

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.

Our Values: Belong- Equip- Reach!

1) Persecuted Church: Please continue to pray for Christians in Northern Nigeria. Violent attacks against Christians continue, and do not get much international attention.

2) Fr. Ward's Lenten Bible Study continues this **Friday** at 7pm, following a 6pm meatless covered-dish dinner. His subject is *"Finding the Joy of the Lord in a World of Sorrow."* The Friday study will be repeated the following Wednesday at 7pm, during Family Fun Night.

3) Our PRAYER TEAM is ready to pray for your needs at: stbartston.org
Click on PARISH LIFE; Scroll to PRAYER REQUESTS;
Click on SUBMIT HERE; Enter your requests and click SUBMIT..
All prayer requests are kept CONFIDENTIAL!

4) Pro-Life Prayer Service, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 701 E. Delevan Ave., Buffalo, 7pm, **Tuesday, March 17.** **Prayer for Revival** will NOT meet Monday, March 16, so that you may attend the Pro-Life Prayer Service.

5) Attention Men! The **Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference** on **Saturday, March 21st** at the Watermark Wesleyan Church. This one-day conference is for men ages 13 and up. The cost to you is only \$25, including lunch, but you need to sign up and pay **TODAY**. There will be 16 different seminars for you to choose from—something for everyone. See John Krull to sign up and pay. We will go to Duff's Famous Wings after the conference.

6) Let God use YOU! We need more **Intercessory Prayer Partners** for the 11:00am prayer time during communion. This ministry of supporting our St. Bart's family with prayer and encouragement has helped many for the past 2 years. What a privilege it is serving one another. We would like to add you to our team. You will be blessed. If you feel that small spark of faith urging you toward doing something for God and others, please act on it and contact Mary Gamble at 832-6327 or see me at church.

7) Does your presence add spice to the lives of others? Do your intercessory prayers make our world more secure? Moreover, salt creates thirst for something more. Does your prayer life do that? We are called to be light bearers in a dark world. Jesus said "if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles." How are we making a difference? Are you ready for the second mile?

8) Delta Sonic and TOP's gift cards are available from Liz Burkett after the services. Proceeds benefit the Youth Group.4

WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S!

If you are a first time guest, we're glad you are joining us today and hope you find our worship uplifting. Whether you are looking for a new church or searching for answers to life's most profound questions, St. Bartholomew's is a church family where you can belong. After service everyone is invited to our coffee hour in Fr. Amend Hall just behind the sanctuary. There you can enjoy refreshments and stop by our guest hospitality booth for a free gift. We'd love to meet you!

ABOUT OUR LITURGY

Anglican worship is defined by two commitments: (1) to the authority of the Holy Scripture, and (2) to the Holy Sacraments. 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.

Far from empty ritualism, Anglican worship involves the active participation of the whole person: our spirit, soul, and body. Everything you will see and experience in the 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. 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 during the service is to keep an open heart to what God may desire to do in you!

CHRIST TOGETHER CYCLE OF PRAYER: Grace Baptist Church, Tonawanda; Kenmore Alliance Church; Kenmore Baptist Church; Knox Presbyterian Church, Kenmore

WNY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CYCLE OF PRAYER: St. Luke's, East Aurora; St. Peter's, Forestville; St. Nicholas', West Seneca; St. Stephen's, Amherst

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Resurrection Anglican Fellowship, Centennial, CO Clergy: The Rev. Archdeacon Philip Eberhart (Val); The Rev. Ethel LeResche (John); The Rev. Dr. Margie McCaslin (Glenn); The Rev. Barbara Russo; The Rev. David Mbelu

If you are VISITING for the FIRST TIME please see one of our Greeters or Ushers. We have a gift at our Information Center that we would like to give to you.

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.

Also, please notify the Church Office if you are or will be hospitalized so one of our clergy may visit you.

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday March 14, 2020 4:30pm HE

Sunday March 15, 2020 8, 9:15 & 11am HE

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings

Opening Hymn Sat. & 9:15am "Come Thou Fount"

11am #686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law, Kyrie

Pr.Bk.p.

