

The Chatter

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Special points of interest:

- Are we in the LAST DAYS? Find out at Fr. Ward's Friday Night Lenten Bible Study.
- New ministry to sick and shut-in
- Women's Bible Study
- Youth Group meeting dates

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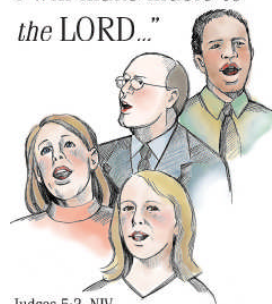
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Music is in the air... from Terry Gamble

St. Bartholomew's choir's annual Good Friday Recital will be held this year 1/2 hour before the Tenebrae service, April 2, at 8 PM. Please plan on arriving early to meditate on music appropriate to this solemn time of year.

Looking ahead: Saturday, May 1, at 6 PM will be St. Bartholomew's "first annual" hymn festival. Our choirs are attempting to reach out to the community, and this will be a wonderful way to accomplish that. Please make your plans now to attend and bring a

"I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD..."



friend or family member that has not been to St. Bart's.

The theme of the festival is "Walking with God." It will involve all the clergy, the senior choir, selected readers, organ and piano,

and will feature lots of singing correlated with the appropriate Scripture readings. The hymns for this year are chosen from the rich heritage of the American Evangelical movement. You will enjoy it!

Please also plan to come to the covered dish dinner, which will precede the festival, at 5 :00 PM. I hope to see (and hear) all of you there!

Terry Gamble

New Ministry to Sick and Shut-in

St. Bartholomew's has so many members that are not able to get to church due to sickness or other infirmity, and we believe the Church ought be brought to them.

A new visitation ministry to the sick and shut-in is being formed. A one or two-person team would schedule a monthly or bi-weekly visit to a member of the

congregation bringing a spirit of the Lord's friendship and fellowship into the home.

Preparation for this ministry requires two 2-hour training sessions (held in March) during which appropriate visitation etiquette and parameters will be presented.

If you believe you may have

a call to this needed ministry, please contact Fr. Molison at 831-1777 ext 18 or please email him at fathermolison@stbartston.org Your timely response to this invitation is one way to fulfill the "Great Commission" of Jesus that Fr. Ward taught in his sermons.

P.P.C. CORNER



prayer
for the
**persecuted
church**

PPC – “Prayer for the Persecuted Church” corner

Please check our display board

and table in the Church entrance and join us for prayer and purpose of mission in the **Adult Ministry Room, on the 2nd floor**, the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm.

Next meeting: Monday Mar. 1st at 7:30pm. **Open to all parishioners:** If you enjoy using a daily devotional as part of your prayer time, **Extreme Devotion**, a 365 day devotional from The Voice of the Martyrs, is available for \$10. Envelopes will be made available for payment. Please put them in the box on the PPC display table.

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to come and join in a great time of fellowship and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Come join us, Saturday, March 13, from 8 AM to 9:30 AM in the Fr. Amend Hall.



Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Charles Whited, from First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda.

Pastor Chuck, as you may have read, was in Haiti with a missions team during the recent earthquakes. He remained behind in Haiti while the rest of the team returned home to the USA. He and his wife Susan had been working for three years to adopt two beautiful children.

He was blessed to safely return with those Haitian children, Whisken and Lovelie, their son and daughter.

Come hear Pastor Chuck's story and join us for breakfast Sat, March 13, from 8 to 9:30 AM.

Missionette News:

 This month  Missionettes will be meeting

on the 3rd and the 17th. Both the Prims and the Stars will be working in their Missions badge. We will also be collecting school supplies for the missions trip to the Dominican Republic.

Generation Next:

- Upcoming dates for Seniors :
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th
(meeting from 7-9 PM)
- Upcoming dates for Juniors:
March 1st, (from 7-9 PM)
March 3rd, 17th and 31st from 7 to 8:30 PM

Collection for the Food Pantry: 1st Sunday of every month

65 bags of food, and 1 cash donation were taken to the Food Pantry in February. Thank you for your generosity!

