

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) Operation Christmas Child Boxes to be filled are available in Father Amend Hall. Filled boxes need to be returned **no later than Sun., Nov. 17th**. \$10 is required with each box for shipping. A \$25 donation on the church's website will secure a box filled and packed for you.

2) Ladies Luncheon: **Saturday, December 14th at Sean Patrick's Restaurant:** Meet at 11am – Luncheon at 12:00. Cost is \$29.00 per person due no later than **Nov. 3rd**. Please contact Fran Ballaro for payment or 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.

SICK LIST - MEMBERS: Russell Ballaro, Dorothy Bamberg, Joan Bella, Delores Bowker, George & Carol Brock, Dini Brown, M.J. Brzezczkowski, John Calabrese, Joan Calamita, Richard Carter, Wanda Cosentino, Fay Crane-Preda, Tom Crane, Pam Fish, Muriel Forte, Terry Gamble, Kenny George, Lauri-Anne Hammond, Craig Heer, Dick Herrmann, Rick Herrmann, Lee Hilliker, Robert & Sharon Hughes, Danielle Hyland, Ken Johnson, Carol Krieger, Jeremy Kyser, Sarah McGowan, Tammy Osmon, Peter Passino, Jackie Petrillo, Jon Prohaska, Florence Purchase, Michelle Rocker, Jan Smalter, Linda Soltis, Bob Tackaberry, Sharon Tarapata, Susan Tobin, Brittany Wilkowski

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- 1 Cheryl Rossi, Lisa Ider, Fred Schultz, John Ruch, Mathew Frain, Rosemond Ruhland, Janet Ballaro, Tim Herrmann, Scott Seifert, David Siegel, Sawyer Allard, Kenneth Miller, Jennifer Conley
- 2 Christen Rae, Mary Tobin, Charlene Walker, Mark Doran, Jackie Maher, Debbie Traugott, Jeanne & Asher Connelly, Kristina Schilling, Beth Zaker
- 3 Larry Brzezczkowski, Annette Hammond, Renee P., Jane Petrillo, Cathryn Dravis, Susan Dobson, Pat Wagar, Audrey Grant, Deborah Lentini
- 4 Sheila Biles, Heather Lankes, Al Schultz, Molly Tobin, Chrissy Vantrease, Debra Sereno, Mariana Floro, Pamela Spath

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, Tammy Krull: 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 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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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, October 26, 2024 4:30pm HE

Sunday, October 27, 2024 8 & 10am HE

Prelude "Wonderful Maker" "Sing to Jesus" Jim Kibby, soloist

Sacring Bell All stand when the bell rings.

Processional Hymn "Better is One Day"

Opening Sentences (Pr.Bk.p. 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: (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**

Summary of the Law (Pr.Bk.p. 124)

Proper 25: (Pr.Bk.p. 621) Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 59:9-20: **Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, but behold, darkness, for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope along the wall like blind men, We grope like those who have no eyes; We stumble at midday as in the twilight, among those who are vigorous we are like dead men. All of us growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves; We hope for justice, but there is none, for salvation, but it is far from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: Transgressing and denying the Lord, and turning away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving in and uttering from the heart lying**

words. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; For truth has stumbled in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. Yes, truth is lacking and he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey. Now the Lord saw, and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him, and His righteousness upheld Him. He put on righteousness like a breast plate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle. According to their deeds, so He will repay, wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; To the coastlands He will make recompense. So they will fear the name of the Lord from the west and His glory from the rising of the sun, for He will come like a rushing stream which the wind of the Lord drives. "A Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," declares the Lord.

Psalm 13 *Usquequo, Domine?* (Pr.Bk.p. 281)

- 1 How long will you utterly forget me, O Lord? How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 *How long shall I seek counsel in my soul and be so vexed in my heart? How long shall my enemy triumph over me?*
- 3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, that I sleep not in death,
- 4 *Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; for if I am cast down, those who trouble me will rejoice.*
- 5 But my trust is in your mercy, and my heart is joyful in your salvation.
- 6 *I will sing of the Lord, because he has dealt so lovingly with me; indeed, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:11-6:12: Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And this we will do, if God permits. For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have

tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame. For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned. But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

10:00am Special Music "Do Lord" Cherub Choir
Alana Bush, Director

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52: Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.

Children's Homily Fr. Ward

Hymn "Be Unto Your Name"

The Sermon Fr. Bush

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

Offertory "Holy Forever"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn "Christ is Risen"

Thanksgiving and Priest's Blessing

Closing Hymn "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

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

THE FLOWERS are given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of David Curtis, loved and missed by Judi and family.

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

THE CALENDAR

- Sun. 10/27 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School 11:30am Cherub Choir
- Tue. 10/28 6:30pm Men's Bible Study
- Wed. 10/30 9:30am HE 10:30am Ladies Bible Study
6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir
- Fri. 11/1 7pm Fr. Ward's & Dn. Sluyter's Fall Bible Study (LAST)
"Engaging the Culture with the Gospel"
- Sat. 11/2 10:30am Confirmation 4:30pm HE
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION WEEKEND
- Sun. 11/3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 8 & 10am HE
10am Sunday School 11:30am Cherub Choir

*****FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY concludes November 1: 7 - 8:30 PM!**
"Engaging the Culture with the Gospel."

Schedule & topics:

<u>Date/Study</u>	<u>Topic</u>
9/27 #1	<i>Gospel Motivation – What is the gospel & why share it?</i>
10/04 #2	<i>Sharing Your Own Faith Story</i>
10/11 #3	<i>Building Gospel-centered Relationships</i>
10/18 #4	<i>Building Bridges to the Gospel</i>
10/25 #5	<i>Defending the Faith (part 1)</i>
11/01 #6	<i>Defending the Faith (part 2)</i>