

St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

June 2002

The Rector's Choice

*Rev. David Pollock
Rector*

Dear people of St. Bartholomew's:

We certainly entered the Pentecost season with great enthusiasm on May 19th with the celebration of the 17 new communicants at St. Bartholomew's. The combination of the glorious service at the Cathedral on Saturday with over 200 other confirmands, and our breakfast recognition of the seventeen on Sunday morning gave each of us a sense of Joy. I think there is every evidence of our continuing in that joy as we conclude the program year this June.

Our regular Sunday School program concludes for this year on June 16th, Fathers Day. It will be great to honor our teachers and students for a very fulfilling year. In fact our Sunday School program has been noticed as far away as Australia, where a Sunday School teacher there used our Epiphany balloon project for a lesson there and thanked us by e-mail, and a Baptist Church in Virginia wants to talk to us about our program from viewing it on the internet. We are very thankful for Bill and Ann Fitts' leadership of our Sunday School.

I remind you that during the summer when our later service is at 10 a.m., we will have Summer Sunday School, to provide continuity throughout the summer months. Sunday School parents, please remember the meeting of our families on June 9th at 7 p.m. at the church to look forward to the fall.

Beginning on the first Sunday in June, our young people, ages 13 to 16 will be embarking on a new program — Journey to Adulthood. The first three weeks of June will provide an introduction to this program for youth which will begin in the fall. You will be seeing these young people more involved in our parish life.

Our Adult Bible studies will be taking a break for the summer. The Wednesday Bible Study and the 11 a.m. Wednesday Holy Communion concluded at the end of May and the Monday Evening Bible Study will conclude at the end of June. They both will begin the first week of September. Why not plan now to join these dynamic groups in the fall.

These are just some of the many activities of our church. I hope you will spend the summer talking with your neighbors and friends and inviting them to join us at St. Bartholomew's. We have a lot to offer anyone on their faith journey. May God bless each of you.

*Peace and love in Christ,
David*

Summer Schedule Begins June 24, 2002

Services will be at
8:00 a.m.
and 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation at the Cathedral

May 18, 2002

Confirmed

Robert Tyler Barberi
Lauren Marie Bray
Jacqueline Marie Davis
Lauren Catherine Fisher
Travis Brendan Fisher
Brian James Horton
Peter Michael Horton
Jeffrey Michael Kaufmann
Lyn Kelly
Payton Juanita Middleton

Received

Robert Kelly
Irene Mary Spurge

Reaffirmed

Harry D. Bennett
Lee Ellen Briggs
Deborah Ann Howard
Alex Ian Jansen
Ashleigh Nicole Middleton

Work Day Thanks

Thanks to the participants in the Church Work Day held May 4. a lot was accomplished by a very few people. Work items completed include: using the gravel pile in the back of the parking lot to expand the gravel parking lot, moving the telephone pole wheel stops, moving the basketball hoop, painting the interior stairway walls in the PLC, inventorying the fire extinguishers in all 3 buildings, and installing new sinks and faucets in both bathrooms in the Church. If you didn't make it to the Work Day, don't worry about missing out, there's still lots more to do! Before the next work day expect to be asked to come and help.

George Leigh

Christ House

"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 trip 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 used to provide and personally deliver toiletries and other items on the Christ House "wish list" for their clients.

Azaleas

The Azalea sale is continuing at the corner of Brink Road and Route 108. We invite all parishioners to visit the corner before the middle of June. Blooming azaleas are still available and very pretty. The prices are \$12 or \$18 per plant. This is a very good deal when you compare the prices at local garden centers. They are locally grown and are especially grown for this area. Visit throughout the week and on Saturdays between the hours of 9:30 and 5:30 or later if you call. The Guild has served two dinners this month, one the Lions and the other a Farmers Club. Our continuing fund raisers are spices, notepaper and Rada knives. Call 301-258-9173 for any information.

New Parishioner

On May 16, 2002 Jack Kenneth Uhl was born to Becky and Ken Uhl. Mother, father and baby are all doing well.

St. Bartholomew's Confirmation Class Visit to Christ House Shelter

By: Lauren Bray

It was 2:00 p.m. on May 4th and we were waiting to get started on our trip to Christ House Shelter in Washington, D. C. When it was finally time to go, we were sent on our way with a heartfelt prayer. We were off! And the first stop was Price Club to buy toiletries and other items on the Christ House client "wish list"!

Alex Jansen met us there with his dad, ready to take photographs. The first thing on our list was socks. We got a couple packages of those, then we saw something pretty funny. There was asparagus sitting on top of some sock boxes! Anyway, we shopped for toothpaste and picked up some disposable razors, and added other bathroom necessities to our cart. After we paid, we were all set for our trip to D. C. Alex rode with his dad while I rode in Mr. Fitts' car with Payton, Ashleigh, and Lauren. Brian rode with either Mr. Jansen or Mrs. Fisher. Peter, Jackie, Jeff, and Travis rode with Mrs. Fisher.

When we reached Washington we started to look for Christ House. Well, we found that easy enough, but something much harder to find was parking. We spent a good ten minutes driving around in circles looking for a parking place big enough for at least one of the cars. We finally found one and were able to get out, and we were all eager to get to Christ House.

