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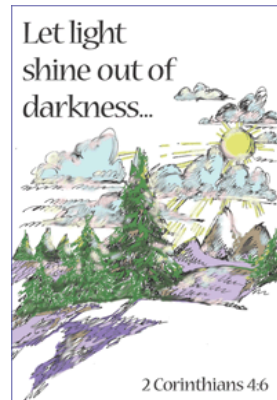
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### **MANY THANKS TO ALL!**

A great number of our shut-ins have expressed their gratitude to each of our wonderful parishioners who have sent cards, gifts, baked goods, and prayers during the Christmas Season and throughout the year.. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!



### St. Bartholomew's Valentine's Day Social

#### **ALL ARE INVITED!**

Come join us for the Annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Social, on Saturday Feb. 11, at 5:30 PM in the undercroft. This is an event for the entire family. Please bring a dish to share.

### **ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:**

If you are ill, homebound, or know someone in the parish who is and hasn't notified the Clergy, please call the Church Office. We certainly don't want anyone in our Parish Family to be forgotten.

### **THE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION OCCURS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!**

31 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in January. Canned fruit, peanut butter, pancake mix and jelly are always needed as well as paper products and toiletries. Please bring your items on the FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH so that our "Food Pantry Delivery Angels" only have to make one trip.

### **HOST FAMILY NEEDED**

A Host Family is needed for a 14 year old boy who enjoys movies, computers, soccer and swimming as well as playing the violin and piano. He writes that he wants to become a doctor and find a cure for cancer.

A family is needed through the end of the school year at Cardinal O'Hara. He has his own spending money and health insurance. A generous host family stipend is offered. For more information, please call Marcy Zicari at 883-1378.

## FEBRUARY 2006

### THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Thanks to all who attended our *Report Brunch* on January 18. About 40 people enjoyed "Chandler" the Guide Dog from *Guiding Eyes for the Blind*. It was an excellent presentation and lunch.

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

March 11, 2006 - Lenten Soup Luncheon will be Saturday March 11, at noon. Our *Soup Chef*, Jim Glownia will be preparing some delicious soups. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Commins. There will be a sign up sheet.

Please check the display case for gift items. Call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335), Dorothea Haase (929-5745) or Bonnie Fleischman (875-6402) to order.

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. Baby items may be left in the basket by the Guild's display case. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities office on Delaware where the bundles are made up. Thanks again to the generous person for the funds to buy diapers for the babies.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship Group is currently studying the Book of Romans. All adult males are invited to join us every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

### JANUARY VESTRY MEETING

As of January 10, 218 pledges for \$295,145 have been received as opposed to 201 pledges for \$276,280 on January 10, 2005 and 300 pledges for \$513,493 on January 8, 2004.

The Annual Church Picnic will be on Sunday, July 23 at the Casino at Ellicott Creek Park. Dick Hermann will oversee and organize the picnic.

DVD's will be purchased for the library. Marie Crosby has agreed to oversee this ministry. The library is located in one of the new rooms that were built next to the chapel in the Fellowship Hall.

The Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas offering checks were sent to the *Food Bank of WNY, Little Roses Orphanage, Prison Fellowship Ministries, and Saving Grace Ministries*.

### BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD 2006 BUDGET

#### Diocese

Episcopal Community Services \$500.00

#### Parish

Rector's Discretionary Fund \$500.00

Staff Christmas Gifts \$350.00

Sunshine \$200.00

Guild Equipment \$100.00

Future Guild Projects \$200.00

#### Mission Outreach

Trinity School for Ministry (Ambridge) \$500.00

Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels \$500.00

North Tonawanda Food Pantry \$200.00

Hospice Foundation \$200.00

Friends of the Night People \$200.00

Salvation Army \$200.00

City Mission \$200.00

Cornerstone Manor Building Fund \$200.00

Haven House \$100.00

Canaan House \$100.00

Hope Ministries \$100.00

Compass House \$100.00

Misc. Disaster Relief \$500.00

UB Campus Ministries \$200.00

#### Guild Operating

Discretionary Fund \$200.00

Funds in Reserve \$2,814.73

Special Events \$500.00

**TOTAL \$8,664.73**

#### 2005 FUND RAISING

TOPS \$173.01

Red Sleigh/Candy \$1,004.28

Wreaths & Poinsettias \$192.90

Flowers \$2,689.41

Crafts \$225.75

**TOTAL \$4,285.35**

## FEBRUARY 2006

### **GENERATION NEXT - YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

**February 6 - FUN Night - Skating at Rainbow Rink**

**February 8 - Juniors Meet (7 - 8:30 pm)**

**February 13 - Seniors meet (7 - 9 pm)**

**February 19 - Sun. Eve. Contemporary Service**

**February 20 - Seniors Meet**

**February 22 - Juniors Meet**

**February 26 - Contemporary Services**

**February 27 - Seniors Meet**

### **MORE YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

The Youth Groups will be sponsoring a **Lenten Giving Project** for the entire St. Bartholomew's Family. Craig Kozikowski has supplied us with requests from fellow soldiers serving in the Baghdad, Iraq area. Look for further information Sunday, February 26, and in March.

Prayer and these small daily-use items are ways that we can support those serving our country.

### **CROWN CORNER**

The average contribution to overseas missions is about \$20 where as people gamble an average of \$1,200 per year. Where is your time, talent and money spent?

**An introduction to potential students will take place on Thursday March 30, 2006, 7 to 9pm. New Student Orientation will be one evening during the week of April 10, 2006 with weekly classes to begin on or about the week of April 24.**

If you are interested in participating in the next small group or want more information please contact: Mark DiMaria – 832-8505, Gary Wisniewski – 694-9154 Or online at [www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org) and click on Small Group Studies.

*“Everything you should know about handling money can be found in God's Word.”*

### **ST. BART'S BOOK STUDY GROUP**

Please join us as we begin reading the C. S. Lewis book “Reflections on the Psalms.”

We will meet at 7 PM on Thursday evenings - Four Thursdays in February.

Come share the wonderful fellowship and lively discussions. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact David Curtis or Susan Tobin.

### **YADA YADA & YADA YADA JUNIOR**

Mothers and daughters are invited to a special event, sponsored by Yada Yada and Yada Yada Junior. Mark your calendars for March 3-4, 2006.

Be sure to check out the **YADA YADA** page on our **WEBSITE** [www.stbartston.org](http://www.stbartston.org) for links and other cool stuff about Yada Yada. For more information - contact Julie Van Lente at 839-0393.

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

Have you ever found yourself unsure how to answer critics of the Bible or perhaps unsure of how to guide a discussion of Scripture? Do you fear being rejected for your faith in Jesus Christ or perhaps loss of a relationship when confronting contemporary issues of the day? Do you ever say to yourself, “why didn't I stand up for the Lord” and later think of many ways you could have? Do you lack confidence that the Lord could speak through you?

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, you are not alone!

Please join us as we begin a new Bible Study entitled, “How Can I Share My Faith Without an Argument?” (RBC Ministries) This study will show us some ways that a believer can begin a discussion of spiritual matters with another person and to understand some of the reasons we may be hesitant to share or faith with others.

We meet every other Tuesday at 7 PM. We are looking forward to learning and growing in the Lord together! For more information, please call Elaine Henzler at 836-6725.

### **MISSIONETTES**

Missionettes is a national Christian girls club designed to give girls a fun place to learn and fellowship. The Prims, grades K-3rd, have just completed their first unit on Creation and have received their first badge. They are now working towards their Prayer badge. The girls have a lot of fun learning, playing games, and working on projects together.

The Stars, grades 4-6, have received their Citizenship badge and are working towards their Cooking badge. This group is a great way to help your daughter develop positive peer influences and Christian character, too.

We meet at 6:45-7:00pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in having your daughter become involved in this ministry, please call Kathleen Ward at 623-0507 or Caroline Rudin at 875-6462.

