug. Instead, we can look to Jesus, look to the Holy Spirit, look to God’s words, and look for God in unexpected places.

Next Happenings

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for our regular meetings filled with engaging lessons and activities
Dinner provided

Thursday, June 8th

6:30 pm VBS Volunteer meeting

Sunday, June 18th

Youth Sunday & Pancake
Breakfast after 10 am service

Wednesday, June 21st

Last meeting of the school year
FIELD DAY!

*“Worthy are You,
our Lord and our
God”*

Revelation 4:11a NASB

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett

Have you ever gone on a road trip? If you have, you know there is something memorable about piling in the car with your friends or family, pressing play on your favorite playlist, and digging into some snacks. The adventure and memories made along the way are just as much a part of the experience as the destination itself. Did you know, in a similar way, we are called to share Jesus with others “as we go”?

When we discover the love of God, we have an opportunity to share it wherever our life takes us. Whether you are at home, school, or on vacation - you can share that love! We’re not meant to just hold on until heaven someday. God wants us to invite as many as we can on this amazing road trip of faiths. Think of one person you can bring along with you on this road trip and ask God to help you share your story with them.

*In Christ,
Liz*



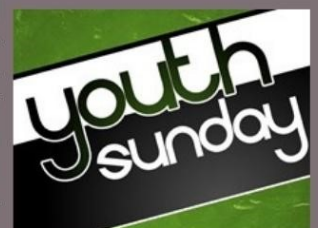
Last Meeting of School Year June 21st: This will be a field day filled with outdoor games, and pizza will be provided. Be sure to bring your favorite indoor/outdoor game(s) with you.

Thursday June 8th : VBS Volunteer Meeting 6:30pm to discuss the details of Vacation Bible School (July 9-12th from 6-8pm) The meeting is to help prepare all volunteers for their various roles at VBS.



The Breakfast will be on June 18th and will be held in Fr. Amend Hall following the 10am service. Proceeds will go towards Kingdom Bound. Families can buy tickets after services. If you are able to help and have not signed up yet please contact me.

Save the date - Sunday June 18th. All youth grades 6-12th are encouraged to participate (feel free to invite your friends to participate) and can choose how they would like to be involved in the service that day. Youth can also participate in the Worship band. Please contact Jim Kibby (kibbyjr@gmail.com) to get involved. We will practice for youth Sunday on June 14th at 5:30pm for those who are participating in the service. If you missed the meeting in May and would like to participate please contact me so we can get you involved.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

11:30AM-1:30PM

FATHER AMEND HALL

Tickets: \$12 per person

All proceeds will support the youth attending Kingdom Bound.



Vacation Bible School 2023

COKESBURY'S

HERO HOTLINE

Called Together
to Serve God!



July 9th - 12th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Family Dinners 5:15pm

To register go to stbartston.org

June Birthdays

- 1 Mary Krause
- 2 William Ruhland, Craig Schwab
- 3 Emily Bush
- 4 Pamela Machelor, Michael Spence Jr.
- 6 Lee Hilliker, Richard Hubbard,
Ellen Siegel, Edward Zurzuski
- 7 M.J. Brzeczowski
- 8 Frank LoCicero, Emma Scibetta
- 9 Mary Hillery, Gary Zuefle
- 10 Margie Saunders
- 11 Linda Soltis
- 12 Karen Heer
- 13 Alena Matuch, Trudy Wolcott
- 15 Barigoma Norde
- 16 Beverly Graber
- 17 Thomas Daniele, Debra McGuire
- 18 Leslie Miller
- 19 Carol Nelson, Christopher Szymanski,
Steve Tarapata
- 20 Madeline Crosby
- 21 Brett Kyser, Audra Lakeman
- 25 Juliette Cleary, Barbara Hubbard

26 Eden Bush, Jason Crosby, Archie
Wilkowski

27 Jonathan Merrick, David Waddington

28 Matthew LaDuca

29 Evan Matesic, Elijah Osmon

30 Carl Calabrese



JULY

- 2 Carl Hoffman, Carolyn Oliveri
- 3 Caleb Chiaravalle
- 4 Joseph Fisher, Denise Stacks
- 6 Brenda Wisz

