

## PARISH LIFE

**Our Vision: Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Our Mission: To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.**

\*\*\*\* **Please check** the **Member's List** on the table in the Fr. Amend Hall for accuracy. Add/change any information that is not correct. Delete anything that you do not want published in a new **CHURCH DIRECTORY**.

**1) CompassCare Walk for Life: Saturday, May 4.** Hand-outs on how you can support this worthwhile ministry are in the Fr. Amend Hall.

**2) Bishop Atwood's Retirement Dinner, Saturday May 4, 6pm.** All are invited. Please sign up and bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. The church will provide pizza, wings and drinks.

**3) BPO Coffee Concert, SIGNATURE STARS & STRIPES, is Friday, May 24** at 9:30am. Coffee and donuts included with the \$36 group rate ticket. Sign up sheet in Fr. Amend Hall. See Brenda Wisz: 716-832-6684

**4) VBS "Camp Firelight":** Please check the display in Father Amend Hall for items needed. **VBS Dates: July 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-8pm.** There will be family dinners each day at 5:15pm. For more info contact Liz Burkett [dce@stbartston.org](mailto:dce@stbartston.org) or 716-831-1777

**5) 55 Gallon Plastic Drums** are available, \$6.00 each. Interested? Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall.

**6) There will be a wonderful new Bible Study entitled "Breaking free from Fear"** by Kay Arthur. This is a 6-week course on applying the Biblical principles shared by Don Sunshine. **Sign up by May 4<sup>th</sup>** to ensure your workbook. **Workbooks are \$7 each.** Meetings will be **630p-730p on May 9, 16 & 30, June 6, 13 & 20.** Please contact Marley Smith for more information.

***If you would like an Assisted Hearing Device to use during the service please see an Usher.***

***Please notify the Church Office of any address, phone number, or email changes so that we may keep our records current.***

***Please have someone notify the Church Office if you are or will be hospitalized so one of our clergy may visit with you.***

### OUR LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bill Atwood, Bishop**

**The Very Rev. Arthur W. Ward, Jr., Dean and Rector**

Fr. Jacob Bush, Associate Rector

Dn. Gary Wisniewski, Dn. John Reitz

Dn. James Kibby, Facility & Media Operations

Mrs. Margaret Bukkosy, Director of Music Ministries

Mrs. Elizabeth Burkett: Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Karen Wheaton, Cathy Reitz & Debbie Geis: Secretaries

## **Welcome Visitors!**

It is our joy to have you worshipping with us today. At St. Bartholomew's we are on mission to see lives gloriously transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. If this is your first time at an Anglican service we want to help you become better acquainted with who we are and what you will experience today.

### Our Background

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church was founded in 1955 not far from our current location. We are members of the Anglican Communion which has its roots in the Church of England and includes over 80 million members worldwide. Although formally established in the 16th Century during the Protestant Reformation our beliefs and worship have remained the same since the days of the early church. It might be helpful to think of Anglicanism as a "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Today, St. Bart's continues its mission to our community. Even if you are not a member, we encourage all people to join us in our weekly services and bible studies, concerts, volunteer opportunities and numerous outreach events.

### The Liturgy

Anglican worship is defined by two commitments: 1) the authority of Holy Scriptures (the Word of God) and 2) the Sacraments (Holy Communion and Holy Baptism). Together Word and Sacrament point us to Jesus Christ and, in doing so, work to shape us into a faithful Christ-centered community.

The way we express this worship is known as the Liturgy (our order of service). Far from empty ritualism, Anglican worship involves the active participation of the whole person: our mind, body, and soul. Everything you see and experience in today's service — the prayers, the symbols, and the actions — all invite us to share in the good news of God's salvation. The reading and teaching of the Holy Scriptures (the ministry of the Word) prepare us for the culmination of our service, which is the receiving of Holy Communion (also referred to as "the Lord's Supper").

### Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion with us today. If you would like to receive but are not able to come forward please tell an usher. The priest would be happy to bring communion to your pew.

If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive the sacrament, we warmly invite you to still come forward and receive a blessing. You may indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms across your chest. As our valued guest your only obligation in today's service is to keep your heart open to receive what God may desire to do in you!

### Further Questions?

If you have any other questions be sure to ask an usher, or even the friendly people around you! After service, we invite you to meet with Fr. Ward.

## **St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church**

***Serving as the Pro-Cathedral of the International Diocese of the ACNA***

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### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 4:30pm HE**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 8 & 10am HE**

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

**Processional Hymn "Blessed be Your Name"**

**Opening Sentences** (Prayer Book Page 146)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Collect for Purity:** (Prayer Book Page 124) Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Summary of the Law (4:30pm)**

**The Gloria (8 and 10am)**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter:** (Prayer Book Page 612) Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 8:26-40: But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this**

chariot." Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. "IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH." The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 66 *Jubilate Deo* (Prayer Book Page 349)

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.
- 2 **Say to God, "How wonderful are your works; through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.**
- 3 For all the world shall worship you, sing to you, and praise your Name."
- 4 **O come and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; therefore in him let us rejoice.
- 6 **He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- 8 **Who holds our soul in life, and does not allow our feet to slip.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 John 3:18-24:** Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and

whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Special Music "I Will Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" Cherub and Children's Choirs

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 14:15-21:** "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. After a little while, the world no longer is going to see Me, but you are going to see Me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you. The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him."

Children's Homily Fr. Bush

Hymn "Holy Spirit"

The Sermon 4:30pm Dn. Kibby  
8 & 10am "The Uniqueness of Christ" - part 2 Fr. Ward

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr.Bk.pp. 127-130

Offertory "Who You Say I Am"

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Great Thanksgiving Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn "It is Well with My Soul"

Thanksgiving and Priest's Blessing

Closing Hymn "The Only Name (Yours Will Be)"

The Dismissal LEADER: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**THE CALENDAR**

- Sun. 4/28 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School  
Cherub & Children's Choirs after 10am service  
12pm Adult Choir rehearsal for Confirmation Sunday
- Tues. 4/30 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Ladies Bible Study
- Wed. 5/1 9:30am HE, 10:30am Women's Bible Study  
6pm Youth Group  
7pm Choir rehearsal for Confirmation Sunday
- Sat. 5/4 Bishop Atwood 4:30pm HE  
\*\*\* 6pm Retirement Dinner for Bishop Atwood \*\*\*
- Sun. 5/5 8 & 10am HE with Bishop Atwood 10am Sunday School  
10am HOLY CONFIRMATION  
\*\*\* Food Pantry Collection weekend \*\*\*

**SICK LIST - MEMBERS:** Frances Ballaro, Dorothy Bamberg, Joan Bella, Delores Bowker, George & Carol Brock, M.J. Brzezckowski, John Calabrese, Joan Calamita, Richard Carter, Wanda Cosentino, Fay Crane-Preda, Tom Crane, David Dyviniak, Pam Fish, Muriel Forte, Kenny George, Lauri-Anne Hammond, Aggie Hawley, Craig Heer, Dick Herrmann, Rick Herrmann, Lee & Michael Hilliker, Anthony Horvath, Robert & Sharon Hughes, Danielle Hyland, Ken Johnson, Laura Klenk, Karen Kopper, Jeremy Kyser, Vicki Martino, Debbie McGuire, Peter Passino, Jon Prohaska, Florence Purchase, Michelle Rocker, Margie Saunders, Jim Scott, Jan Smalter, Bob Tackaberry, Sharon Tarapata, Susan Tobin, Holly Thompson, Fr. Burt Weigen, Brittany Wilkowski

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**CHURCH FINANCES: March Income - \$ 50,833 Budget Expenses - \$ 59,540  
YEAR TO DATE: Income - \$139,397 Expenses - \$174,498**