



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/JULY 2021

YOUR DESTINY IS DETERMINED BY CHOICE NOT CHANCE!

Have you ever heard that statement before? President Dwight D. Eisenhower said that *"the history of free men is never written by chance, but by choice."* In other words, our freedoms do not happen by accident. They are the result of the choices made by men and women who have gone before us. So, too with everything in life - whether it involves our church, our work/business, our family, or ourselves! These "histories" or "stories" do not happen by accident. Rather, the choices we make both individually and together determine our destiny and the trajectory of our lives.

While God is sovereign and nothing happens without His knowledge, God also gives us free will - the freedom to choose and to make decisions every day. Those choices and decisions are not merely concerning preferences for food and clothing, but ones that involve good and evil, right and wrong. The only way to make the right choice is to trust what God says in His Word and then do it! God promises that when we trust and obey Him we will be blessed! The Lord God declared to Moses and the people of Israel in **Dt. 30:19-20**, *I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days..."*

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Today, we know that choosing life means choosing Jesus and following Him! What an encouragement to know that His Holy Spirit resides in us to empower us with wisdom and conviction so that we not only can choose the right path but develop the discipline to make the right choices every day.

It is why we read in **Hebrews 12:1-3**: *"...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."*

Do you want to not grow weary and lose heart this summer? Do you want to fulfill your destiny? Fix your eyes on Jesus!

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Ward

VESTRY

MAY 2021

Bishop Atwood's Visit: Bishop Atwood and his wife, Susan, will be in town May 20-23, 2021. The Bishop will preside over Deacon Bush's ordination on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at the 4:30 service and Confirmation on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at the 10 am service. He will also be attending the "Thursday's Life in the Spirit" seminar.

COVID Changes During Services: This will be an ever-changing thing but at the time of this printing, the following changes will begin during the ordination/confirmation weekend services: no masks are required while seated, must continue to sit 6' apart and all must wear masks if singing.

St. Bart's Outside Signs: Although restricted by the Town' ordinances on what can be done, the vestry approved to have the sign at the Sheridan Drive sign updated and replaced. However, more flexibility for the Eggert Road sign is available. As a result, all available options are being considered and will be decided upon once the information is gathered and reviewed.

Other Repairs Being Done & Reviewed:

Sealing the parking lot will be done as soon as possible.

HVAC needs ~ the boiler, which handles our heating needs, does not have to be replaced at this time. However, because we are still using the original equipment from when the building was first built, the air conditioning units outside the Fellowship Hall and the system for the Fr. Amend Hall need to be addressed and replaced sooner than later. A resolution for this issue will be made once all the pertinent information is gathered to make an educated decision.

Window well grates will be replaced. This work has been long overdue and will be done in the near future before an accident occurs.

*Happy
Father's
Day!*



VESTRY

JUNE 2021

St. Bart's Outside Signs: Please take note of the new Sheridan Drive sign. New designs for the Eggert Road digital sign are being researched and considered.

Other Repairs Being Done:

Sealing the parking lot will be done on June 21 & 22nd.

Window well grates have been ordered and will be replaced.

Vestry Meetings: The Vestry has agreed to meet throughout the summer to address the on-going needs and to be able to move forward on outreach and growth.

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. Tony Luckoski, Dan Tobin, John Krull and Jim Kibby have volunteered to serve on this new committee. Two more candidates will be chosen by Fr. Ward to be on it.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



IS BACK!!!

MONDAY, JUNE 28TH

AT 6:30PM

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS & DRINKS.

Son Rays Ministries

located on North Ellicott Road, Amherst, has continued to provide services for 25 single mothers and their children, even during the recent lockdowns. Although their activities were somewhat reduced during the Covid scare, things are now opening up and they are looking forward to a busy summer and fall. They are always looking for volunteers, and especially welcome men to help with maintenance projects. Call Alice or Cheri at 695-9494 if you'd like to learn more.

Opportunities this summer and fall: **Annual Yard sale- June 24 - 26**

Backyard Bible Club for the children they minister to (including many from Cornerstone Manor) Every Wednesday morning in July. There is a Bible study for mothers and others offered while the children are meeting

Annual Banquet at Salvatore's- October 1

Please keep Son Rays in your prayers as they seek to "preserve the sanctity of all life from conception until natural death."

