

## 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.***

**1) Fr. Ward's Lenten Bible Study, "Defending the Faith,"** meets this Friday and continues April 4 and 11. When people ask "Can the Bible be trusted?" or "How do we know it is the Word of God?" what would you say? This week's study will look at the impact the Bible has had on human history. Simply put, without the Bible our world would be unrecognizable today! These questions will be addressed in detail from 7-8:30 pm. Please join us and bring a friend!

**2) Attention Women of St Bart's:** sign up and registration is now open for our **April 5, 2025** day retreat. The cost will be \$20 and will include a light breakfast bar, lunch and snacks. We will start to gather at 9:00AM, to conclude at 3:30PM. We will be learning about how to deepen our ability to hear God's voice in our day to day lives. Please contact Kacy Wandel, 570.815.5357 with any questions and/or to discuss ways to help make this a fruitful event.

**3) Men's Breakfast** will be held on Saturday **April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. Come join us for some good teaching and good food. Men of all ages are welcome. If you are interested in helping with the cooking, we begin at 7:30. Hope to see you there.

**4) MOTHER-DAUGHTER NIGHT OUT:** Calling all grandmas, mothers & daughters (of all ages) to gather on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00pm for a fun evening of creating, fellowship & laughter. Please use the sign-up sheet in Father Amend Hall. Contact Holly Thompson, Kathleen Ward, or Brenda Wisz for more information. Last date to sign up is Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. **Note: No more buttons are needed.**

***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.***

**SICK MEMBERS (SHUT-INS ITALICIZED):** Russell Ballaro, *Dorothy Bamberg*, Joan Bella, *George & Carol Brock*, Dini Brown, John Calabrese, Joan Calamita, Richard Carter, Lynn Chabriele, Wanda Cosentino, *Fay Crane-Preda*, Tom Crane, Pam Fish, *Muriel Forte*, Kenny George, Steve Gradzewicz, Lauri-Anne Hammond, Craig Heer, Dick Herrmann, Rick Herrmann, Lee Hilliker, Marcia Hutt, Danielle Hyland, *Ken Johnson*, *Karen Kopper*, Carol Krieger, Jeremy Kyser, Sarah McGowan, Debbie McGuire, Frank Mure, Peter Passino, Jackie Petrillo, Jon Prohaska, *Florence Purchase*, Patricia Schreier, *Jan Smalter*, Theresa Smeal, Bob Tackaberry, *Sharon Tarapata*, Susan Ross Tobin, Edward Woepfel, Brittany Wilkowski

### **SICK LIST- FRIENDS & FAMILY:**

1 Annette Hammond, Renee P., Cathryn Dravis, Donna Frey, Maddox Campbell, Luke Davis, Mary Clarke, Audrey Grant

2 Sheila Biles, Heather Lankes, Chrissy Vantrease, Debra Sereno, Mariana Floro, Anita Orton, Scott Smolen, Kaitlyn Sotka, Edna Barone, Ken Krieger, Mark Hunter, Ken Miller

3 John Ruch, Mathew Frain, Rosemond Ruhland, Janet Ballaro, Tim Herrmann, Scott Seifert, Abby Hoy, Nancy DiNicola, Louie Giammatteo, Al Schultz

4 Christen Rae Newman, Mary Tobin, Charlene Walker, Mark Doran, Jackie Maher, Debbie Traugott, Ginger Hobart, Pamela Boy, Johnny Wagner, Brian Hummel

## ***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 for our weekly services and bible studies, volunteer opportunities and 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 spirit. 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 it 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 the service, we invite you to meet with Fr. Ward.

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

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### **The Third Sunday in Lent**

Saturday, March 22, 2025 4:30pm HE

Sunday, March 23, 2025 8 & 10am HE

**Introit** "Even So Our Eyes Wait (Psalm 123)"

Sacring Bell All stand when the bell rings.

**Processional Hymn:** "Speak, O Lord"

**Opening Sentences** (Pr.Bk.p. 145)

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

**Collect for Purity:** (Pr.Bk.p. 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 Decalogue** Pr.Bk.pp. 100-101

**The Kyrie** Pr.Bk.p. 124

**The Third Sunday in Lent:** (Pr.Bk.p. 606) Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Exodus 3:1-15:** Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said also, "I

am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me, furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?” And He said, “Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.” Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God, furthermore, said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

**Psalm 103:1-12** *Benedic, anima mea (Pr.Bk.p. 402)*

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
- 2 ***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:***
- 3 Who forgives all your sin and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 ***Who saves your life from the pit and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,***
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, renewing your youth like an eagle’s.
- 6 ***The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all those who are oppressed with wrong.***
- 7 He showed his ways to Moses, his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 ***The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering and of great goodness.***
- 9 He will not always chide us, neither will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 ***He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.***
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
- 12 ***As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us.***

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13:** For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, “THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY.” Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 13:1-9:** Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. And Jesus said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” And He began telling this parable: “A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. And he said to the vineyard-keeper, ‘Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?’ And he answered and said to him, ‘Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.’”

Children’s Homily Fr. Bush

Hymn “Wondrous Cross”

The Sermon Fr. Molison

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

Offertory “A New Song”

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn “There in God’s Garden”

Thanksgiving and Priest’s Blessing

Closing “Lamb of God”

The Dismissal LEADER: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**THE CANDLE** burns to the Glory of the Real Presence of God in the Aumbry and in honor of the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Molison’s ordination to the priesthood.

**Easter Flower envelopes** are in the pews. Last day to turn them in is Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:** James Kerins– Army, Sean MacLeay-Navy, Matthew Miller– Army, Matthew Prohaska– Air Force, Andrew Rebl– Army

## THE CALENDAR

Sun. 3/23 8 & 10am HE 8:15am Bible Study  
9:15am Seder Dinner meeting 10am Sunday School  
11:30am Cherub Choir 12pm New Member’s Class

Tue. 3/25 6:30pm Men’s Disc. & Ladies Bible Study

Wed. 3/26 9:30am HE 10:30am Ladies Bible Study  
6pm Youth Group

Thur. 3/27 6:30pm Cont. Music

Fri. 3/28 7pm Fr. Ward’s Bible Study, *Defending the Faith*

Sat. 3/29 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE

Sun. 3/30 8 & 10am HE 8:15am Bible Study 10am Sunday School  
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## OUR LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Alan Hawkins, Bishop, Diocese of Christ Our Hope  
The Very Rev. Arthur W. Ward, Jr., Rector  
Fr. Jacob Bush, Associate Rector  
Dn. Gary Wisniewski, Dn. John Reitz  
Dn. James Kibby, Facility & Media Operations, Music Ministry  
Mrs. Elizabeth Burkett: Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries  
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