



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 2025

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS!



On Saturday, May 17th, Bishop Adam Andudu confirmed twelve of our members and one member from St. Peter's Church, Forestville.

**Seated left to right: Fr. Jacob Bush, Bishop Adam Andudu, Fr. Arthur Ward, Jr.
Fr. Vincent Coppola (St. Peter's)**

**Standing Front Row: Nathan Lapp, Robert Miller, Isabel Luckoski, Khloe Kibby,
Adrianna Festa, Destiny Veiders**

**Standing Back Row: Marley Smith, Mark Costantino, David Merrick, Jonathan Veiders,
Kiersten Lapp, Ephraim Bush, Debra Isula**

St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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



**St. Bartholomew's
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CONGRATUATIONS to Father Nicholas Sluyter (center) who was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Julian Dobbs of the Diocese of the Living Word on Saturday, May 17 in McLean, VA.



DEADLINE FOR THE JULY CHATTER
is Tuesday, June 17. Thank you.

VESTRY

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

MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

St. Bart's & the 21st Century: Change is sometimes a slow and costly process. While St. Bart's is continually trying to be "up to date", the Vestry is continually looking for ways to remain so. As a result, the Vestry is excited to let you know they are considering several possible changes to help both young and old with making it easier for everyone to stay "in the know" as it pertains to St. Bart's. First, you may have noticed we are now using a QR code that will take you directly to RebelGive to help make it less cumbersome to give a donation. (Speaking of donations, please note that any holiday offerings are fully given away as a donation to charities decided on by the Vestry. None of those offerings are in the budget nor are they used towards the on-going expenses of St. Bart's. Therefore, you are encouraged to give your "normal" donation in addition to any special offerings. This will greatly help with keeping within our annual budget.)

Next, in addition to the QR codes, the Vestry is also looking into the possibility and feasibility of having a St. Bart's app. It is hoped the app will make it easier for anyone to access information you may want or need at your fingertips. Things like providing details about upcoming events, contact information for staff and clergy, how to be a part of the various ministries, a direct link to RebelGive, etc. Please note: *the app will not replace the website*, although the Vestry acknowledges the need to update our website since it's been many years (believe it or not) when it was first developed; this will be another item the Vestry is pursuing in the future.

Rivendell Update: The Vestry would like to say "hats off" to the Rivendell students who put on an awesome theatrical presentation of Paul Bunyan's **Pilgrims Progress**. In addition, the Vestry would like to give a big "thank you" to Rivendell for providing the new furniture in the atrium on the second floor as well as for the purchase of a 14,000 BTU A/C unit. It is the Vestry's understanding they are also planning to purchase two additional A/C units for use in two more classrooms. Way to go Rivendell!

New Computers: Isn't it amazing how quickly our computers become out of date and obsolete. While we've been blessed in that we've been able to put band aids on our computers with repairs from time to time, the time has come when these are no longer a viable option. Therefore, the Vestry approved the purchase of three new computers, with the funds coming from the Arise and Build monies. (Thank you to those of you who continue to give to this fund. If you'll recall, the monies in this fund are used for "special need" items that were not budgeted.)

Sheridan Drive Entrance Pot Holes: What you may or may not know, technically, the Sheridan Drive entrance is a continuation of Montrose Ave., located on the other side of Sheridan Drive. That means the Town of Tonawanda owns that part of the property. Despite that fact, it is our responsibility to maintain that area. While our Sexton, Jim Kibby, can do a "cold-patch repair", it is only a short-term fix. Therefore, another project the Vestry will be looking into is getting the pot holes repaired with a more permanent fix. (Again, this is something where the monies may come from the Arise & Build Fund so please don't hesitate to give, making sure you mark "Arise & Build" on your check or look for Arise & Build on RebelGive. Either way, another thank you to everyone for your continued support!)



PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

2 Chronicles 33:10-17

(ODB May 5) “Manasseh, king of Judah, rebelled against God. As a result, he was taken captive to Babylon. But “in his distress he sought the favor of the Lord,” and “**when he prayed,**” God “brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom” (2 Chronicles 33:12-13). Manasseh spent the rest of his rule in peace, serving God and doing his best to undo the wrongs he’d done before.

