



## 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 Brothers and Sisters of St. Bartholomew's!

As many of you know, I (Nicholas Sluyter), was recently ordained as a priest, and we are now in the early stages of planting a new Anglican church in the Southtowns of Buffalo, **AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We all want to be part of something bigger than ourselves. Seventy years ago people gathered together and spread the word so that St. Bartholomew's could be established. In the same way, **you now have the opportunity to be part of starting a new church community in the Southtowns of Buffalo**, that by God's grace will have that same legacy of raising up disciples of Jesus Christ.

Buffalo is one of the most post-Christian cities in the entire nation. Buffalo needs the gospel.

As we have been discerning God's call for ministry over the last few years, several opportunities for pastoring established churches came up, and I ended up turning those opportunities down. Each time, they just didn't sit right with me. Each time we considered leaving Buffalo it seemed that God was inviting us to stay. God has given me a heart and passion for seeing Buffalo transformed, even if I only play one small part in his much bigger plan.

Our mission is to plant a church where people experience life together in fellowship, not just as an event to attend but as a community to belong to. A church where our worship is focused on glorifying God. A church where each person is being formed into the image of Christ and growing to spiritual maturity as we study the Scriptures. And as we grow in depth as a community, we want our church to be a place where people are coming to put their trust in Jesus and follow him as Lord.

**So how can you be part of this mission? Connect us with people you know in the Southtowns!** (Especially in the area of South Buffalo, Hamburg, Orchard Park, Cheektowaga, West Seneca, etc)

In this first step, we are growing our core group of members who want to be part of starting something new. **Will you invite one or more people that you know who are in the Southtowns to consider visiting and joining our church?** If every member of St. Bartholomew's invited just ONE person to come check out our church plant, I'm sure we would grow immensely!

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St. Bart's Web Information

[www.stbartston.org](http://www.stbartston.org)

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



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It is through the little daily efforts of average Christians, like you and me, that disciples are made and the culture is transformed by the gospel.

Share about our church plant and you can have any interested person contact me at [Nicholas.sluyter@gmail.com](mailto:Nicholas.sluyter@gmail.com) for more information.

Our church plant currently meets in the evenings so we hope to still be at St Bart's on some Sunday mornings.

And by God's grace I hope for decades of ministry partnership and collaboration between our churches for the glory of Christ and for the honor of his Kingdom.

In the Love of Christ,

Fr. Nicholas & Lauren Sluyter



**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST  
CHATTER is Tuesday, July 15.  
Thank you.**

# VESTRY

## ST. BART'S: CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF MINISTRY!

June 2025



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC:** Mark your calendars for **August 24<sup>th</sup>**! In light of the fact that this is our **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year** and that Saint Bartholomew's Feast Day falls on a Sunday this year, we will have a joint picnic and service with the Sudanese. More details will be given as we near this date. In the meantime, if you are willing to help, please contact Deacon Kibby and Fr. Wandel.

**SHERIDAN DRIVE ENTRANCE POT HOLES UPDATE:** The potholes will be repaired sometime in July. In the meantime, your patience in trying to avoid them will be appreciated!

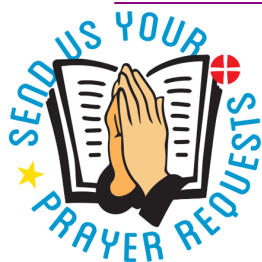
**HAPPY SUMMER:** Once again the vestry does not have any scheduled meetings during July and August; please know they will meet if there is a special need. With that thought in mind, much of the June meeting was focused on taking care of old business that was left unfinished from previous meetings. However, all the vestry members pray that you have a blessed summer!

I'm Ready  
for  
Summer!  
Who's  
with  
me?!





# PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM



**Prayer Requests** – If you, your family and/or your friends are in need of prayer there are prayer request cards in the pews and at the front church entrance. They can be deposited in the church box at the front entrance. They are picked up twice a week. Also, you can request prayers online through our website under the tab “Parish Life” or this link: <https://www.stbartston.org/prayer-requests>

**Intercessory Prayer** – Sundays at the 10 AM service during the ministration of communion. See the weekly bulletin for dates. Also, look for the **lavender** Intercessory Prayer tags on people willing to pray with/for you.

