



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

JANUARY 2022

Hello St. Barts family! Another year has passed. New Years provides us all an opportunity to hope for better things to come. But it is important to remember that our hope is not in the year, but rather in Christ.

A lot has happened in the past year. Not all of it was good, and not all of it was bad. What we tend to hear and think is that the past year was bad because of all the bad events that happened. As human beings we tend to dwell on the negative and judge accordingly. But remember what Paul wrote to the Church in Philippi, "Finally, 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. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-9.

We have a choice when it comes to the things we think about, and thus how we look at things, such as how a particular year was. When we dwell on, or think about, what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, and excellent, it affects our viewpoint on things. We start to see things in a more positive light. We start to see that God is at work, and His work is good because He is good. When we think in that way we get joy and peace. When we strive to act faithfully with respect to God we can withstand whatever challenges come our way because God is with us.

2021 brought a lot of challenges and a lot of changes. But remember there is One who did not change, namely Jesus Christ, because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8. He sustains us each and every day. He will sustain us in the new year just as he sustained us in the old year.

2021 brought a lot of good too! God brought fellow brothers and sisters in Christ into this family! God allowed our bishop to be with us twice! We had a wonderful "Life in the Spirit" seminar! Our Women's Bible studies met! Our Men's Bible studies met! Our youth group met! There were wonderful concerts and events we could attend, such as Iron Sharpens Iron, and "We are Messengers," the Ken Davis comedy night, and many others! God brought us safely through each day of the past year! And because of that we can say that we had a good year 2021 because of what God has done!

And God is not done working in and through us. He will continue to provide for us and sustain us, and guide us through this next year, 2022. God bless you all! And Happy New Year!

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Fr. Bush

St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

Also see our [Facebook](#) page for more!



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VESTRY

December 2021

New Sign: Installed and up and running!

New Wardens: Carl Hoffman will be the new Sr. Warden with MJ Brzeczowski as the Jr. Warden during 2022. Congratulations to both!

2022 Budget & Pledge Cards: Please send in your 2022 pledge cards. This helps the committee with overseeing the approved budget.

Vestry Elections: Donna Daniele, Cheryl MacDonald, Molly Sammarco, Jim Thompson & Jeff Westerman are running for three positions. Winners are: Donna Daniele, Molly Sammarco, and Jim Thompson. Cheryl MacDonald will be the first alternate.

Masks & Communion: It has been questioned why no one is wearing a mask while preparing communion? Answer: The ciborium's and the wine are covered. In addition, parishioners receive communion from a different chalice.

Bishop Scaife Guild Disbanded: After many years of service, it is with a sadness of heart and a heart-felt thank you to all who helped with the various activities in years past, L. Abramo, President of the Guild, announced the Guild will no longer be meeting due to lack of participants. The Guild has given a 2021 donation to the previously budgeted charities, with the remaining balance being transferred to St. Bart's checking account. A separate line item will be shown on the church's financial reports (to keep track of the money from the Guild). This will help anyone who wants to create a group (similar to the Guild) with any start-up costs. In addition, when possible, donations from the Guild will again be given. Danette Utz has agreed to be responsible for the Gift Shop, making deposits of any income generated from the sale of donated items.



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

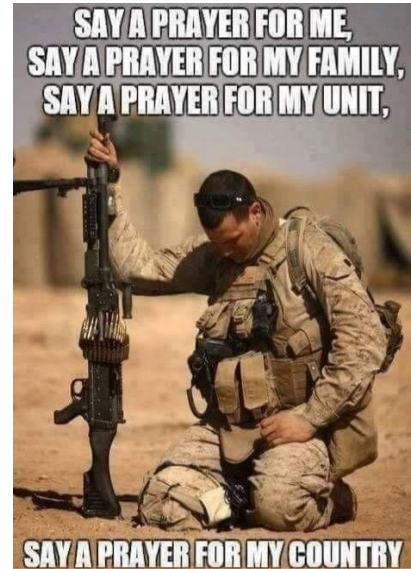
Amanda Brzeczowski– Reserves

James Kerins– Army

A.J. Matteliano– Army

Matthew Prohaska– Air Force

Andrew Rebl– US Army



FOOD PANTRY: Remember, 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**

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be **Saturday, January 15** at 9am. Randy Snavely from Family Life Ministries will be our guest speaker. Please join us as we fellowship together.