“The Lord was moved” by Manasseh’s prayer (v. 13). God responds to humility. When we realize we need to make a change in the way we’re living and turn to Him, He never turns us away. He meets us with grace we don’t deserve and renews us with the self-giving love He poured out at the cross. New beginnings begin with Him.

Manasseh *humbly* prayed to God, was returned to his throne in Jerusalem, and ended his reign seeking to right his many wrongs (vv. 10-17). Likewise, we can humbly pray and turn to God for a fresh start.

**Where in your life do you need to have a change of heart?
How will you turn to God today in prayer?”**



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.

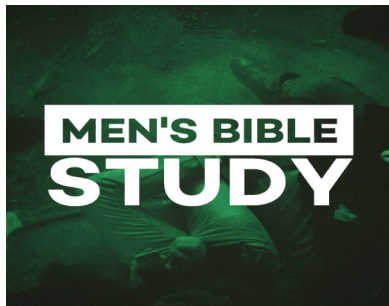
If you are in need of some quiet time the **Prayer Room** is open daily during office hours (from 9 am till 3pm) and can be used before, during or after the weekly Saturday and Sunday services.

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.

BIBLE STUDIES

Men of St. Bart's, The **Men's Discipleship Group** has put together a survey that we would like you all to participate in. The survey is to help understand the needs, desires, and capacities of our men to facilitate Biblical Manhood with ourselves, our families, our church, and our communities. In order to take the survey just copy or type the link into your browser. If you have any questions or need a paper copy of the survey, please see John Krull. Deacon John, Deacon Gary, John Hillestad, or Rocco Brindisi.
Thanks for your participation in this survey.

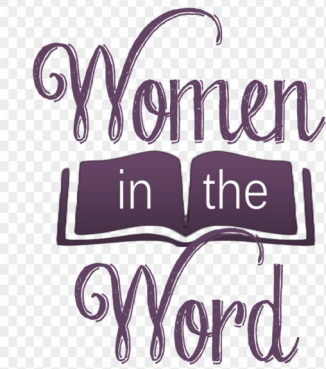
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B58D5TV>



Men's Discipleship Group

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

All men are invited to attend.



Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

will have its last meeting before we break for the summer on June 10th. We will be watching the movie "Loving Leah". It's a Hallmark movie which centers on the Jewish tradition of the Kinsmen Redeemer - ie. Ruth and Boaz.

Of course there will be socializing. If anyone is thinking of joining us in the fall this might be a good time to come and get acquainted.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

meets at 10:30 am. We are studying the book of Amos, using a study guide by Jennifer Rothschild called Amos: An Invitation to the Good Life.

See Sharon Scott for more information.

This group will meet thru June 25th,
and then take a break for the summer.

ALL women are invited to join one or both Bible Study groups.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 Miller– Army

Matthew Prohaska– Air Force

Andrew Rebl– Army



Thank you to everyone at St. Bart's for their donations, prayers, & support in helping **CompassCare** minister to women who are facing unplanned pregnancy and to everyone who came out to participate in our Walk for Life, despite the weather.

**\$8895.75 was donated from St. Bart's
to CompassCare's Walk for Life!**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Garden Ministry Help Needed

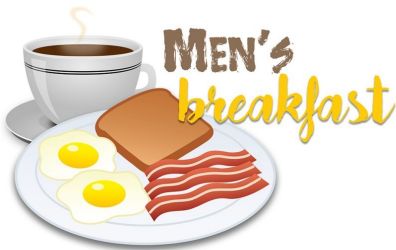
Volunteers are needed to help maintain the gardens and landscaping around the church property. This could be as little as watering a few flowerpots or light weeding to planting in our gardens or even assisting with maintenance projects – everything helps! Please contact Joshua Jackson if you are interested in helping to make and keep St Bartholomew's gardens beautiful this year.

"It is not important who does the planting, or the watering. What is important is that God makes the seed grow." 1st Corinthians 3:7

**THANKS FOR
DONATING!**

FOOD PANTRY:

31 bags and boxes of food and other items were donated to the NIACAP Food Pantry in May. 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.