If you are in need of some quiet time the **Prayer Room** is open daily during office hours (from 9 am till 3pm) and can be used before, during or after the weekly Saturday and Sunday services.

When you have had **Prayers Answered** and, if you would like to (confidentially) share them with us, you can do that by dropping us a note in the prayer box at the church entrance. We would love to hear from you.

## ***Why Pray? Philip Yancey***

Prayer, our deepest longings.

“When a doctoral student at Princeton asked, “What is there left in the world for original dissertation research? Albert Einstein replied, “Find out about prayer. Somebody must find out about prayer.”

“Every faith has some form of prayer. We pray because we want to thank someone or something for the beauties and glories of life, and also because we feel small and helpless and sometimes afraid. We pray for forgiveness, for strength, for someone else, for contact with the One who is, for assurance that we are not alone.

Prayer is universal because it speaks to some basic human need.

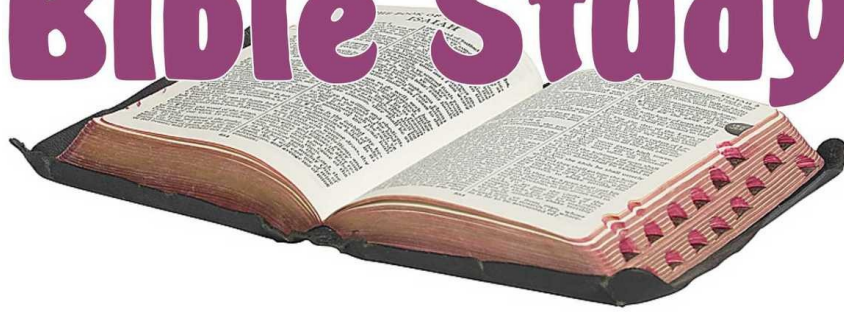
According to Gallup polls, more Americans will pray this week than will exercise, drive a car, or go to work. Nine in ten of us pray regularly and three out of four claim to pray every day. To get some idea of the interest in prayer, type “prayer” or “pray” in an internet engine like Google and see how many millions of links pop up. Yet behind those impressive numbers lies a mystery.”

What did you find in your “prayer” search? What is your prayer life like? Where to now Jesus?



# ***BIBLE STUDIES***

## **Bible Study**

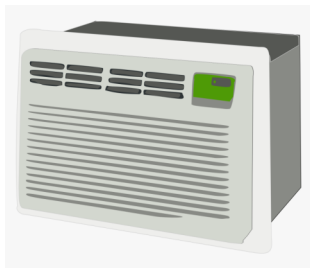


The **Tuesday evening** and **Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Studies** will not meet during the summer.

Likewise, the **Tuesday evening Men's Discipleship** will not meet again until September.

Look for information in the Chatter/bulletin regarding when each will start up in the fall.

Remember, when it gets  
hot outside...  
our church is  
**Prayer-conditioned!!**



***STORE THE BIBLE  
IN YOUR HEART,  
NOT ON A SHELF.***



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Do you enjoy the Coffee Hour after the 10am service? Do you want it to continue? ***Then be a part of it.*** Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen **BEFORE** church to make the coffee and set everything up. Volunteers are needed **AFTER** the coffee hour to help clean up. Also, consider donating a snack or two— cookies, a pastry, donuts... Donate your favorite snack item. It will be greatly appreciated. ***And don't forget to acknowledge and thank the people who work the coffee hour week after week.***



**Sleep in Heavenly Peace** builds and delivers beds to kids in Buffalo so that all kids have a safe, comfortable place to sleep each night. As an ongoing ministry at St. Bart's, we recently participated in **Bunks Across Buffalo**. On May 31 the delivery team **delivered 89 beds** to kids in the city of Buffalo and there were **over 100 beds built**. Thank you to the volunteers from St. Bart's that were part of the build team and to everyone at St. Bart's who were so generous donating

**33 pillows, 17 sheet sets, 4 blankets, 4 comforters, 1 mattress pad and \$1,120** during the linen drive. Acts 20:35 says that *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* and St. Bart's truly lives by these words. We can't thank you all enough! NEW twin size bedding (mattress pads, sheets, comforters, blankets and pillows) will continue to be collected throughout the year even though the bedding donation bin at this time is no longer in the Father Amend Hall. Any donations can be left at the table with the SHP display. Please check out the display table for additional information regarding SHP and upcoming events. If you have any questions, contact Jim Thompson, Marley Smith or Leslie Percival.