MOVIE NIGHT

MONDAY, January 24 at 6:30pm

We will be showing the newest installment of

"God's Not Dead: We the People"

BIBLE STUDIES

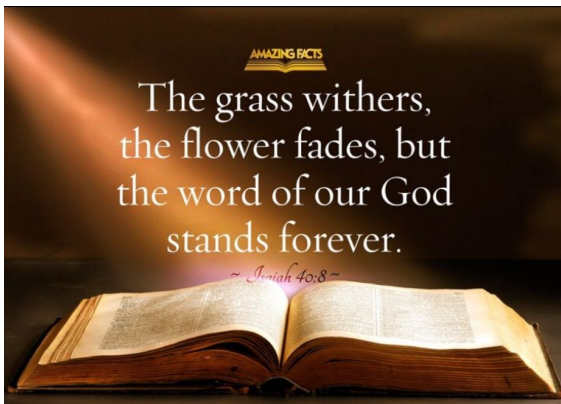
Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

Our mission is to grow ever closer to the Lord through better understanding of His Word with study, prayer and praise, and through fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

**We meet every other Tuesday, January 4 and 18, 6:30-8:00 pm
in the Large Fellowship Room**

We would love to have you join us for fellowship and the study of God's word.

Questions: call Louise Jones at 874-0526



The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Will begin the New Year studying the book of **Isaiah**. Please join us, 10:30am in the Large Fellowship Room.



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

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett



Hey there everyone! Wow, what an outstanding Christmas Pageant this year! Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication in the production of "The Promise." I was very impressed by your performances, and I hope you all had an extraordinary Christmas Break. In the event section, you may have noticed that we are changing the start time of youth group to 6:00 pm. I decided to make this change, so we have enough time to hang out and play games with one another while also having the time needed to dig into God's Word. From 6:00-6:30 pm, we will hang out and play games in the youth room and then do our Bible Study from 6:30-8:00 pm. We have some great events coming up in the next few months, so be sure to put them on your calendars! I am very excited about the Winter Comps event coming up on February 4th! This is an excellent opportunity to invite your friends to a night of fun with lots of other youth groups!

In Christ,
Liz

Friday, January 14th, 6 - 8 p.m., Join us as we watch the film *An Interview with God*. A mystery/drama about a renowned Christian Journalist in a life crisis who finds his world becoming increasingly challenged when he's granted the interview of a lifetime – with someone who claims to be God. Come enjoy popcorn and candy with your friends and family as we ponder the question. What would I ask God, If I had the chance?



KINGDOM BOUND 2022



JULY 24-27 2022

SIX FLAG DARTON LAKE RESORT & SPA, DARTON CENTER NY

Sunday, January 30th at 11:30 am in the Large Fellowship Hall. Kingdom Bound information meeting. There you will receive an information packet and all the other paperwork needed to be completed for the event. The event cost is \$250, and that includes tickets for the event, food, and lodging. A \$25 registration fee is due by Sunday, February 6th. Financial assistance is available, so let me or Fr. Ward know whom we can help to make sure no one is left out of this great event.

Friday, February 4th, 7-10 pm, Join youth groups across the Buffalo area as we enjoy a night of friendly competition at the Winter Comps Event at Kenmore Alliance Church (175 Bonnett Ave. Tonawanda, NY 14150). We will meet at Kenmore Alliance at 6:45 pm to check in, and pickup will also be at Kenmore Alliance at 10 pm. The cost is only \$5 a person and is due at the door. Registration for the event will take place online. A link for the registration will be emailed once it is available. If any parents are interested in helping at this event, please let me know.



CASTING CROWNS

WE ARE MESSENGERS & JONATHAN TAYLOR



03/18/2022

THE CHAPEL GETZVILLE, NY

Friday, March 18th at 7 pm. I am so excited to share that Casting Crowns, with special guests We Are Messengers and Jonathan Taylor, bring The Healer Tour to The Chapel in Getzville, NY. For those of you who haven't been to Kingdom Bound yet, this concert is the perfect preview of the kind of music we will experience there. Feel free to invite your whole family and friends to this incredible event. I need to order the tickets as soon as possible (they may sell out), so the ticket cost of \$20 per person is due by Wednesday, January 5th. For more information about this concert go to Kingdombound.org

God's Anger Management Plan



How do you make your anger work for you? Find out as we continue in our series "Overcoming Emotions that Destroy." Pastor Chip will share God's anger management plan and how we can make sure our anger doesn't control us even during times of high stress. My prayer is that by the end of this series, we will better understand our emotions and have a better grasp of how to be both good and mad.