The **Men's Breakfast** for June will be held on **Saturday, June 21st** at the usual 9:00 am. Those able to help prepare Breakfast, we start at 7:30 am. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

As of May 18, the Buffalo Chapter has delivered **5,685** beds to kids in Buffalo and built **5,849** beds since 2020. NEW twin size bedding (sheets, mattress pads, comforters, pillows) will continue to be collected throughout the year. Please put all donations on the table in the Father Amend Hall. We will be scheduling another St. Barts build in the Fall and provide additional information as soon as it is available. Thank you to everyone who has helped so that “No kid sleeps on the floor in our town”.

Mother-Daughter Night Out Recap:

A good time was had by all the daughters, mothers & grandmothers in attendance! We used our needle tools to make beautiful punched pin note cards. Using all the gorgeous buttons parishioners donated, we were able to decorate picture frames with them. The ladies really outdid themselves with their creativity. We are hoping to have **another Ladies Night in the Fall so check The Chatter for future details**. Special thanks to Kathleen Ward & Brenda Wisz for all their help.



Yours in Christ,
Holly Thompson



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

11:30AM—1:30PM

FATHER AMEND HALL

Tickets: \$12 per person

All proceeds will support the youth attending Kingdom Bound.

A graphic featuring a dog wearing a red hat and a yellow scarf, holding a blue sign that says "ROAD TRIP" and "ON THE GO WITH GOD". The background is a stylized map with a road, a sun, and a shopping cart icon.

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
VBS dates: July 13th–16th
VBS Times: 6:00pm–8:00pm
Family Dinners: 5:15pm

**For more information, contact Liz Burkett
dce@stbartston.org or 716-831-1777**



Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

June 2025

Quality time with God



As the school year winds down, we're looking forward to one final Bible Study together before summer break—and we hope you'll join us! For our last session, we'll be talking about something so important: spending quality time with God. Life gets busy, especially as school ends and summer begins, but making space for God in your daily routine can truly be the best part of your day. We'll explore why that time matters, how it helps us grow closer to Him, and share creative ways to connect—whether it's through music, journaling, going for a walk with prayer, reading scripture, or just being still in His presence. This is a perfect way to wrap up the year and carry some spiritual momentum into summer. Come ready to share, learn, and be encouraged!

Next Happenings

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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

Wednesday, June 4th

YG Meeting 6:30 - 8:30 pm due to Youth Sunday rehearsal

Sunday, June 8th

Pancake Breakfast after 10 am service

Wednesday, June 11th

Final YG meeting of the year

Save the Date: July 23rd

6:00 pm Kingdom Bound meeting

When You said, "Seek My Face," my heart said to You,
"Your Face, O Lord, I shall seek."

Psalm 27:8 NASB

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett

Summer is here—school is out, the days are longer, and life slows down a little. But just because your schedule changes doesn't mean your spiritual growth has to pause!

In fact, summer can be an amazing time to go deeper in your relationship with God. With fewer distractions, you have more freedom to be intentional and creative with how you connect with Him.

Here are a few simple (and fun!) ways to keep growing this summer:

📖 **Start a Bible Reading Plan** – Try the book of Psalms or Proverbs, or follow a short devotional on the Bible app. Just a few minutes a day can make a big difference.

🎧 **Worship Playlists & Podcasts** – Fill your headphones with worship music or faith-based podcasts. Let truth surround you during road trips, walks, or while chilling at home.

📓 **Keep a Prayer Journal** – Write down your thoughts, prayers, and what you feel God is teaching you. It's a powerful way to see how you're growing over time.

🌳 **Find God Outdoors** – Go for a hike or sit outside and just talk with God. Creation is one of the best reminders of how big and present He is.

💛 **Stay Connected** – Reach out to youth group friends and check in on each other. Maybe plan a Bible study at the park or hang out and pray together.

Remember, God doesn't take a vacation from pursuing you—and you don't have to either. Let's make this summer one of spiritual growth, joy, and deeper connection with Jesus. You've got this!

In Christ,
Liz

We Still Need VBS Volunteers! ☀️ Our VBS volunteer meetings have already taken place, but we still need more help to make this an amazing week for the kids! Vacation Bible School is July 13–16 from 6–8 PM, and there are still plenty of ways you can be involved. If you're interested in helping, please reach out to me—I'd love to connect and find the best spot for you to serve! Let's make this a fun and faith-filled week together!



