

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) "The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY" is holding a NY Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Public Awareness Campaign **Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 11am**, at the Brounshidle American Legion Post # 205, 3354 Delaware Ave., Kenmore, NY 14217. Fr. Ward will address this ballot initiative in the coming weeks.

2) Men's Promise Keeper's Event, Friday evening, August 9! Join us as we bring godly men together to build a movement that spans generations and inspires men to live out their values with integrity, become strong family leaders, and keep the Lord at the forefront of their daily lives. Please invite relatives and friends to attend the live opening night with Promise Keepers – *Daring Faith*. **We will livestream the event from 7-10 PM.** Doors will be open at 6 PM. Pizza and wings will be provided.

3) LET'S HELP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE START THEIR NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH A CONFIDENT SMILE! The women's Wednesday morning Bible study group will be collecting school supplies **from now until August 18 which will be given to Ken-Ton Closet and our Sudanese families.** We are looking for backpacks, glue sticks, primary color markers, pencils, pencil bags, yellow highlighters, pink erasers, 3x5 lined index cards, wide lined paper, 24 ct. Crayola crayons, ear buds, pointed and rounded scissors and pens. These supplies will go in the donated backpacks. Ken-Ton Closet provides free clothing, school supplies and toiletries to children in need living within the Village of Kenmore/Town of Tonawanda. Donation baskets will be on the table in the Father Amend hall. Thank you for your support.

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. Alan Hawkins, 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 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 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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10th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 27, 2024 4:30pm HE

Sunday, July 28, 2024 8 & 10am HE

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

ProceSSIONAL Hymn

"Light Shine In"

Opening Sentences (Prayer Book Page 123)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.**

Summary of the Law

Pr.Bk.p.

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Proper 12: (Prayer Book Page 618) Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-15: And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still." Elijah said to him, "Elisha,

please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be still." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." He said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven. Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and struck the waters and said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over. Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho opposite him saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel* (Pr.Bk.p. 421)

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a people of a foreign tongue,
- 2 ***Judah was God's sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.***
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan was driven back.
- 4 ***The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.***
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you were driven back?
- 6 ***You mountains, that you skipped like rams, and you little hills like young sheep?***
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 ***Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water, and the flint stone into a springing well.***

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:8-21: To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him. Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:45-52: Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray. When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

The Sermon Fr. Wandel

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

Offertory "The Same Love"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn "Beautiful Savior"

Thanksgiving and Priest's Blessing

Closing Hymn "Jesus, Messiah"

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

OUR MILITARY: Virginia Boy– Navy, James Kerins– Army, Sean MacLeay-Navy, Matthew Miller– Army, Matthew Prohaska– Air Force, Andrew Rebl– Army

THE CALENDAR

- Sun. 7/28 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School
Kingdom Bound Begins (We return Thursday morning)
- Wed. 7/31 9:30am HE
- Sat. 8/3 11am "Coalition to Protect Kids-NY" See Parish Life
4:30pm HE *****FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION*****
- Sun. 8/4 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School

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

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- 1 Sheila Biles, Heather Lankes, Al Schultz, Molly Tobin, Chrissy Vantrease, Natalie Collins, Debra Sereno, Nancy Kenney, Michael Zich, Mariana Floro, Pamela Spath
- 2 Fred Schultz, John Ruch, Mathew Frain, Rosemond Ruhland, Janet Ballaro, Angie, Paul, Al, Pam, Tim Herrmann, Scott Seifert, Becky Mayflower, Maria Capsico, Ellie Grace Tanner, Peter Munyon
- 3 Mary Tobin, Tracey Kennedy, Charlene Walker, Donna Johnson, Mark Doran, Jackie Maher, Sara Mihalovich, Debbie Traugott, Ed Michel, Holly Kelly
- 4 Larry Brzeczkowski, Annette Hammond, Joan C., Renee P., Bob B., Mary, Marie D., Mary Lynn Conta, Jane Petrillo, Cathryn Dravis