Next Happenings

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Friday, January 14th

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Screening of *An Interview with God*

Sunday, January 30th

11:30 a.m. Kingdom Bound 2022 information meeting

Friday, February 4th

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Winter Comps 2022 Color Wars at Kenmore Alliance Church

Friday, March 18th

7 p.m. Casting Crowns concert at The Chapel in Getzville, N.Y.

"Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near."

Philippians 4:5 NASB

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

- 1 Robert Kyser, Deborah Ryan
- 2 Joseph Calamita
- 3 Paul Etienne
- 4 Hadassah Bush, Grace Delisanti
- 5 George Brock
- 6 Nicholas Horvath
- 7 Thomas Crane, Nicholas Weber
- 8 Kellen Matesic, Amanda Waddington
- 9 Charlene Albanese
- 10 Diane Fildes, Barbara Molison,
Mitchell Simon, Jonathan Emmons
- 11 Lori Abramo, Elin Freeman, Marcia Hutt
- 12 Matthew Dibble, Ruth Marcinelli
- 13 Logan Moyer
- 14 Kevin Batchen
- 15 Daniel Bunker, John Krull,
Lawrence Moyer
- 16 Allison Chiaravalle
- 19 Erica Weber
- 20 Kylie Derrett, Robert Hughes,
Sandra Koerber, Carmello Pitruzella
- 21 Ethan Chiaravalle
- 22 Karen Bunker, Donovan Heacock

25 Robert Clontz, Patricia Dyviniak,
Fred Garrasi Jr., Carol Loucks,
Parker Waddington

26 Matthew Prohaska

27 Fr. Richard Molison

31 James Kissel



FEBRUARY

- 2 Allison Hillery
- 3 Barbara Chiaravalle, Brittany Wilkowski
- 4 Carol Brock, Dorothea Haase,
Constance Prohaska
- 5 Daniel Arnold, Elijah Wahl

