

St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

May 2002

The Rector's Choice

Rev. David Pollock
Rector

Dear People of St. Bartholomew's:

The month of May begins my second year as your rector. I want to thank all of you for welcoming my family and me. I cannot tell you what a joy it is for Margaret and me to serve together at the altar. I think we have made some progress toward moving St. Bartholomew's to be all that it can be in the service of Jesus Christ. Particularly this month we have some fruits of our beginning. The weekend of May 18th and 19th is a focus for our parish and the town of Laytonsville. On Saturday Mother Pollock and I will present 11 young people and several adults to be confirmed or reaffirmed in their faith at the Washington National Cathedral at 10 am. And then on Sunday at 9:30 am we will have a special breakfast in their honor in the undercroft between services. I want to especially thank Bill Fitts, Sue Lowry and Lee Briggs for assisting in the young peoples preparation. This group makes a fine beginning to a continuing youth ministry at St. Bartholomew's.

Also on Saturday, at the Town Hall next to the church will be the dedication of the building and the celebration of the 110 years of the Town of Laytonsville. I cannot be two places at the same time, so our Senior Warden, Jim Craig will represent the parish along with our own Vestrymember, Mayor Charlie White. There are festivities planned all day in the town especially open houses at several of the historical homes and our beautiful church. I hope you will plan to come to celebrate the town's anniversary on May 18th.

You will find in this newsletter an announcement of the consecration of our new Bishop, John Chane on June 1st at the Cathedral. The clergy and members of the vestry will represent the parish at the service and I know that your prayers will be with our new bishop as he starts his episcopate. He will need our support as he leads us in this new century.

May god continue to bless us in our ministry together.

Peace and love in Christ,
David

Confirmation Breakfast

Confirmation will be held at the National Cathedral on Saturday, May 18. We have a large group of our youth who have been taking confirmation training in anticipation of this event. In addition, there are a number of adult parishioners who are also receiving training and will be either newly confirmed or renewing their commitment to God.

We will be celebrating this great and glorious occasion with a special parish reception on May 19 at 9:30 a.m. to honor our confirmands.

Work Day

The May 4th Workday will run from 8:30 to 1:00, Saturday, starting with coffee, donuts, and bagels! Workers are needed, please come and help-experience helps but is not required. Projects include: landscape work such as trimming along the fenceline and planting grass, scraping and painting the storage shed, painting the steps at the Parish Life Center, replacing the sinks in the Church bathrooms, and more. Wear some old clothes, bring your favorite tools, and have some fun!

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild is now open for their annual Azalea sale. The sale is conducted on the corner of Brink Road and Route 108 weekly from now through the middle of June, open from 9:30 to 6:00 p.m. as a general rule. Call Barbara White if you need to check on our opening in case of inclement weather. (301-258-9173) You may call Barbara also to volunteer a few hours selling azaleas.

The Guild has contracted with Olney Electric Co to check out the electrical system in the Church. That job has been completed. We now have exit lights again. Changes were made as needed along with the addition of three new fixtures in the Church and also a better light for the Educational Building, which was added at the request of Reverend Pollock.

The Guild will be serving a Lions dinner on May 23rd and also a Farmer's Club dinner meeting on the 25th of May. We will not have our usual Potluck luncheon in May due to all of these other activities. All women are invited to join this group of very busy ladies.

Coffee Hour Sign Up

Joyce Hatter is coordinating the 8:00 a.m. Coffee Hour. June Thomas has agreed to coordinate the 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour. A sign up sheet is on the table going out the double doors to the undercroft. Please sign up.

Mother's Day Tea

There will be a Mother's Day Tea after the 11:00 a.m. church service on May 12, 2002. All are welcome, even if you are not a mother. The event is sponsored by the Sunday School in appreciation to all the mothers who work to get their children to church on Sunday. We are blessed with a wonderful bunch of children who participate in the Sunday School. Please plan on attending.

Laytonsville Town Celebration – May 18th

St. Bartholomew's Church will be featured on May 18th as one of the open houses as part of the Town Celebration. **The church will be open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Sonja and Art Elgin, Barbara and Bryan Husted, Jan and Bill Tait, Kay Stevens, Nancy Harding, Margaret Riggs, and Louisa Riggs will be docents. To visit the houses of Laytonsville the charge is \$5.00, but for the church there is no charge. Do drop in!