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 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



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Candace Kane, Mary Krause,
Linda McGee
- 2 William Ruhland, Craig Schwab
- 3 Emily Bush, Chailyn Seymour,
Chase Seymour, Chyler Seymour
- 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, Kristin Poeller,
Karin Seymour, Gary Zuefle
- 10 Marjorie Saunders
- 11 Carol Lower, Linda Soltis
- 12 Karen Heer
- 13 Alena Matuch
- 16 Beverly Graber
- 17 Thomas Daniele, Barbara McDonald,
Debra McGuire
- 18 Leslie Horvath
- 19 Dillon Lobdell, Carol Nelson,
Griffen Poeller, Clancy Seymour,
Christopher Szymanski,
Stephen Tarapata
- 20 Madeline Crosby, Doreen Flatley
- 21 Brett Kyser, Audra Lakeman
- 23 MaryEllen Anello
- 24 AnnMarie Rudin
- 25 Juliette Cleary, Barbara Hubbard
- 26 Eden Bush, Jason Crosby,
Archie Wilkowski
- 27 Jonathan Merrick, David Waddington
- 28 Matthew LaDuca, James Schwartzmyer
- 29 Evan Matesic, Elijah Osmon
- 30 Carl Calabrese, Anita Will



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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carl Hoffman, Carolyn Oliveri
- 3 Caleb Chiaravalle, Daniel MacLeay,
Rosemary Styn
- 4 Joseph Fisher, Denise Stacks,
Brenda Wisz
- 5 Mary Machelor
- 6 Ross J. Tobin
- 8 Terry Gamble
- 10 Evelyn Fisher
- 12 Roy Brinkerhoff, Norman Machelor,
Adam Morgante
- 13 Emily Decker, Raymond Hooch,
Glen MacLeay, Dn. John Reitz,
Janet Spence
- 14 Debi Calabrese, Gianna Clontz,
Susan LaDuca,
Gregory Tedesco Sr.
- 15 Lisa Johnson, Johanna Vaccaro
- 16 Jackie Lukacz, Margaret McAndrews
- 19 Rita Kissel, Carolyn Lade
- 20 Rick Herrmann
- 21 Desiree Donhauser
- 22 Dortha LaDuca, Peter VanLente
- 23 Joseph Covella, Gary Galbreath,
Timothy Shotwell
- 24 Elizabeth Burkett
- 25 Mark Begovich, Steven Fildes,
Andrew Hillery Jr.
- 26 Michelle Brindisi, Michael Brylinski
- 27 Chase Clontz, Emily Emmons,
Karen Kopper
- 28 Laurie Hayes, Robert Poeller
- 29 Eileen Arnold, Ashley Oberther,
Ross M. Tobin
- 30 Kathryn Sam, Michael Tarapata
- 31 Janice Casiano




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PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June	1 AFGHANISTAN Pray for ongoing Bible translation work as well as radio, TV and social media ministries.	2 LAOS Pray for the spiritual state of communist Laos, which treats Buddhism as an official religion.	3 IRAQ Pray for believers moving back to the Mosul area after being driven out by ISIS in 2014.	4 CAMEROON Pray for evangelists who risk their lives to disciple believers in villages attacked by Boko Haram.	5 SRI LANKA Pray for Zion church as it continues to recover from an April 2019 bombing.	
6 ETHIOPIA Pray for the members of churches destroyed in attacks.	7 UGANDA Pray that single mothers abandoned by their husbands will maintain a courageous Christian witness.	8 DJIBOUTI Pray for Christian converts from Islam who face pressure and persecution from their communities.	9 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for missionaries seeking opportunities to reach Emiratis with the gospel.	10 CHINA Pray that Christians will remain faithful to Christ no matter the circumstances.	11 KENYA Pray that churches in central Kenya will encourage and support ministry work in Muslim majority regions.	12 SOMALIA Pray that the Lord will soften the hearts of government leaders toward Christians.
13 NIGERIA Pray for believers in the northeast who survived attacks from Boko Haram.	14 LIBYA Pray that secret believers will have fellowship with the Lord and with other Christians.	15 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray for Christians seeking to return home after their villages were attacked.	16 KUWAIT Pray for the protection of local believers.	17 COMOROS Pray for the translation of the Bible into Comorian dialects.	18 NEPAL Pray for the success of youth discipleship conferences.	19 SAUDI ARABIA Pray for families seeking asylum after being forced to flee their country.
20 COLOMBIA Pray for the protection of Christians from guerrilla groups and from drug and arms traffickers.	21 EGYPT Pray for believers who have been taken to court on false charges because of their faith.	22 LEBANON Pray for the ongoing translation of Christian literature used throughout the region.	23 IRAN Pray for the training and equipping of house church leaders in Iran.	24 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that believers will stay strong during difficult times.	25 INDIA Pray for new converts who are experiencing persecution.	26 BHUTAN Pray for successful outreach work and discipleship among Bhutanese women.
27 PHILIPPINES Pray for Bible college students who spend their weekends evangelizing as part of their training.	28 MEXICO Pray for pastors who have been displaced and are now sharing the gospel in new communities.	29 ERITREA Pray that churches and their leaders will remain faithful, strong and committed to sharing the gospel.	30 SUDAN Pray that peace will reign in the hearts of Sudanese Christians during uncertain times.	NOTES:		

