

St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

June 2003

The Rector's Choice

The Rev. David Pollock, Rector

Dear People of St. Bartholomew's:

Sunday June 8th is Pentecost; the birthday of the church, the day in the church year that we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, descending on the disciples as a mighty, rushing wind. Pentecost occurred fifty days after Jesus' resurrection.

That group of average, frightened people were transformed into courageous, gifted persons who revolutionized the world. Their message, that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, who has come to bring to all who believe grace and love and peace and joy. Those who have gone before us, both here at St. Bartholomew's and in our families, have passed down that message to us. It is therefore our joyful task to pass that message on to others in our community and the world.

So far this year we are doing pretty well here at St. Bartholomew's in spreading that gospel. Since the beginning of this year more than twelve new individuals and families have come to worship with us and be included on our parish list. That is more than were present in the upper room on that first Pentecost. We are welcoming newcomers, reaching out to them and making them feel a part of our parish family.

I want to thank you for being so welcoming, but we need to do more. Many who come are not familiar with our form of worship. Please offer to help them find their way in our prayer book. Invite them to coffee hour so they can feel the love and joy of our fellowship. Go out of your way to be helpful, because the newcomers will greatly enrich our lives as a congregation. The gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost gives us the courage and strength to be a hospitable people. But more is expected. Each of us needs to invite others to join us, to share in the grace and peace that is ours because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have a wonderful Christian Community at St. Bartholomew's. Let us share it with all who wish to walk this journey of life guided by the Holy Spirit. May your season of Pentecost be full of wonder.

*Peace and love in Christ,
David*



The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4

Summer Schedule Begins June 22, 2003

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

Sunday School Graduation and the Fathers Day Picnic

The Sunday School graduation and the Father's Day picnic will be held on June 15th after the 11:00 a.m. service

Sunday School

Again we are coming to the end of our Sunday School year. In June we will be looking at the Conversion of Saul and his journey to grow the early church. We will be looking at the hardship he and other early Christians endured to follow Jesus. Is there any greater proof that Jesus is the Son of God?

Sunday School graduation and the Fathers Day picnic will be held on June 15th. The graduation gives us an opportunity to acknowledge the special group of children which attend our Sunday School. We also want to thank all of the adults which have so faithfully helped make the Sunday School program so warm, welcoming and informative for every child.

The Fathers Day picnic is always special. The fathers deserve recognition also. The mothers got their tea now we get our picnic. Fathers don't get into teas. Just give us a burger and a hot dog. There will be fun and games including the annual old folks / young folks basketball game. The old folks are on a 2 game losing streak. However the old folks have been training hard. This year will be our year to cut down the net. I guarantee.

"We are all children in the eyes of God"

Confirmation at the Cathedral

May 17, 2003

Congratulations go to the following people who were confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at the National Cathedral on May 17, 2003.

Confirmed

Kay Stevens
Doris Teresinski

Reaffirmed

Judith O'Neil
Anne Wasson
Al Wasson

Received

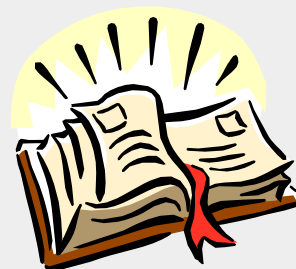
Les Cannon
Michael Redmiles
Susan Tesar
Frank Tesar
Michael Teresinski
Deborah Turton

Flea Market

The American Legion Post Number 68, is holding a flea market on Saturday, June 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on the lawn behind St. Bartholomew's Church parking lot. Open to the public. Come and hunt through the fleas for hidden treasures.
(Rain date: Saturday, June 21)

Sunday School Summer Sessions

The Sunday School Summer Program will be held during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday services. For anyone wishing to oversee one or more summer sessions please contact Bill Fitts for more information and to sign up. The sessions can be structured or unstructured. The kids love it and it provide parents the opportunity to attend church services.



Bible Study

The Monday Evening and Wednesday Morning Bible Studies will resume in September.

Come join one of these dynamic groups in the Fall.

Summer Schedule

It's summertime already! (or finally!) Our summer schedule starts on Sunday, June 22, 2003. Services will be at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. There will be no Wednesday Communion service.

Wednesday morning Bible study will end for the summer on June 11, 2003. Monday evening Bible study has already ended.

**11:00 (10:00) a.m.
Coffee Hour
Schedule**

Deborah Turton will now be organizing the 11:00 (10:00) coffee hour. She'd like to invite everyone to sign up for a Sunday. Whether you enjoy stopping at your favorite bakery or one of your favorite hobbies is baking, we'd love to have you share your talents with us. If you have questions, please call Deborah at 301-482-0675.