**THANKS FOR  
DONATING!**

## **FOOD PANTRY:**

**33** bags and boxes of food and other items were donated to the NIACAP Food Pantry in June. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help those in need. Remember that we collect for the NIACAP Food Pantry the first weekend of every month, as the need never goes away.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## CLOTHING COLLECTION

We will again be collecting slightly used men's and women's clothing for the Sudanese Congregation and for the Sheridan Parkside community.

And we will also be collecting slightly used/new children's clothing in sizes **18 MONTHS TO YOUNG TEENS** for St. Dunstan's in Florida. Again only **18 MONTHS to YOUNG TEENS**, no infants' clothing please.

We are setting aside the month of July to collect these donations to distribute in August. The clothing donations may be brought to church and deposited in the bins in Fr. Amend Hall, **beginning July 1.**



Jesus wants us to freely and humbly give of ourselves, our time and talents ([Luke 6:38](#)). Now he has provided an opportunity for us to give freely.

For more information and to answer any questions you may have, contact Dcn. Gary A Wisniewski at 716-863-4081 or email him at [garyawski@gmail.com](mailto:garyawski@gmail.com). We need about one dozen **BANANA boxes** for sorting clothing. If you are at Aldi's, TOPS, Wegmans please ask if they have any empty **BANANA boxes**. THANK YOU.

Peace, Love, Joy in our Lord Jesus Christ

Deacon Gary and Elaine Wisniewski



**Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Military in your prayers. Please let the church office know if there is anyone that should be added to or removed from this prayer list.**

**James Kerins– Army**

**Sean MacLeay-Navy**

**Matthew Prohaska– Air Force**

**Andrew Rebl– Army**



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**Cokesbury Kids**

# ROAD TRIP

**ON THE GO WITH GOD**

**An amazing Ride awaits as we learn  
God is with us wherever we go!**

**Register at: [www.stbartston.org](http://www.stbartston.org)**

**VBS dates: July 13th–16th**

**VBS Times: 6:00pm–8:00pm**

**Family Dinners: 5:15pm**

**For more information, contact Liz Burkett  
[dce@stbartston.org](mailto:dce@stbartston.org) or 716-831-1777**



**JULY 28-30 . SIX FLAGS DARIEN LAKE**

# KINGDOM

**20** *Bound* **25**

**HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY**

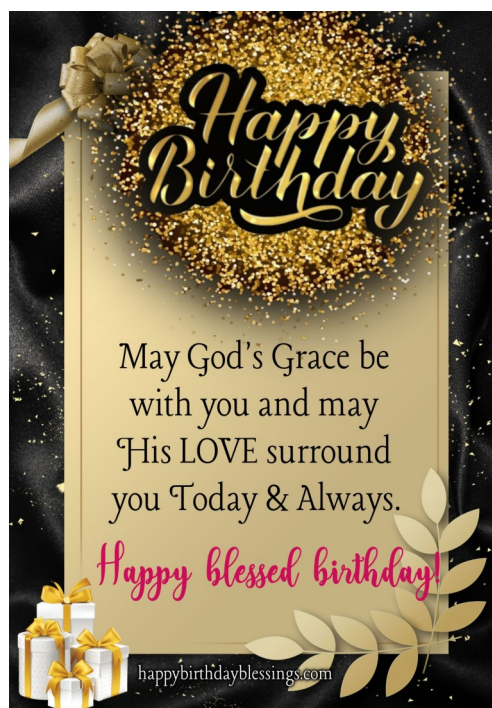
**familylife**  
...a friend you can turn to