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of some personal care items such as: bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and

toothbrushes, razors, toilet paper, feminine products and paper and plastic bags. They continue to need the usual food items such as boxed dinners, fruit, peanut butter. They also receive pet food, to assist families in feeding their pets.

Please bring your items on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our “*Food Pantry Delivery Angels*” only have to make one trip.

Bishop Scaife Guild:

Thanks to all who bought Chef Glownia's delicious soup at our January 24 *Soup Sale*. We made a profit of \$600! Thanks to Jim's helpers: Lori Abramo and Dawn Glownia.

On Saturday, March 20, we will hold a Lenten Breakfast Brunch at 11:00 AM. We will be serving coffee cakes and other brunch goodies. Our program will be a presentation by Sandy Starks—*The Women of Forest Lawn*.

Coming Events:

May - Annual Plant Sale

June - Spring Banquet

Please check out the Gift Shop after services on Sundays and Wednesdays. When you're doing your *Spring Cleaning* this year we would appreciate your

donations of suitable merchandise for the shop, especially games in good condition.

A *Thank You* note was received from *Threads of Hope* for the many donations of goods from St. Bart's parishioners. They are still in need of gently used linens (especially twin bed sheets), blankets, towels, dish towels, small appliances, kitchen items, etc. They are located behind St. Peter's Church. Please check the kiosk in the Fr. Amend Hall for as folder on their ministry. For more information and delivery, please call Carol Siock (835-2105).

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that

makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. PLEASE NOTE: the basket for the baby items is now in the Guild Gift Shop. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities office on Delaware, where the bundles are made up. We have also been donating baby items, especially diapers to Cornerstone Manor. Thanks for all the donations. they are greatly appreciated!

The BBC Band to benefit

St. Bart's: Saturday night, April 10, the Riviera Theatre in North Tonawanda will be rockin' and you can make it benefit St. Bart's. \$10 from your \$24 ticket, bought from St. Bart's—goes to St. Bart's. See Fr. Commins to order your tickets today!



FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING:

The Vestry approved several projects:

- a roof drain on the northeast side of the roof
- modification in the sanctuary for the Stations of the Cross
- masonry repairs for the main entrance
- two fans for Fr. Amend Hall

To date 228 pledges for \$537,794 have been received compared to 254 for \$519,794 on 2/2/2009.

Fr. Ward reported that several persons have expressed interest

in the *Public Relations/Outreach Committee* being formed.

To date 234 commitments for \$737,338 have been made to *Let Us Arise and Build* three year mission initiative.

The Northgate Community Church Praise Band received permission to hold rehearsals on Tuesday afternoon, from 2 to 7.

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Sunday, March 14

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS ~ PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN WORD AND IN DEED

ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

What will be the signs preceding Christ's Return?

What will happen during and after our Lord comes back to earth?

If you have ever wondered about the answers to these questions, please join

Fr. Ward as he unpacks the Bible prophecies that foretell of our Lord's Return. Find out more about the Antichrist, Armageddon, the Seven Seals of Revelation, the revival of Israel, the coming one



world government and economy, and the final judgment, by joining us in this thought-provoking and enlightening study. We will meet **every Friday in Lent until Holy**

Week, through March 26, from 7-8:30 PM. There will

be a program for children from 7-8:30 PM. A meatless cover-dish dinner will be at 6 PM. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** So bring your Bibles and invite a family member, neighbor, or friend.

St. Bart's Women's Bible Study

continues their study on Fr. Amend's teaching series

"*Signs In The Heavens*" as well as looking at "*Women in the Bible*."

They meet every other Tuesday, at 6:30. Meeting dates are March 9, March 23, April 13, April 20, May 4, May 18 and June 8. If you have any questions, please call Elaine Henzler at 957-3695.