Kingdom Bound Fundraiser Breakfast – June 8th 🥞 Join us for a delicious breakfast on Sunday, June 8th in Fr. Amend Hall right after the 10 AM service! 🗣️ All proceeds will go toward supporting our trip to Kingdom Bound. 🎫 Tickets can be purchased after services—bring the whole family! If you're able to help and haven't signed up yet, please contact me. We'd love to have your support!

Youth Sunday is coming up on Sunday, June 8th, and we'd love for all youth in grades 6–12 to be part of this special service! Students will have the opportunity to choose how they'd like to be involved, whether it's reading scripture, leading prayer, helping with music, greeting or ushering. We'll be holding a practice on Wednesday, June 4th at 5:30 PM for everyone participating in the service and Pentecost skit. Please make every effort to attend so we're ready to go! Did you miss the May planning meeting? No problem! Just reach out to me and we'll get you plugged in.

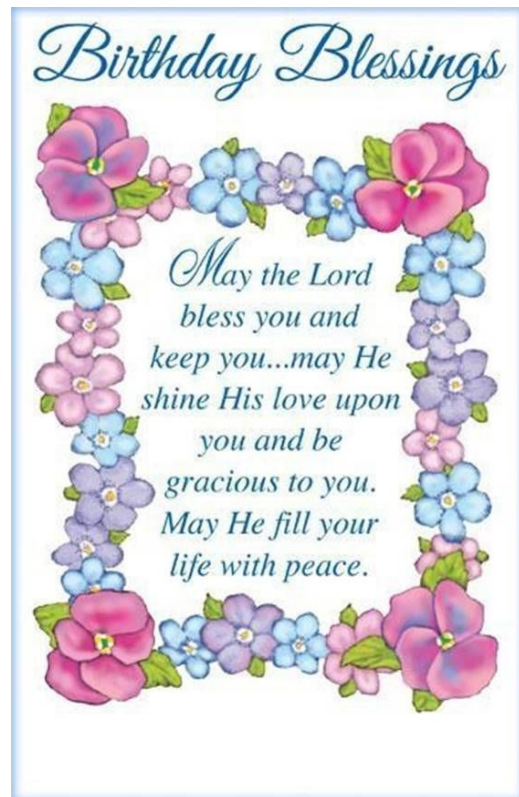


Kingdom Bound Meeting! The countdown is on for Kingdom Bound! Join us for an important event meeting on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 PM in the Large Fellowship Hall. We'll cover: ✓ Final schedule 📖 What to bring and not bring 🍕 Food donations 🏠 Cabin assignments 📅 Expectations Whether it's your first time or your fifth, this meeting will help you get ready and excited! Parents are welcome. Don't miss it!

June Birthdays

- 1 Mary Krause
- 2 William Ruhland
- 3 Emily Bush, Joshua Jackson
- 4 Pamela Machelor, Michael Spence Jr.
- 5 Gabriella Festa
- 6 Richard Hubbard, Ellen Siegel,
Edward Zurzuski, Lee Hilliker
- 7 M.J. Brzeczowski
- 8 Adrianna Festa, Frank LoCicero,
Emma Scibetta
- 9 Mary Hillery, Gary Zuefle
- 11 Carol Lower, Linda Soltis
- 12 Karen Heer
- 13 Trudy Woolcott
- 14 Alexa Veiders
- 16 Beverly Graber
- 17 Thomas Daniele, Debra McGuire
- 18 Leslie Miller
- 19 Carol Nelson, Christopher Szymanski,
Stephen Tarapata
- 20 Madeline Crosby
- 21 Audra Horton, Brett Kyser
- 22 Natalie Teall
- 25 Juliette Cleary, Barbara Hubbard

- 26 Eden Bush, Archie Wilkowski
- 27 Jonathan Merrick
- 28 Matthew LaDuca
- 29 Elijah Osmon
- 30 Carl Calabrese






JULY

- 2 Carl Hoffman, Carolyn Oliveri,
Destiny Veiders
- 4 Joseph Fisher, Denise Stacks, Brenda Wisz
- 6 Ross J. Tobin

