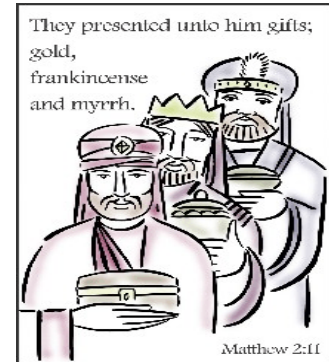


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CONGRATULATIONS FR. COMMINS AND FAMILY!!!

Fr. Commins was ordained a priest on Sunday December 11, at St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville, Fl. More photos are available on the www.stbartston.org photopage. Marilyn, John, Theresa and Fr. Commins are all very grateful for your prayers, best wishes, and their safe return home to St. Bartholomew's.

IN DEEPEST GRATITUDE:

The Family of Julie DePartout wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to members of St. Bartholomew's for all of your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We truly appreciate the warmth and compassion at St. Bartholomew's. Our mother was very proud to have all of you as her parish family. *Thank You!*

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.



St. Bart's Youth
Ski Trip!

All youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to join us on the annual Ski Trip on Monday January 16. We will meet at the church at 7:00AM and return by 6:00PM. Ski rental forms, permission slips and payment information are available from John Reitz, our Youth Director at 836-5454 or 877-5904

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THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Our *Advent Cookie Program* was enjoyed by those who came to hear the L.A. D. D./ F. A. C. E. S. Bell Choir. The Lutheran Association for the Developmentally Disabled are to be commended with enriching the lives of the residents of the group homes that they now own. Their choir enjoyed cookies, punch and fellowship with us after their songs of the season. Over 20 boxes of cookies for our shut-ins were made and delivered. Thanks to the Church School children for making cards and ornaments that were included with the cookies and thanks to all those who provided all of those delicious cookies!

RED SLEIGH FAIR: Our baked goods made \$555.50; candy \$450.26; and Crafts \$160.45

COMING EVENTS:

January 18, 2006 - Report Brunch - program TBA
March 18, 2006 - Lenten Soup Luncheon (tentative date)

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.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Sunday Bible Study will continue starting on January 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Watch for sign up sheets and study subjects.

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

79 bags of food, and 3 boxes of dehydrated food were taken to the Food Pantry in December. 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.

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING

The results of the annual election are as follows: Joe Albrecht, Warden; Marcia Brock, David McGuire, and Jim Thompson - three year Vestry terms; Lee Hilliker, one year Vestry term. The 2006 Budget was inadvertently left out of the mailing of the Annual Parish Pledge letter. It is included with this Chatter. Employment agreements and job descriptions for the Rector, Curate and Deacons were discussed and will be continued at the January meeting.

The Rector thanked the Vestry for an outstanding year, especially the outgoing members: Jim Wheaton, Lori Abramo, Debbie McGuire, and Jeff Westerman.

THANK YOU FROM TERRY GAMBLE:

Our mission trip to *Arbol da Vida* orphanage in Juarez, Mexico, Nov. 17-21 was a great success! We were able to worship and pray with the children, build them a regulation softball field, complete with dugouts, bleachers, and benches, work on the erection of a 40-foot cross for the front of the church, and bless them with a check for \$2,200. We were not able to finish the cross, but will leave that for a future trip.

Thank you very much for contributing to this cause. All ten of us who went can testify to the worthiness of this cause. All seventy of the children are being taken care of in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We were all honored and humbled to be a part of this mission trip.

In Christ's name,

Terry Gamble - Choir Director and Organist

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

UPCOMING MEETING DATES 2006

January 10	January 24
February 7	February 21
March 7	March 21
April 4	April 18
May 9	May 23

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.

GENERATION NEXT - YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

January 9 - FUN Night

January 11 - Juniors Meet

January 15 - Sun. Eve. Contemporary Service

January 16 - Ski Trip

January 23 - Seniors Meet

January 25 - Juniors Meet

January 30 - Seniors Meet

CROWN CORNER

The average contribution to foreign ministries 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 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 - January 26, and 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.

Flyers and bulletin inserts with more information will be coming soon. 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 and our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 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 girls club designed to help girls develop their gifts and abilities through encouragement, support, and biblical teaching. We have two age groups that meet the first and third Wednesday of every month. Prims: grades kindergarten-second grade meets at 6:45 PM and Stars: grades third-fifth meets at 7 PM. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, please contact Kathleen Ward at 623-0507 or Caroline Rudin at 875-6462.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

We had 28 gifts totaling \$13,035.00 for 2005, including a \$10,000 special gift from the church.

SPECIAL INVITATION: ALL WOMEN OF ST. BART’S

All women of St. Bartholomew’s are invited to attend an Informational Brunch about the *Daughters of the King* on Saturday January 21, 2006 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information - contact Marilyn Commins at 731-9633.

