

February 2005

**Pancake Supper  
Shrove Tuesday**

February 8, 2005  
6:00-8:00 PM

No charge - donations accepted  
**BRING FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS  
HELP OUR CHURCH GROW**

Helpers needed  
Call Deborah Turton (301) 482-0675



**Annual Meeting Election of Church Officers**

To vote you need to be 18 years old, Baptized, whether in the Episcopal Church or any other church in the name of the Trinity, received communion at least three times since the last annual meeting and are a financial contributor of record in this parish. You will find below those who have been nominated for various offices in the church. Please get to know them and make an informed choice. Nominations are accepted from the floor if you so desire.

Please review the list of Vestry nominees, consider the best candidates, and attend the Annual Meeting so that your voice will be heard.

**Slate of nominees**

*Senior Warden*  
Arthur C. Elgin, Jr.

*Junior Warden*  
William T. Fitts, Jr.

<i>Vestry</i>		
Jeff Taylor	Tim Smith	Mary Kamien
Sharon Henderson	Sue Davis	Frank Dall

*Convention Delegates*  
Deborah Howard  
Stevie Grimes

See inside for information on candidates

**Annual Parish Meeting**

Sunday, February 6, 2005.  
One church service  
at 10:00 a.m.,  
meeting to follow.



**Sri Lanka Update**

Wonderful news! The congregation donated \$1,000.00 to the Samaritan Orphanage in Navalady, Sri Lanka. The story of Father Sanders was shown on a CNN newscast on Monday of this week at the orphanage location in Sri Lanka.



**Pastoral Care**

If you have the need for pastoral care, please contact the Church office.  
(301) 948-8201



# St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

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## Adult Education Via Media Program

The Via Media program for 2005 has started. If you were not there, you can still come and participate. Learn more about your faith with Via Media. This is an educational tool meant to keep members of the Episcopal Church informed about their faith and give seekers the opportunity to learn about the church.

The following are the topics of the four remaining programs in the series.

1. God The Holy Spirit — Breath of New Life
2. Sin: Roadblocks to Abundant Life
3. The Kingdom Come: The Promise of Christian Hope
4. What does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to participate in the Eucharist?

We will meet next on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Anne and Al Wasson's home. There will be a 20 minute video followed by a discussion period. All are welcome. Call Anne at 301-774-9015 for information. We will also have a short celebration in honor of our first president's birthday.



## Pledge Campaign Final Report

Thanks to all who have pledged.

Thanks to your generosity we have raised over \$115,000 in pledges from 63 parishioners and their families. 54 families who pledged in 2004 pledged this year. Of these, 22 increased their pledge, 8 decreased their pledge, 24 pledged the same amount this year as in 2004. Five longer term parishioners pledged for the first time and four new families pledged.

<u>Pledge Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
\$0-9 per week	14	22%
\$10-24 per week	16	26%
\$25-49 per week	17	27%
\$50-99 per week	14	22%
\$100 or more per week	2	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>100%</b>

Can you still pledge? Of course! It is not too late. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card or wish to increase your pledge, please notify the office. Thank you for your generosity.

To show our faith and thanksgiving we can return a part of God's gifts to us to help the church carry out its work. Our thanks to everyone for all your efforts and support in this important aspect of Parish life.

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**Warden's Words**

The year of 2005 will be an exciting and challenging time for St. Bartholomew's. Our Rector has retired and we will shortly start the formal and lengthy process of selecting a new rector for St. Bartholomew's. If you would like to be considered for service on the New Rector Search Committee, please contact one of the Wardens. During the 9 to 12 months of the search process, we will have Supply Priests for the first three months (through Easter), and our Interim Search Committee will recommend to the Vestry an Interim Priest for the remainder of the year. .

Dr. Pollock's last Sunday was January 9, 2005. There was a wonderful farewell luncheon for the Pollocks on that date. For Sunday January 16, we had a Supply priest, the Reverend Laura Edwards. On Sunday, January 23, Canon Nan Peete came to St. Bartholomew's and explained the process of transitioning to a new rector. From Sunday, January 30, through Easter (March 27) our Supply priest will be The Reverend Perrin Radley, who many will recall served at St. Bartholomew's prior to Dr. Pollock's arrival.

The Interim Search Committee has met twice, reviewed submittals from the five candidates and is presently arranging interviews. One of the five candidates has withdrawn since he was called to join a parish as Rector. As explained last month, the Vestry has directed the Committee to negotiate with the prospective Interims regarding their serving in a part-time status, helping to ensure a surplus from the 2005 Budget. We will keep the congregation informed as these several processes develop.

As my term as Senior Warden ends, I would like to thank the many people who serve St. Bartholomew's in many different capacities.

George Leigh  
Senior Warden



**From Our Retiring Rector**

Dear people of St. Bartholomew's:

Margaret and I would like to thank you so much for the wonderful farewell luncheon on January 9th. We really appreciated those who were able to come and missed those who weren't able to be there. The gracious gift of the Waterford Mantle Clock will always remind us of our ministry with you at St. Bartholomew's. Remember we are still your neighbors and friends. Retirement so far has been very busy and as I write this snow is falling outside my window and I am looking forward to being snowed in and just staying home. Peace and love in Christ to each of you.

