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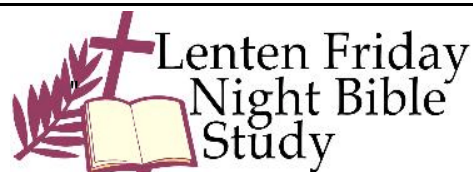
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist

*** 6:45 AM, 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM ***

LENTEN - WEDNESDAY HOLY

EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE

*** 6:45 AM, 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM ***



The Bible is the most important and widely read book in our world. Yet, for many, the Bible can be an intimidating book and hard to understand. Still for others, there is the question, "How did we get the Bible in the first place?"

Come join Fr. Ward as he presents "***Understanding the Bible in 35 Days,***" a study which will enable you to not only grasp the entire message of God's Word, but also will show you how to interpret and apply it to your daily life. We will look at how the Bible came into existence, so-called difficult passages, and the central themes of the Holy Scriptures. If you ever wanted to be able to "put it all together" when it comes to God's Word, this is the study for you. So bring a Bible and bring a friend as we delve into God's Word this Lent." AND don't forget about the meatless covered dish dinner at 6 PM!

SAINT BART'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please come and join the Women of St. Bart's on Friday Night and Saturday, March 24-25 at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora. This prayerful event will study many types of prayer, reflection, and include Holy Eucharist on Saturday. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday as well.

The cost is \$40 per person - (whether you stay overnight or not.) Attendees are asked to bring a finger snack food to share on Friday night. The retreat will begin promptly at 7 PM. Friday night. We expect to be ending by 4:30 PM on Saturday.

Fr. Commins will be the speaker for this retreat and will lead us in study, prayer and inspirational practical use of prayer.

Contact Anne DiCenso at 876-4042 for more info.

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

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. Come and join us for soup and breads. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Commins. The cost will be \$4 and there will be a sign up sheet.

On Wednesday, February 15, we heard Dr. Laura Klenk, a member of St. Bart's, discuss children's literature. It was a very interesting program about children's books - *yesterday and today*. Because it was not a convenient time for parents (the grandparents were in attendance) we will be scheduling her on a Saturday this Spring. Watch the Sunday bulletin and Chatter for the date. We urge you to try to attend this excellent presentation.

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.

FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING

As of February 7, 233 pledges for \$313,205 have been received as opposed to 239 pledges for \$310,885 on February 16, 2005 and 306 pledges for \$521,653 on January 8, 2004.

The Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas offering checks for \$2,238.77 each were sent to the *Food Bank of WNY, Little Roses Orphanage, Prison Fellowship Ministries, and Saving Grace Ministries*.

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 at 836-5454. We certainly don't want anyone in our Parish Family to feel alone or forgotten.

SOME LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.

Give up pessimism—become an optimist.

Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.

Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.

Give up discouragement—be full of hope.

Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.

Give up hatred—return good for evil.

Give up negativism—be positive.

Give up anger—be more patient.

Give up pettiness—become mature.

Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.

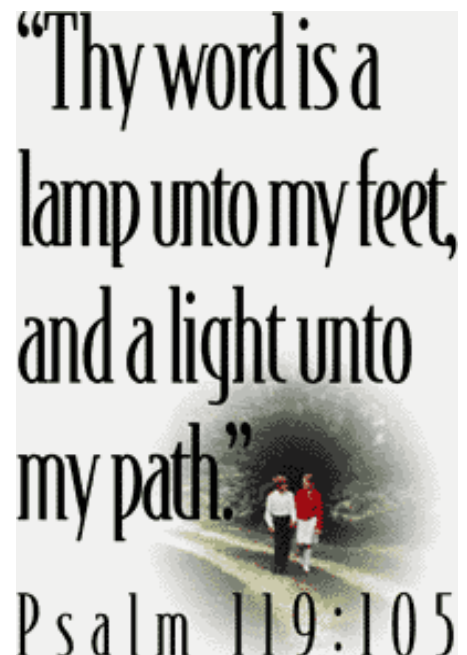
Give up jealousy—pray for trust.

Give up gossiping—control your tongue.

Give up sin—turn to virtue.

Give up giving up—hang in there!

Author Unknown



GENERATION NEXT - YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

March 6 - FUN Night

March 8 - Juniors Meet (7 - 8:30 pm)

March 13 - Seniors meet (7 - 9 pm)

March 19 - Sun. Eve. Contemporary Service for everyone!

March 20 - Seniors Meet

March 22 - Juniors Meet

March 26 - Contemporary Services

March 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 more information during 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 and click on Small Group Studies.

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

THANK YOU - THANK YOU!

St. Bart’s Angels want to thank the person or persons who donated the bags and boxes of yarn. Your generous gifts will make it possible for us to continue our very special Out-Reach Ministry. If anyone is interested in joining the “Angels” - please contact Diane Heer at 692-3649. God Bless You!

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 for links and other cool stuff about Yada Yada. For more information - contact Julie Van Lente at 839-0393.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Please join with the Women of St. Bart’s, 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.

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

59 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in February. Foods that especially needed are cereals, boxed meals (like Hamburger Helper) and fruit. 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