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.

Athanasius Fought for an Uncreated Christ

It is impossible to understand fourth century Christianity apart from Athanasius. In an era in which the church was fast becoming a state institution, it faced corruption from within. An Egyptian priest named Arius questioned the eternity of Christ's existence and the fight was on to decide just who Christ really was. Athanasius, more than any other man, took up that challenge. He declared Christ's divinity in his writings, suffered for Christ in his body, and master-minded the church's first official creed at the council of Nicea. Five times he was forced into exile. Slander dogged him. Yet he remained faithful to his vision of an uncreated Christ.

He was also the first to list the books of the New Testament as we know them. Athanasius died on May 2, 373. It might truly be said of him that he defined his age and formed its theology.

The Creed of Saint Athanasius is one of the early creeds of the Episcopal Church. It can be found on page 864 of the Book of Common Prayer.

While you are there at the back of the Book of Common Prayer, take the opportunity to review the 39 Articles of Religion of the Protestant Episcopal Church found on pages 867 through 876.

The above article on St. Athanasius was obtained from the Christian History Institute Web Site.

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**He has showed
you, O man, what
is good. And
what does the
Lord require of
you? To act
justly and to love
mercy and to
walk humbly with
your God.**

Micah 6:8

Local Outreach

It's prom season again and the Local Outreach Committee donated funds to Gaithersburg High School towards the purchase of prom dresses for two seniors. Both seniors reported that they purchased purple gowns. We are sure the prom and after prom activities were special for them. We received thank you notes from the girls before the prom about their purchase.

The committee members were invited by Ms. Sharon Jones, principal and her administrative secretary, Rosa Baxter, to an Appreciation Tea on May 20th in the Media Center. Other volunteers included Mayor Sydney Katz of Gaithersburg, Ms. Teresa Wright, ESOL Parent Specialist, representatives from the Knights of Pythias, and Mr. Nadar Saleh, owner of Chicken Basket and Gaithersburg Business Person of the Year. Each of these persons and groups, along with St. Bartholomew's, contributed in varied ways to assist the parents and students in the school. We met the children of the families we helped and they had a chance to do a presentation to all of the adults assembled. It was a pleasure to meet the children and to hear them express themselves well in front of so many strangers!

We wish a speedy recovery to one of our most dedicated committee members, Corni Reynolds, who was hospitalized the week of the 19th of May.

Judy Docca

International Outreach Update

St. Bartholomew's contribution to Jerusalem 2000 came from the Good Friday plate, and the Mite boxes collected at the Easter service. We collected \$ _____, along with the following:

5 dollars	(Jamaican)
35 cents	(Canadian)
3 Kroners	(Scandinavian)
38 pence	(British)
1 Button	(?)

All gratefully received to the Glory of God!

Ladies Guild News

The Ladies Guild is still selling azaleas on a daily basis whenever the weather permits. Business has been excellent when it does not rain steadily. We do appreciate our faithful customers. We will not be open from June 8th to the 18th.

If there are still azaleas available after the 18th of June, Dottie Tessier will reopen until there are no more blooming azaleas. Watch the corner or call Dottie after the 18th at 301-948-7940 to check on availability.

The Potluck Luncheon will be postponed in June. An announcement will be made as to the date of our next luncheon and meeting. Call Barbara for further information at 301-258-9173. The Guild made a donation of 10 azaleas to the Elaine Kirchoff Annual Fund-raiser, a local charity within Laytonsville.

There will be a dinner prepared by the Guild for the Lions on June 26, 2003. The Laytonsville Lions Club gave a donation of \$400 to St. Bartholomew Church in appreciation for using the undercroft for their dinner meetings.

Scheduled Activities

Upcoming Events

June 6/15/03 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Azalea sale Wednesdays thru Saturdays
Father's Day Picnic and Sunday School Graduation
— After 11:00 a.m. service

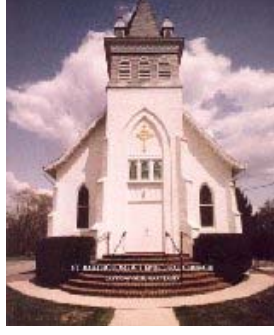
Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. The Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirer's Class
10:20 a.m. Youth Choir practice
11:00 a.m. The Holy Communion - first and third Sundays
Morning Prayer - second, fourth and fifth Sundays
(10:00 a.m. starting June 22, 2003)

Sunday School Activities are held during the 11:00 (10:00) service
2nd & 4th Sundays J2A meets in the PLC (during Sunday School)
Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services

Regular Weekly Schedule

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
11:00 a.m. The Holy Communion
(Through June 11, 2003)
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal



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