

THE CHATTER

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**ROCK RODS AND
RELATIONSHIPS
2006 IS COMING -
JULY 29!**

Won't you come and join us on Saturday July 29, from 2PM to 8 PM, here at St. Bart's. We are in need of volunteers for all of our

events - please see the sign up sheets on the Bulletin Board in the Church Lobby. There will be music, free food, fellowship, a car cruise event, and a healing Eucharist at 4:30 PM. Please mark your calendars - and invite your neighbors!

JOHN REITZ ORDINATION

God willing, John Reitz will be ordained to the Diaconate on Thursday evening, June 1, 7pm, here at St. Bart's. All are invited! Bishop Garrison will ordain John, giving St. Bart's five active clergy!

Congratulations to Deacon Reitz!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS
COMING!**

June 26- 30 (five evenings)

6:30 - 8:30 PM

AGES: 3 Years to 6th Grade

Parents – Mark your calendars for the week of June 26 through June 30! All ages, 3 to 11 are welcome.

If you would like to teach, help, volunteer in any way, please sign-up or see the organizers. Sign-up sheets for teachers and students are in the Church lobby. Sign-up sheets for the Youth are in the Youth building.

David Curtis and Jim Kibby



PRAY FOR GENERAL CONVENTION - 2006

The 75th Convention of the Episcopal Church USA will be held from June 13 - 21, in Columbus, Ohio. The future of the Church - and its place in the Anglican Communion are hanging in the balance. Please keep the Church and our delegate - Anne DiCenso in your prayers.

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Our sale of tickets to the *Spring Fling* on Tuesday, April 25 at the Kaufmann store at the Galleria Mall increased our treasury by \$660. Thanks to all who bought tickets.

Many thanks to all those that helped at the *Plant Sale* and to those that purchased plants. Final Results will be in the July *Chatter*.

Welcome our New Officers:

Lori Abramo is our new President; Marilynn Alliger is continuing as Vice President; Lee Hilliker is our new Treasurer and Carol Siock in now the Secretary.

Suggestions Needed:

If you know of any programs that we can use for our events, please let Marilyn Alliger or one of the officers know. We are always open to new ideas.

On Thursday, June 8 we will have our annual *Spring Banquet*. This year we will be going to the *Frog Grill* (formerly Warren's) for an evening of good food and entertainment. Watch for the poster and sign up sheet.

Please check the display case for gift items. Call Marilynn Alliger (877-8335), 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, anonymous donor(s) that made possible 56 boxes and packages of diapers plus 2 boxes of bibs being delivered to the agency that makes up packages of baby needs to those in need. Thank you!

MAY VESTRY MEETING

The amount of the Lenten and Easter offerings that were allocated to the *Buffalo City Mission, Family and Children's Services of Niagara County, Freedom Village and Saving Grace Ministries* will be in the July *Chatter*.

It was decided not to repair the Bell Tower at this time. Bishop Garrison will be here on Thursday evening June 1, to ordain John Reitz to the Diaconate. Fr. Richard Molison joined the staff as of May 1. He will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and on Sundays. Fr. Ward will be on vacation July 10-19 and August 14-September 6. Fr. Commins will be on vacation June 19- July 12.

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

54 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in May. They send their many thanks.

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of personal care items such as: bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, razors, toilet paper, feminine products and paper and plastic bags. They continue to need the usual food items such as boxed dinners, fruit, peanut butter, pasta, etc. They also continue to express their gratitude to the people of St. Bart's for their generosity.

Please bring your items on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our "*Food Pantry Delivery Angels*" only have to make one trip.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, April 30, we celebrated the "Landing of the Arks" when Lenten ark banks were returned and the sheep banks made by the students in Janelle Westerman's and Jim Thompson's classes were "retired." Thanks to all who contributed their nickels and dimes (dollars too!) We collected \$460 which will be used to purchase sheep for needy families here in the United States through *Heifer International*.

I would also like to thank Erin and Peter Van Lente as well as Steve and Matt Fildes for handing out the bookmarks that our Sunday School classes made. Kudos also need to go to the Rudin, Smith, McCarthy, Farley, Matuch, Fildes, and Brylinski families for providing some delicious animal themed snacks. Special thanks to Julie Van Lente for providing our "Noah" wagon and of course, to Noah (couldn't have done it without you!)

Thanks to all for being faithful sheep!

Holly Thompson



THE WORD ~ BELIEVE IT! *The Authority of Holy Scripture - Yesterday, Today and Always:*

Mark your calendars for June 3, 2006 - an awesome conference, presented by the Anglican Communion Network - WNY (formerly known as the Buffalo Five) which will deal with the Authority and Truth of Holy Scripture. Our guest speaker will be The Rev Dr. Grant Le Marquand - Associate professor of Biblical Studies and Mission at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, Ambridge, PA.

Registration will be available at the door for \$15.

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.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Please join with the Women of St. Bart's, as we continue our 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.

 "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,  not reluctantly or under compulsion,  for **GOD** loves a cheerful giver."
 2 Corinthians 9:7

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING NEWS

Thirteen ladies have completed the study for admission for membership into The Order of the Daughters of the King. They have also chosen a name for the chapter – *Saint Bartholomew's Spirit of Life*.

On June 4, Pentecost Sunday, they will take their lifetime vow of Prayer, Service, and Evangelism for Jesus Christ at the 11:00 am service There will be a presentation of the Charter and we will Institute the Chapter, install the New Members and Officers and install our new Chaplain, Fr. Ward.

Please join us for this historic event in the life of St. Bartholomew's and share our joy at the reception following the service.

THANK YOU - DEAR ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

With much joy in our hearts, Barbara and I are sincerely grateful for and deeply humbled by the warm welcome received from Fr. Ward, Fr. Commins, Dn. Kusmierczyk, the staff and members of St. Bartholomew's upon our return. It is good to be home!

Yes, it is good to once again be among treasured friends and to be given the opportunity through new ministry to create new relationships. I especially thank Fr. Ward and the Vestry for the invitation to join the clergy staff as assisting priest. As others have said, "We have come full circle." Yes, we have, thanks be to God.

We are living in very exciting times in the life of the Christian Church. God's Word, the Bible is being challenged and mocked. The secular humanist attack on the validity of Jesus Christ's ministry increases with each passing day.

Yes, thanks be to God, St. Bartholomew's remains a safe place to be. St. Bartholomew's continues to stand firm in faith, in spite of attempts to quell its voice. It is a true joy to be numbered among a Christian faith community that, not only in word, but also in deed, affirms the faith once given through the apostles and the authority of God's Word.

God has truly blessed us to be back with you. May God bless our ministries together.

Fr. Molison

