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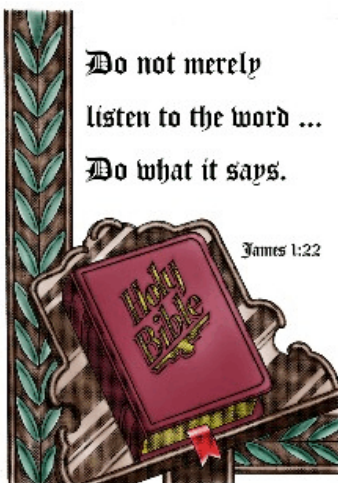
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IS THE BIBLE REALLY THE WORD OF GOD?

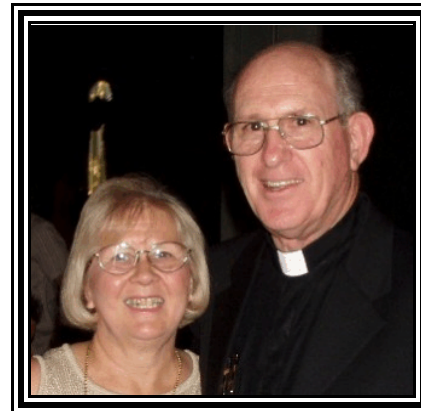
Fr. Ward will be tackling this question in his next sermon series beginning Sunday, May 7. In a world full of books like the "Da Vinci Code" and the "Gospel of Judas" it is imperative for Christians to know why the Bible can not only be trusted but is indeed the very Word of God.

Find out why there is no book like it on the face of the earth and why it is the most reliable document of all time. Find out how and why it can change your life. It will be one series you will not want to miss. So come join us for the worship of the Lord in His House and on His Day throughout the month of May!



Do not merely
listen to the word ...
Do what it says.

James 1:22



WELCOME HOME!!!!

Longtime members, Fr. Richard and Barbara Molison, are returning to St. Bartholomew's after an eleven year absence. Fr. Richard and Barbara joined St. Bartholomew's in 1962. Ordained deacon in 1981, Fr. Molison served St.

Bartholomew's in that capacity for 14 years before being ordained to the priesthood. He then served as Assistant Priest at Advent Episcopal Church in Kenmore for three years, followed by eight years as Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Niagara Falls until his retirement last December. The Rector, with the approval of the Wardens and Vestry, has asked Fr. Molison to join the St. Bart's staff once more as a part-time assisting priest, beginning this month. Needless to say, the Rector is very excited about the latest addition to our wonderful staff. The Molison's two daughters, Krista and Karen also attend St. Bartholomew's with their families. May we all give thanks to the Lord for the Molisons return home.

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

COMING EVENTS:

May 19 & 20 -
Annual Plant Sale



We need helpers at the May Plant Sale - May 18, 19, 20 and after the Sunday Services May 21, but especially Thursday, May 18, to help make up the orders. There will be a sign up sheet. Although the last day for orders was April 30, we will have extra plants for sale on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, until we are sold out.

The *Spring Fling* on Tuesday, April 25 at the Kaufmann store at the Galleria Malls was a great event, with entertainment, product demonstrations, refreshments, an opportunity to win fabulous prizes and of course, SHOPPING. More details in the June *Chatter* and the total profit we made for our treasury. Thanks to all who bought tickets.

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 Marilyn 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 person for the funds to buy diapers for the babies! Thank you!

APRIL (HELD MARCH 28) 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 June *Chatter*. The alternate delegates for the Diocesan Convention on October 27 and 28, at the Millennium Hotel, Cheektowaga are Lee Hilliker, Joe Albrecht, and Michael Tarapata.

The Rev. Richard Molison will be joining the staff of St. Bartholomew's this spring - part time. (See the front page of this issue)

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

75 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in April. Needless to say the people at the Food Pantry were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love displayed by the people of St. Bartholomew's. 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.

THANK YOU FROM DEBI CALABRESE & FAMILY

I would like to thank my St. Bart's family for their support and prayers during my father's sudden illness and passing. Father Ward and Father Commins gave a very moving prayer service, which meant so much to my family. The St. Bart's Angels provided my Dad with a beautiful handmade afghan. It was on his bed in Hospice.

A special hug and thanks to my dear Beth Moore buddies! They took over my coffee duties and said many prayers. I am truly blessed to know the Lord and have all of you as my friends and family.

Blessings,

Debi Calabrese and Family

GENERATION NEXT - YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

MAY 1 - FUN NIGHT - 7 TO 9 PM

MAY 8 - SENIOR HIGH - 7 TO 9 PM

MAY 15 - SENIOR HIGH - 7 TO 9 PM

MAY 22 - SENIOR HIGH - 7 TO 9 PM

MAY 10 - JUNIORS - 7 TO 8:30 PM

MAY 24 - JUNIORS - 7 TO 8:30 PM

JUNE 5 - FUN NIGHT - END OF SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE - 7 TO 9 PM

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR THE SUMMER SCHEDULE - COMING SOON!!!!!!

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 forms and flyers are inserted in this issue of the *Chatter*.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BOOK STUDY GROUP

Please join us for our next book, "Surprised by Joy" by C. S. Lewis. We will meet at 7 PM on Thursday evenings beginning April 27 and the first three Thursdays in May. If you are interested please contact David Curtis or Susan Tobin.

ST. BART'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Are you doing Spring Cleaning? We need Your Stuff! Our Spring Rummage sale is Coming on May 6th We are taking donations in the Church Garage. You can drop off Items during the week and Sundays in the Church Garage. We need clothing, china, dishes, electronics, Just about anything, but - Please **NO** sets of encyclopedias or Large Furniture.

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.

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE VERSE:

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."
(James 5:16)

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!



June 26- 30

6:30 - 8:30 PM

AGES: 3 Years to 6th Grade

This year the children will be "Trading Places" visiting five countries, and finding out how Jesus makes a world of difference. Watch for posters and sign-up sheets.

David Curtis and Jim Kibby

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.