The first thing I noticed when I entered was the low ceiling and sad, barren walls. Here and there was some type of spiritual painting, but other than that it was all white. We took our packages to the Donations area and were told we had to go to the second floor for this. So, we entered the smallest, ricketiest elevator in the world. As someone later said, "I thought we would fall." But somehow it was able to bear our weight, and we arrived on the second floor safely. There, a nurse took the parcels and explained a bit about the reasons for Christ House. He said it was mostly a place for the sick or wounded, and you could come right in off the streets for help. Only men patients are allowed into this building. Women were across the street. He told us about one winter when all the beds in the rooms were filled up, mostly with frostbite patients, and they had to choose the ones that were better than most to be allowed out so that room could be made for the new, sicker patients. It was a sad thought and it made me grateful for what I had.

When we went back outside (after using the staircase to get back to the ground level) we seemed to have a little bit more thankfulness in our hearts for not being the ones on the streets. So, we clambered back into the cars and began the ride home.

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Outreach

St. Bartholomew's Outreach Ministry has been very busy and productive!

Our local Outreach continues to aid the Rivas family from Gaithersburg. This is the family from El Salvador that was first identified in March. Judy Docca bought Giant food coupons for them and Rufus Butts has collected and delivered clothing to Gaithersburg Elementary School for distribution to the family. Judy and Ethel Ollivierre are planning to shop for clothing for the three children. Judy has also met with representatives from Gaithersburg High School and learned of two girls in need of prom dresses. On the recommendation of the sub-committee, they gave each student \$100.00 towards the expenses of the prom. Another family was recently brought to the attention of the sub-committee by Terry Lansing, a parishioner at St. Bartholomew's. They are the Acuna's from Colombia, South America. They fled to America when Mr. Acuna, a radio broadcaster, spoke out against drug dealers and he and his family received death threats. After the family arrived in the U.S., his wife died in childbirth. His daughter, Luisa, who is 12, was in the delivery room at the time translating for the medical team. Judy met with Mr. Acuna last week as he was moving to a new and larger apartment. He has regular childcare, but money is a problem. Judy gave him \$100 worth of Giant gift cards. He is currently looking for work in his own field of telecommunications. Mr. Acuna is also an author and an actor, and at the present time he is appearing in a play in Virginia. He is also doing painting and wall papering to supplement his income.

Our International Outreach is still focused on the building of the orphanage in Kenya with Father and Mrs. Demo. Through two faxes by Father Demo, we have learned that bricks have been made for the construction of a dormitory and the laying of the foundation was about to begin. The actual work was to be started April 11, when Father and Mary Demo were going on leave. We also learned that the Demo's will be visiting the states in July and August. They are anxious to come to St. Bartholomew's while here. Mother Pollock will be contacting them once they are in the United States, and at that time we will know the date they will arrive. We believe it will be either August the 11th or 18th. Father Demo will preach at our services and a reception will be held to welcome him and his wife Mary. We are also planning a program the Sunday evening they will be at the Church, where the parishioners can learn about the orphanage and ask any questions they may have. Prior to the Demo's visit, we will be contacting the Gazette Newspaper and inquire about writing an article explaining our ministry with the Demo's, and inviting the community to join us when they come to St. Bartholomew's.

As you can see, there has been much going on. Reaching out to others both locally and abroad is very rewarding and uplifting. St. Bartholomew's is definitely making a difference in so many lives!

*Irene Spurge
Chairperson*

Sunday School Report

The past month has been very busy for the Sunday school. We planted a biblical herb garden next to the parish life center, many thanks to Lee Briggs for help and knowledge of the herbs. The bird house post has the hand print of each Sunday school member. It's great to see so many hand prints on the post! Each member of the Sunday school participated in the planting of the herbs. A lesson for each herb was given for the biblical significance.

The mother's day tea was again a very special way to thank the mothers of our parish for recognizing the importance of the church in their child's life. Each child painted a flower pot so each mother in the parish, regardless of age, was acknowledged.

Coming up in June we will be discussing the Good Samaritan, the Lords Payer and the Loaves and fishes. There will be a meeting on Sunday June 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. of all the parents to discuss the Sunday summer activities and plans for next year. On June 16 we will celebrate our final day of Sunday School for this year with our graduation ceremony and the Father's Day picnic. Even though fathers are not quite as special as mothers they get a day also. The picnic is open to the entire congregation and we hope to see everyone there.

*"We are all children in the eyes
of God!"*

Scheduled Activities

Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Communion
 - 10:00 a.m. Journey to Adulthood
 - 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.

Upcoming Events

- Daily** 6/1/2002 Ladies Guild Azalea Sale — 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Ordination and Consecration of our New Bishop
The Very Reverend John Bryson Chane
National Cathedral — 10:00 a.m.
- 6/2/2002 Seating of the Bishop National Cathedral — 11:00 a.m.
- 6/9/2002 Parents Meeting — Summer Activities and Fall Plans
- 6/15/2002 Diocesan farewell to Bishop Dixon — 4:00 p.m.
Cathedral
- 6/16/2002 Sunday School Graduation and Fathers Day Picnic
- 6/19/2002 Vestry Meeting — 7:30 p.m.
- 6/23/2002 Summer Schedule begins: 8:00am and 10:00am services
- 9/8/2002 Homecoming Sunday



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