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<p>NOTES:</p> 						
4 TUNISIA Pray for an underground seminary in Tunisia.	5 ALGERIA Pray for Christians whose churches were closed by the government.	6 JORDAN Pray for Brother "S," who has been targeted by authorities from his country even after fleeing to Jordan.	7 NORTH KOREA Pray that North Koreans who receive audio Bibles will grow in their faith.	8 KENYA Pray for Christian converts from Islam who face ongoing threats and persecution from family members.	9 MALI Pray for churches in Mali as they face new challenges from Islamist ideology and attacks.	10 IRAQ Pray for the continued growth of house churches in Kurdish areas.
11 CAMEROON Pray for Christians in the north as they rebuild homes and churches destroyed by Boko Haram.	12 ERITREA Pray for more Christian resources in the Tigrinya language for Eritrean youth.	13 PHILIPPINES Pray for the conviction, repentance and salvation of those who oppose the church.	14 SOMALIA Pray for the safety of believers facing persecution from family, neighbors, terrorists and the government.	15 MOROCCO Pray that Bibles will become more accessible throughout the country.	16 QATAR Pray that Galtaris respond to the gospel as it is proclaimed through internet and broadcast outreaches.	17 BRUNEI Pray that more leaders in the country will hear the truth and want to know Jesus.
18 BURKINA FASO Pray for internally displaced Christians, who have suffered tremendous loss for the sake of Christ.	19 MAURITANIA Pray that persecuted Christians will persevere and remember the hope they have in Christ.	20 SYRIA Pray for those ministering to persecuted Druze people in Suwayda.	21 VIETNAM Pray that pastors and church leaders will continue to receive training and material support.	22 CUBA Pray for pastors pressured to provide the government with information about church leaders.	23 LAOS Pray for ongoing evangelistic and discipleship efforts among the majority Khmu people.	24 TAJIKISTAN Pray for Pastor Bakhtrom Kholmator, who was released from prison in December 2019.
25 ISRAEL Pray for believers from Muslim backgrounds in Palestinian areas, especially those who have lost jobs.	26 CHINA Pray for front-line workers seeking to bless persecuted Christians.	27 TURKEY Pray for ministries focused on the discipleship of Turkish Christians.	28 IRAN Pray for those smuggling print and digital Scriptures to believers in Iran.	29 OMAN Pray for Joseph, who lost all of his worldly possessions because of his faith in Jesus Christ.	30 AZERBAIJAN Pray that churches will be able to safely acquire government registration.	31 NEPAL Pray for Christian widows in Nepal who suffer severe discrimination.