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

JUNE 2023

JUNE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30pm M. Smith Book Study	2	3 4:30 pm HE
4 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School 11:30am Children's Choir	5	6 4pm Cherub Choir 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	7 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir	8 6:30pm M. Smith Book Study	9	10 Bishop Atwood 4:30 pm HE 4:30 pm Jim Kibby Ordination
11 Bishop Atwood 8am HE 10am Confirmation 11:30am Children's Choir	12	13 4pm Cherub Choir 6:30pm Men's Disc.	14 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Cont. Choir	15 6:30pm M. Smith Book Study	16	17 9am Men's Breakfast 11am Spring Music Showcase—J Kibby 4:30 pm HE
18 Father's Day 8 & 10am HE 10am Youth Sunday ***pancake lunch after services	19 6:45pm BARRA	20 6:30pm Men's Disc.	21 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm LAST Youth Group	22	23	24 10am-2pm Free Exchange 4:30 pm HE
25 8 & 10 am HE	26	27 6:30pm Men's Disc.	28 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study	29	30	

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

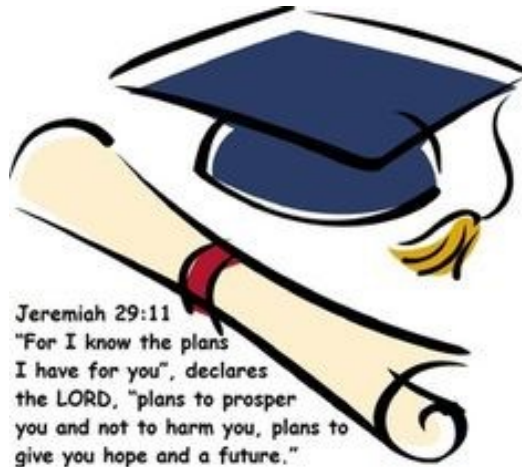
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NOTES:</p> <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">June</h1>						
4 ISRAEL Pray for the success of new church plants.	5 KUWAIT Pray that many Kuwaitis will read or hear the gospel online.	6 PHILIPPINES Pray for the witness of Christians who live among Muslim extremists and Communist rebels.	7 QATAR Pray that Qatari Christians will find creative ways to meet for prayer and worship.	8 DJIBOUTI Pray that Bibles will reach everyone who needs a copy.	9 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray for the many Christians who have witnessed unspeakable violence or lost loved ones.	10 MOROCCO Pray that Christians will find ways to gather in secret, since no church buildings are allowed.
11 ERITREA Pray that the body of Christ will enter into fellowship with Christians suffering for their faith.	12 PAKISTAN Pray that Christians will experience love and acceptance through fellowship with other believers.	13 MEXICO Pray that Christians persecuted by Marxist and anarchist groups will remain faithful to Christ.	14 OMAN Pray that the truth of God's Word will overcome the falsehoods of Islam.	15 LEBANON Pray that young leaders will be trained and developed to lead churches in the future.	16 ETHIOPIA Pray that Christians will thrive in discipleship groups.	17 BURKINA FASO Pray that those forced to flee Islamist violence will be able to return home.
18 COMOROS Pray for the completion of Bible translations into native languages.	19 SUDAN Pray for the endurance of pastors who are frequently harassed and arrested.	20 NIGERIA Pray for the protection and peace of Christian women and children who fear kidnapping.	21 BRUNEI Pray that Christians sharing the gospel will remain undetected by the religious police.	22 TAJIKISTAN Pray for Christians who are ostracized by their families and neighbors for following Christ.	23 BANGLADESH Pray that Christians will boldly share the gospel as they serve the poor.	24 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that believers will unite in love as they work to advance the gospel.
25 CUBA Pray that Christian leaders will be allowed to travel outside the country to receive ministry resources.	26 CHINA Pray that restrictions will be lifted so church leaders can meet with their congregations.	27 SYRIA Pray that Christian children will have a firm foundation in the Lord.	28 TÜRKIYE Pray for the perseverance of Christian leaders experiencing increased government pressure.	29 AZERBAIJAN Pray that believers will grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18). <i>Day of the Christian Martyr</i>	30 TUNISIA Pray that unbelievers, especially young people, will thirst for the living water of Christ.	

WORDS OF WISDOM FOR OUR GRADUATES

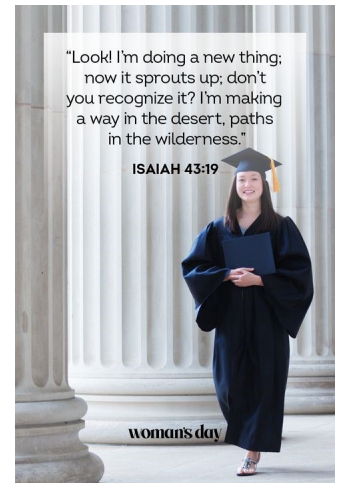


Bible Verse - Proverbs 16:3 Insp... by artinspired

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Jeremiah 29:11
 "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



GRADUATE

This is the day which the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
 Psalm 118:24