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

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR



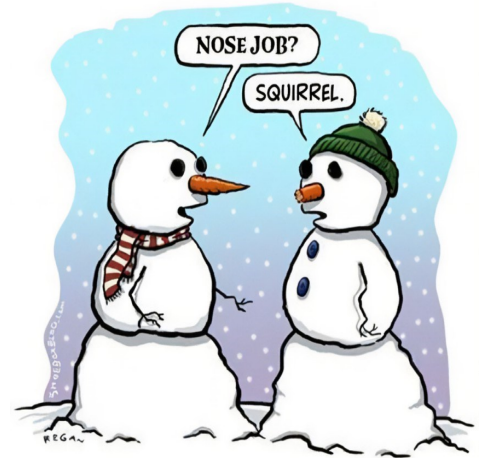
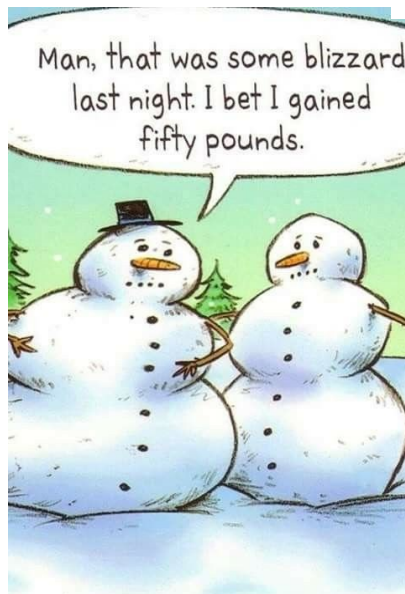
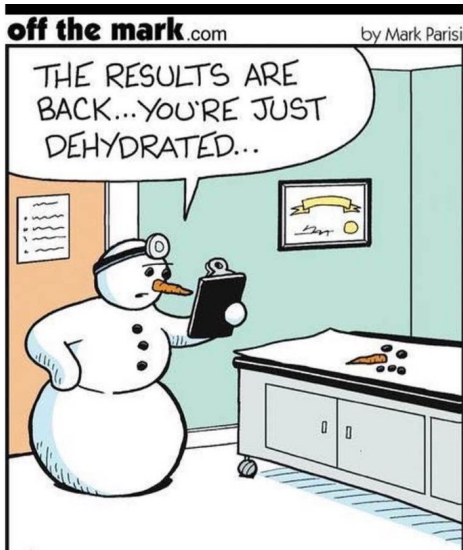
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	SATURDAY			
2 BANGLADESH Pray for 14 Bengali believers sharing the gospel in the northern districts.	3 VIETNAM Pray that new believers will stand strong while facing family rejection, evictions and beatings.	4 IRAQ Pray for the growth of house churches and for Bible distributions in Kurdistan.	5 AFGHANISTAN Pray for the peace, protection and provision of believers and their families.	6 COMOROS Pray that Malagasy believers will reach out to Comorians.	7 SOMALIA Pray that children of Somali Christians will grow strong and wise in faith.	8 MALAYSIA Pray for Christian workers trying to return to the country.
9 MALI Pray that new believers will be disciplined and rooted in their Christian faith.	10 BHUTAN Pray that those reaching out to college students will be granted grace and favor.	11 IRAN Pray that Supreme Leader Ali Hoseini-Khamenei will come to know Christ.	12 KUWAIT Pray that those forced to leave the country after becoming Christians will grow in faith.	13 TAJIKISTAN Pray for President Emomali Rahmon and the government.	14 JORDAN Pray for two refugees who were badly beaten by relatives because of their faith.	15 LEBANON Pray for Bachir, who is persecuted by those to whom he preaches.
16 SUDAN Pray that God will silence the voices of Islamic extremists.	17 TUNISIA Pray that Bibles will become accessible to every believer.	18 INDONESIA Pray that Fenny, the victim of a church bombing, will receive effective medical treatment despite her difficult circumstances.	19 TURKEY Pray that new Turkish church leaders will arise to replace deported foreign workers.	20 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for a young woman who was rejected by her family because of her faith in Christ.	21 CUBA Pray for the believers who will receive Bibles this year.	22 CAMEROON Pray that Christians in Cameroon will love one another so Christ will be glorified.
23 SYRIA Pray for internally displaced Christians in Aleppo and the northwest.	24 ERITREA Pray for underground church leaders in Eritrea.	25 LAOS Pray for the wisdom of front-line workers who boldly witness for Christ.	26 ALGERIA Pray that church leaders will be strong and wise while enduring hardship.	27 INDIA Pray for pastors in southern India who minister to the Banjara tribe.	28 MYANMAR Pray for front-line workers ministering in dangerous areas.	29 COLOMBIA Pray for a decrease in violence, which has spiked over the last year.
30 MALDIVES Pray for those working to translate the Bible into Divehi, the Maldivian language.	31 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that Christian families in the north will become missionaries in the south.	<p><i>January</i></p> <p>“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.”</p> <p>—Hebrews 13:3</p>				

JANUARY CALENDAR

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Years Day 4:30pm HE
2 8 & 10 am HE NO Sunday School	3	4 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	5 9:30 AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	6 EPIPHANY	7	8 10:30am Griefshare 4:30pm HE
9 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	10	11 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	12 9:30AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	13	14 6pm Youth Group Movie Night	15 9am Men's Breakfast 10:30am Griefshare 4:30pm HE
16 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Women's Bible Study	19 9:30 AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	20 7pm Prayer Night	21	22 10:30am Griefshare 4:30pm HE
23 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	24 6:30pm Movie Night	25 6:30pm Men's Disc.	26 9:30 AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	27	28	29 10:30am Griefshare 4:30pm HE
30 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School 11:30am Kingdom Bound Mtg.	31					

WINTER FUN



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RIDDLE ME THIS

What do you call a snowman's party?

A Snowball.

Where does a snowman keep his money?

In a snowbank.

What do snowmen call their offspring?

Chill-dren.

What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?

A meltdown.

What do you call a snowman in summer?

A Puddle.

What do snowmen like for breakfast?

Frosted flakes Or snowflakes.

What is a snowman's favorite lunch?

An iceburg-er.

What Mexican food is a favorite of snowmen?

Brrrr-itos.

What treat does a snowman like best?

A snowcone.



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