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Third Sunday in Lent: 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

Introduction: Moving, changing your address, and beginning all over again is never easy. In last week's lesson we heard how God called one elderly couple - Abram & Sarai - to move from the land of Ur (modern day Iraq), and go to a new land, the land of Canaan. In this reading, God "moves" not just a family, but an entire nation - Abraham's descendants. It was a difficult move for the people. Gone was their security, their homes and food in Egypt. Even though they were slaves in Egypt, they still had full stomachs! Now, they are free by God's grace but unhappy. They were going forward but "looking backward." Thirsty, and still having little faith, they complain to Moses. Moses cries out to God for help. The Lord hears, and miraculously provided water for the people during their wanderings in the "wilderness of Sin." The Hebrew word "sin" means "barren cliff" - a description of the dry desert on the east of the Gulf of Suez.

Exodus 17:1-7: Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the

elders of Israel. He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us, or not?"

PSALM 95 *Venite, exultemus*

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 ***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.***
- 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.
- 4 ***In his hand are all the depths of the earth and the heights of the hills are his also.***
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 ***O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 ***Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,***
- 9 When your fathers tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
- 10 ***Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, "It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,"***
- 11 Of whom I swore in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.

SECOND READING

Introduction: Here, the Apostle Paul contrasts the life of a person who trusts God with the one who does not follow the Lord.

Romans 1:16-32: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent,

arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

HOLY GOSPEL

Introduction: In the first reading, God provides water to His people wandering in the desert on the way to the Promised Land. Here, we meet a woman who wasn't going anywhere. She was, figuratively, "stuck-in-the-mud" of immorality. Previously married five times, she was now living with a sixth lover! Inwardly, she was spiritually dry and crying out for God; for real love, compassion, and a quenching of her spiritual thirst! Jesus heard that call! He begins ministering to her. His message is plain: "Turn away from self, and turn to the true God who created you!" Our inner longing for meaning and purpose can only be satisfied with the Living Water of God's Presence in our lives!

St. John 4:5-26, 39-42: So Jesus came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw." He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. "But an hour is coming, and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. Many more believed because of His word; and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

Sermon Hymn Sat. & 9:15am "Be unto Your Name"
11:00am #657 "Love divine..." Hymnal
The Sermon Fr. Thebeau

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr Bk.pp. 127-129

Exchange of the 'Peace,' Announcements

Offertory Sat. Special Music 9:15am "His Mercy Is More"
11:00am "Surely the Presence of the Lord" – L. Wolfe Senior Choir

THE HOLY COMMUNION

***During the 11am Holy Communion there will be prayer intercessors available to pray with anyone who would appreciate it.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymns Sat. & 9:15am "Come Let Us Worship:
11am #343 "Shepherd of Souls..." Hymnal

Closing Collect Pr.Bk.p. 137

Closing Hymn Sat. & 9:15am "Shout To The North"
11am #690 "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymnal

The Dismissal CLERGY: "Let us bless the Lord."
PEOPLE: "Thanks be to God"

ENVELOPES FOR EASTER FLOWERS are available in the pews. Please note your designation and include payment. Thank you. **Deadline is 3/29.**

THE CALENDAR

Sun.	3/15	8, 9:15 & 11am HE	9:15 & 11am	Sunday School 1pm Sudanese Service, New Members' Class
Tues.	3/17	6:30pm NO		Men's Discipleship 7pm Pro-Life Prayer meeting, Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Wed.	3/18	9:30am HE	10:30am	Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes, Parents in Prayer 7pm Lenten Bible Study & HE, Sr. Choir, Lego Club
Thur.	3/19	6:30pm		Worship Team
Fri.	3/20	6pm		Covered Dish Dinner 7pm Lenten Bible Study
Sat.	3/21	8:30am		Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference 4:30pm HE
Sun.	3/22	8, 9:15 & 11am HE	9:15 & 11am	Sunday School 1pm Sudanese Service, New Members' Class

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