Dedication of the Laytonsville Town Hall next to the church will be at 10:00 a.m. The organ used at Hawlings River Chapel and St. Bartholomew's Church until 1957 will provide the music. This is a pump organ and still in working condition.

Kidney Donor Sought

from The Gazette: Kidney needed

A man with ties to the upcounty is looking for a kidney donor. Don Lavanty, 32, son of Don and Dee Lavanty of Darnestown, was raised in Poolesville and Darnestown and graduated from Seneca Valley High School in 1988. Now living in northern Virginia, Lavanty was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease in 1999 – one year after he was married. Lavanty is in the end stage of renal failure and in dire need of a kidney donor (blood type O). All expenses will be paid for the donor. Anyone interested in giving this gift of life should contact Don and Dee Lavanty at 301-977-0333.

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An Invitation from the Diocese of Washington

The Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, pro tempore
and The Standing Committee
cordially invite you to share in the

Ordination and Consecration
of The Very Reverend John Bryson Chane
as a Bishop in the Church of God
and the Eighth Bishop of Washington
by The Most Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold III,
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Saturday, the first day of June,
Two Thousand Two
at ten o'clock in the morning
in the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul
in the City and Diocese of Washington

Confirmation Class Visit to Christ House

As part of the confirmation curriculum, on May 4th the confirmation class will be visiting Christ House, which cares for the homeless and sick.

"A 32-bed health care facility in Washington, D.C., Christ House is a temporary residence for those who are ill and homeless. It is a place where they can receive plenty of rest, nutritious meals, medical care, and social services. On December 24, 1985, the first patient came through the doors, and since then, Christ House has been continuously serving the sick and homeless." --www.christhouse.org

This grew out of the class' Bible study of the passage from Luke, Chapter 4, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry—a model for ours. St. Bartholomew's parish gift to the youth confirmands is \$200, which they will use to provide and personally deliver toiletries and other items on the Christ House "wish list" for their clients.

Class members will leave St. Bartholomew's at 2:00 p.m. and be back around 6:00 p.m. --Mother Pollock

Celebrate

Seating of the Bishop of Washington (and his first official preaching from the Canterbury Pulpit). Sunday, June 2, 11 AM. Everybody welcome. **No tickets required.** The Eighth Bishop of Washington will be officially seated in his stall at Washington National Cathedral and will give his first sermon in the diocese as Bishop of Washington. At Washington National Cathedral.

Diocesan Farewell to Bishop Dixon

Mark your calendars for a diocesan Evensong service in honor of the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon on Saturday, June 15 at 4 p.m., in the Great Choir and Nave of Washington National Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to this service as we say farewell to Bishop Dixon as she retires. A reception will follow on the Cathedral grounds.

Pastoral Visits and Care

The Rev. David Pollock is available for pastoral visits and care. If you know of someone who needs or wants pastoral care, please contact the church office or Dr. Pollock at (301) 948-8201.

Scheduled Activities

Regular Sunday Schedule

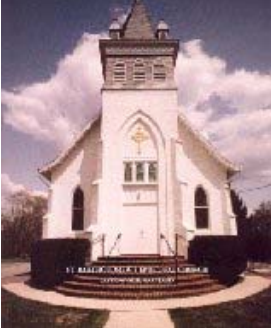
- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class
10:30 a.m. Junior Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. The Holy Communion - first and third Sundays
Morning Prayer - second, fourth and fifth Sundays
Sunday School Activities are held during the 11:00 service
Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services

Regular Weekly Schedule

- Mondays Monday Evening Bible Study — 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays Morning Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays Holy Communion Service — 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- Daily Ladies Guild Azalea Sale — 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
5/4/2002 Church Work Day 8:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
5/4/2002 Confirmation Class Visit to Christ House (2:00 – 6:00)
5/12/2002 Mothers Day Tea — After 11:00 a.m. Service
5/15/2002 Vestry Meeting — 7:30 p.m.
5/18/2002 Adult and Youth Confirmation — National Cathedral
5/18/2002 Laytonsville Town Celebration
Homes and Church Tour
5/19/2002 Reception to Honor Confirmands — 9:30 a.m.
6/1/2002 Ordination and Consecration of our New Bishop
The Very Reverend John Bryson Chane
National Cathedral — 10:00 a.m.



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