# July Birthdays

- 2 Carl Hoffman, Carolyn Oliveri,  
Destiny Veiders
- 4 Joseph Fisher, Denise Stacks, Brenda Wisz
- 6 Ross J. Tobin
- 8 Terry Gamble
- 10 John Horton, Joseph Szalay, Fred Teall
- 12 Roy Brinkerhoff, Evelyn Fisher,  
Adam Morgante
- 13 Emily Decker, Raymond Hooch,  
Dn. John Reitz
- 14 Debi Calabrese, Gianna Clontz,  
Susan LaDuca, Janet Spence
- 15 Lisa Johnson, Gregory Tedesco, Sr.
- 16 Johanna Vaccaro
- 17 Jonathan Emmons Jr. (Jack)
- 18 Adrianna Festa
- 19 Carolyn Lade
- 21 Rick Herrmann
- 22 Dortha LaDuca, Anastasia Sluyter,  
Paul Stagg
- 23 Joseph Covella, Gary Galbreath
- 25 Liz Burkett, Andrew Hillery Jr.,  
Charity Nordee
- 26 Michelle Brindisi

- 27 Michael Brylinski, Chase Clontz,  
Emily Emmons, Karen Kopper,  
Adomale Nordee
- 29 Eileen Arnold, Lynn Chabriel,  
Ross M. Tobin
- 30 Kathryn Sam, Michael Tarapata






## AUGUST

- 1 Nicholas Weber, Mike Wisz
- 4 Sarah Knecht, David Merrick,  
Drusilla Waterman, Elaine Wisniewski
- 6 Carie-Jo Cleary, Tochukwu Ezeagwuna

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

# JULY CALENDAR

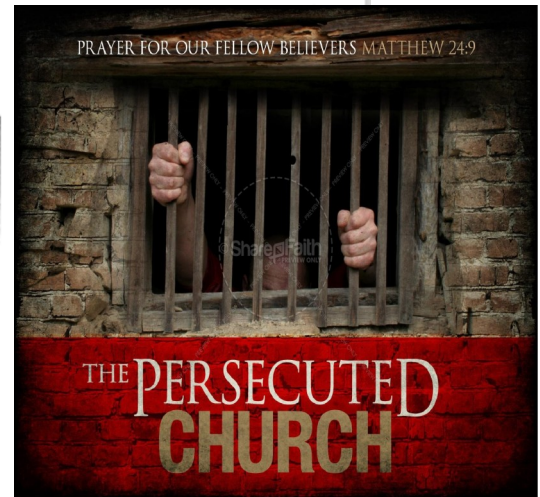
## JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 am HE 6pm VBS Decorate	2 9:30 am HE 6pm VBS Decorate	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 2:30pm Wedding 4:30 pm HE 
6 8 & 10 am HE	7	8	9 9:30 am HE 6pm VBS decorate	10	11	12 4:30 pm HE
13 8 & 10am HE VBS 6p-8p 5:30pm Family Dinner	14 VBS 6p-8p 5:30pm Family Dinner	15 VBS 6p-8p 5:30pm Family Dinner	16 9:30am HE VBS 6p-8p 5:30pm Family Dinner	17 7pm Prayer Night	18	19 4:30 pm HE
20 8 & 10am HE	21	22	23 9:30 am HE 6pm Kingdom Bound Mtg.	24	25	26 2pm Wedding 4:30 pm HE 
27 8 & 10 am HE	28	29	30 9:30 am HE	31		



# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NOTES:</b> <i>July</i>						
<b>6</b> <b>KENYA</b> Pray that Christian converts in Somali-majority areas will maintain a strong witness among those hostile to Christ.	<b>7</b> <b>NEPAL</b> Pray for the salvation of Hindu monks who hear the gospel through the witness of bold front-line workers.	<b>8</b> <b>QATAR</b> Pray that Christians in the large expatriate community will faithfully share the gospel with their Qatari neighbors.	<b>9</b> <b>ISRAEL</b> Pray that churches targeted by Jewish anti-missionary groups will be bold witnesses to their persecutors.	<b>10</b> <b>VENEZUELA</b> Pray that front-line workers will be encouraged and strengthened by prayers of the global body of Christ.	<b>11</b> <b>LIBYA</b> Pray for missionaries and indigenous believers who take great risks to share the gospel.	<b>12</b> <b>TUNISIA</b> Pray that the increased availability of God's Word will lead to a turning to Christ throughout the country.
<b>13</b> <b>BAHRAIN</b> Pray for unlimited access to print, digital, audio, children's Bibles and other Bibles.	<b>14</b> <b>ETHIOPIA</b> Praise God that Christians continue to plant new churches and send out missionaries despite growing Islamist pressure.	<b>15</b> <b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b> Pray that Christian media will effectively proclaim the gospel to Emirati Muslims.	<b>16</b> <b>IRAQ</b> Pray for the wisdom of Kurdish Christians and pastors as they share the truth of Christ.	<b>17</b> <b>BANGLADESH</b> Pray for Rolina, who has faced opposition while leading evangelistic teams into slums to share the gospel.	<b>18</b> <b>KYRGYZSTAN</b> Many Kyrgyz work in other countries. Pray that they will hear and respond to the gospel.	<b>19</b> <b>LAOS</b> Many churches in Laos do not have a trained pastor. Pray that God will raise up a new generation of church leaders.
<b>20</b> <b>TAJIKISTAN</b> Using Isaiah 52:7 as a guide, thank God for ministry work among people living in remote mountain regions.	<b>21</b> <b>COMOROS</b> Pray that Comorian Christians arrested for their faith will have freedom to worship.	<b>22</b> <b>MALDIVES</b> Pray that front-line workers will find creative, effective approaches to sharing the gospel.	<b>23</b> <b>JORDAN</b> Pray for the establishment of more churches to evangelize and disciple new Christians.	<b>24</b> <b>BURUNDI</b> Pray that Christians in Burundi will stand firm in faith as they are targeted by Muslims for their bold witness.	<b>25</b> <b>CHAD</b> Pray that Chadian Christians will grow as biblical disciples as they receive and study God's Word.	<b>26</b> <b>UGANDA</b> Pray that Ugandan churches will respond to threats from Muslim extremists with the hope of the gospel.
<b>27</b> <b>IRAN</b> 97% of Iranians are Muslims, but many are disillusioned with Islam. Pray that they will turn to Christ.	<b>28</b> <b>INDIA</b> Pray for Christians like Alex, who has been pressured by his community and police to return to Hinduism.	<b>29</b> <b>SIERRA LEONE</b> Pray for teams showing the JESUS film in remote locations where many people cannot read.	<b>30</b> <b>ERITREA</b> Ask God to thwart government efforts to infiltrate underground churches.	<b>31</b> <b>MYANMAR (BURMA)</b> Pray that Myanmar's Bible schools, most of which are illegal, will effectively equip new leaders for the church.		





## The Dash Poem      Linda Ellis, Author

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came her date of her birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own;  
The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.

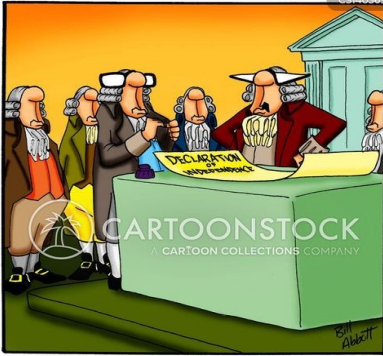
If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

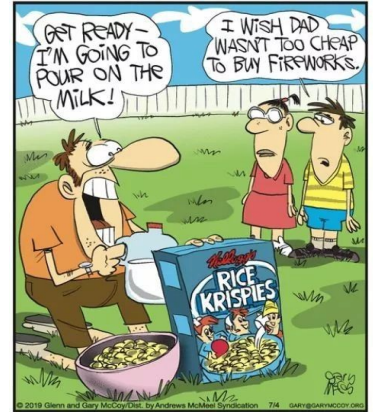
If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?

# Happy 4th of July



“Oh, come on! Nobody brought a pen?”



Why does the Statue of Liberty stand for freedom in New York?

**Because she can't sit down!!**

Did you hear about the angry firecracker?

**He was so mad he exploded!!**

Was the Declaration of Independence written in Philadelphia?

**No, it was written in ink!!**

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?

**Because the horse was too heavy to carry!!**

What did the revolutionaries wear to the Boston Tea Party?

**Tea shirts!!**

What did one flag say to the other?

**Nothing, it just waved!!**

Do they have a 4th of July in England?

**Yes, it's how they get from the 3rd to the 5th of July!!**