JUNE CALENDAR

June 2021

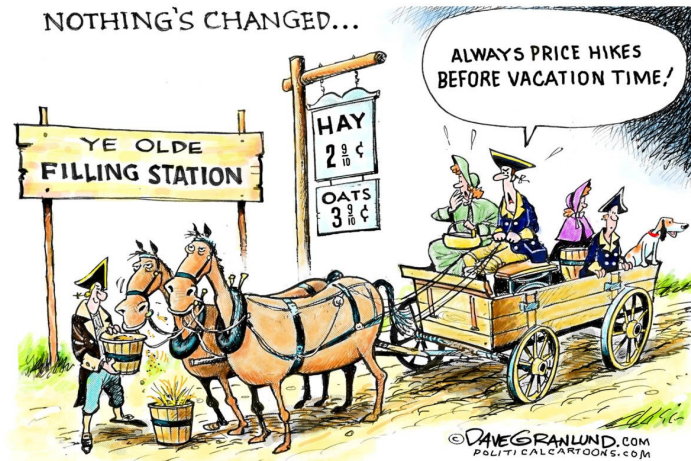
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	2 9:30am HE 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	3 6:30pm Life in the Spirit	4	5 4:30pm HE
6 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School	7	8 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Ladies Bible Study	9 9:30am HE 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	10	11	12 4:30pm HE
13 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School (last)	14 6pm Rivendell Picnic	15 6:30pm Men's Disc.	16 9:30am HE 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	17	18	19 4:30pm HE
20 FATHER'S DAY 8 & 10am HE	21 6:30pm BARRA	22 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Ladies Bible Study	23 9:30am HE 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group (last)	24	25	26 4:30pm HE
27 8 & 10am HE	28 6:30pm Movie Nite (Bring your own food/snacks)	29 6:30 pm Men's Disc.	30 9:30am HE 10:30am Ladies Bible Study			

JULY CALENDAR

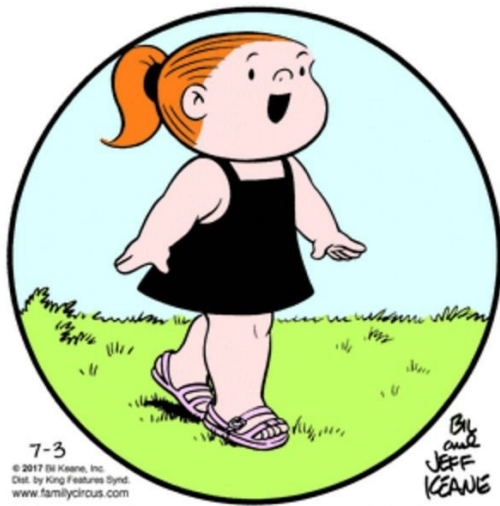
July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 4:30 PM HE
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 8 & 10 am HE	5	6 6:30 Men's Disc. 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	7 9:30AM HE 10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Vestry	8	9	10 4:30 PM HE
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Enjoy the Summer!!



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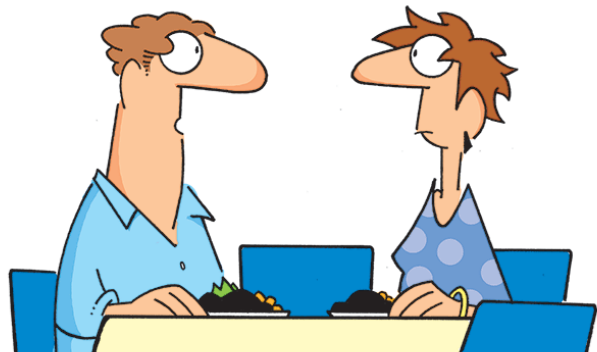
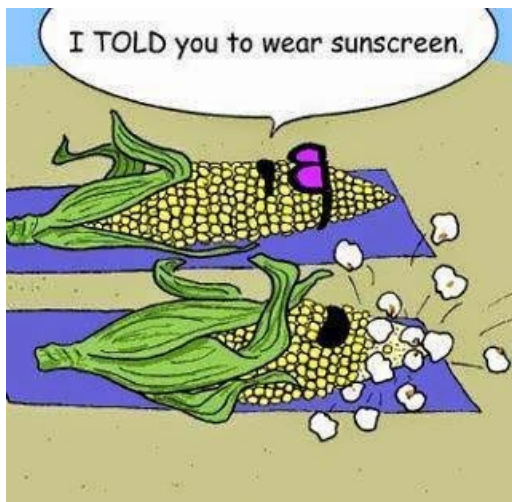


"My toes love wearing sandals 'cause they get to have sun and fresh air."



"I found a good job for the summer. I'm a grief counselor in a swimsuit store."

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"My therapist says I need to confront my demons. When are they coming back from summer camp?"