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

June Calendar

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 & 10 am HE 10am SS	2	3 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	4 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth	5	6	7 11am Terry Storey Memorial Service 4:30 pm HE
8 8 & 10 am HE 10am Youth Sunday 11:30am Pancake Breakfast 	9	10 6:30pm Men's Disc, Ladies Bible Study (last)	11 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm LAST Youth Group	12 6:30pm Cont. Music rehearsal	13	14 4:30 pm HE
15 8 & 10 am HE 10am SS 	16 630pm BARRA	17 6:30pm Men's Disc.	18 9:30 am HE NO Women's Bible Study	19 6:30pm Cont. Music rehearsal 7pm Prayer Service 	20	21 4:30 pm HE
22 8 & 10 am HE	23	24 6:30pm Men's Disc.	25 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Last)	26	27	28 4:30 pm HE
29 8 & 10 am HE	30					

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PHILIPPINES Pray for Bible schools that continue to equip courageous Christians for ministry in Muslim-majority areas.	2 COLOMBIA Pray that God will comfort the widows and children of pastors who have been killed for their bold witness.	3 AZERBAIJAN Praise God that many Azeri Christians faithfully share Christ despite opposition and possible fines.	4 MEXICO Pray for Gabriela, whose husband and neighbors have beaten her more than 40 times because of her bold witness.	5 NEPAL Pray that every Christian in the country will have a copy of God's Word.	6 UZBEKISTAN Pray that Uzbek Christians will forgive family members who reject them because of their faith.	7 SRI LANKA Pray for Pastor Sam, who boldly proclaims the gospel in the face of aggression and opposition.
8 AFGHANISTAN Pray that many Afghans will hear the gospel through social media and broadcast sources.	9 MAURITANIA Pray for those who hand-carry Bibles into the country at great risk.	10 SOMALIA Pray that many young people in Somalia who become disillusioned with Islam will turn to Christ.	11 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO Pray for the emotional and spiritual healing of Christians who have experienced violent attacks.	12 CHINA Pray that the physical and Chinese Christians, like Wang Yi and Fu Xuanjuan.	13 MALAYSIA Pray that the gospel will advance among the Malay people through increased access to Bibles in the Malay language.	14 NORTH KOREA Pray that Christians who receive Bibles smuggled into North Korea will grow in their knowledge of God's Word.
15 SUDAN Many Christians have been displaced by fighting between Islamic groups. Pray for God's provision.	16 BRUNEI Pray for the few bold evangelists and missionaries who, despite the risks, proclaim the truth of the gospel.	17 TURKMENISTAN The Turkmen-language Bible is illegal in Turkmenistan. Pray that Christians will have access to it.	18 SYRIA Praise God for the faithful witness of Christians who have remained in the country despite hostile conditions.	19 MOZAMBIQUE Pray that the physical and spiritual needs of the more than 100,000 displaced Mozambicans will be met.	20 MALI Pray for Jacques, a former pastor who now provides other pastors with God's Word. Praise God for his ministry.	21 BENIN Pray for Jacques, a Christian, 40% practice ethnic religions and 30% are Muslims. Pray that more will know Christ.
22 NIGER Pray for the healing of Jeff Woodke, who was beaten and held captive for six years because of his Christian witness.	23 ALGERIA Pray that Christians whose churches have been closed by authorities will find ways to meet.	24 RUSSIA AND AREAS UNDER ITS CONTROL Pray that the body of Christ will be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).	25 BURKINA FASO Islamists burned Pastor Laurent's church and later abducted him. Pray for his protection and release.	26 PAKISTAN Pray that increasingly restrictive blasphemy laws, often used to oppress Christians, will be repealed.	27 TANZANIA Pray for a strong Christian witness in the archipelago of Zanzibar, which is 99% Muslim.	28 YEMEN Pray for the continued steadfast faith of Pastor Ebrahim, who has been threatened at gunpoint for his bold witness.
29 INDONESIA Pray that Christians who live in hostile and remote areas will have access to God's Word.	30 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that Christians displaced by the civil war will find refuge in Christ.	<div>June</div> <p>"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." —1 Corinthians 15:58</p>				

Summer Fun

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE:



When do you go at red and stop at green?



When you're eating a watermelon!!!

momstheboys.com