David

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**Local Outreach Thank You**

We received the following letter regarding a grateful family that we helped.

Dear Father Pollock and Judy:

Happy Holidays! Thank you for your very kind contribution to assist a local family in paying her mortgage. It was very difficult for her to ask for help. She was so relieved when all of the money was collected. Thank you so very much for your assistance.

Thank you for your support of our community and the CASS program

Sincerely,  
Cornelia F. Reynolds, LCSW-C  
Linganore CASS Coordinator  
Community Agency School Services

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**Your Vestry**

Behind the scenes and always active, your Vestry is constantly looking for ways to improve St. Bartholomew's and to keep it running smoothly, and to perform its mission. The full Vestry consists of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, nine Vestry members, and the Rector. They are assisted by the Treasurer and the Registrar who may or may not be Vestry members.

The Vestry of an Episcopal church has three main responsibilities. The first two are managerial: to take care of the parish finances and the parish buildings. The third is choose people to fill various positions of leadership. Leadership involves more than representation. It includes learning, educating, informing, and persuading others. It involves working to realize a vision of what the parish could be. It involves change. Leadership is a matter also of prayer and Bible study and nourishing the parish as it seeks to carry out its primary mission in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Leadership is a matter of defining issues, setting agendas, choosing individuals to carry out tasks, and keeping in touch with those to whom work is assigned to see that it is going forward.

As you vote for our Senior and Junior Wardens and three new Vestry persons at the Annual Meeting, consider how their skills in management and leadership will benefit the parish and its mission. Biographies of the candidates are on the following pages.

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Laura Grimes is back on duty overseas. Anyone wishing to send her a card or letter may use the following address:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Grimes, Laura 4768  
129<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion, 129 LTF  
APO AE 09391

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**Nominees for the Vestry -- 2005**

**Senior Warden -- Arthur C. Elgin, Jr.**

I am a life-long Episcopalian and have been a parishioner at St. Bartholomew's for over 25 years. I previously have served two terms on the Vestry and have served on several committees. Currently, I am on the Bequest Committee and the Outreach Committee.

I am an attorney specializing in estate planning and trust and estate administration with the law firm of Jackson & Campbell, P.C., which has offices in Washington and Rockville. I am a graduate of Princeton University and The George Washington University Law School and spent three years as an officer in the Marine Corps.

I am married to Sonja Elgin, who is finishing a term on the Vestry and is a member of the Ladies Guild. We have two children, Darby and Cliff, both of whom are school teachers in Montgomery County.

**Junior Warden -- Bill Fitts**

Bill is a CPA and lives with his wife and son in Olney Maryland. He grew up in the Falls Church in Falls Church Virginia and joined St. Bartholomew's Church 21 years ago. He has served on the Vestry, as Senior Warden, Property Chairman, and Chairman of various committees over the years. He is currently serving as Parish Treasurer. His most rewarding activity involves his current work with the parish youth and helping his wife Ann, in the Sunday School Education Program and Sunday School fellowship activities.

**Vestry (Vote for three)**

**Dr. Frank Dall**

Frank was born in Barranca Bermeja, Colombia, and grew up internationally attending schools in Colombia, Venezuela, New Zealand, Jamaica, Iran and Great Britain. He was baptized and confirmed in the Anglican Church through the Diocese of Salisbury in Dorset, England, where he also attended Clayesmore School, a well-known Anglican boarding school. While at University he presented himself for ordination through a selection process conducted by the Anglican Diocese of Guildford. He subsequently did a joint honors degree in Theology and Philosophy, at

Bristol University. This was followed by a post-graduate diploma in education at the Institute of Education, London University. After completing his bachelors and post-graduate degrees he decided not to be ordained, but to dedicate his life to overseas development and went with UK Overseas Development Administration to work in Central Africa for 11 years. While living in Zambia, he was an active member of the Anglican Church and worshipped at the Anglican Cathedral, in Lusaka. He came to the USA in 1980 to do a doctoral degree in comparative international education at Florida State University. 27 years of work in international development for USAID, UNICEF, the Harvard Institute for International Development and Save the Children followed. After retiring from 12 years of service with the United Nations, he was asked to lead a women's literacy project in a post conflict Mayan peace accord zone, in Guatemala. In 2002, he returned to the US to work as Senior Education Adviser for an international consultancy company in DC and moved to Montgomery Village in 2003. He has worshipped actively in Episcopal churches in England, Africa, Jordan, Peru, Guatemala and the US. Frank has four children by a previous marriage, all of whom have graduated from their respective universities and are now productively working in the US and the UK. Frank has been worshipping with Carmen and Diego at St. Bartholomew's Church since November of 2003, and so far has had no responsibilities at this church beyond chalice bearing.

**Sue Davis**

My name is Sue Davis, and I am a life-long Episcopalian. I was born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA. I graduated from Oglethorpe University, in Atlanta, GA, with a major in sociology, and a minor in psychiatry. I have been married for almost 30 years to my husband Jim, and have two children: Josh, who will graduate in May from the University of Maryland, and Jackie, currently a junior at Westminster High School. I live and work in Westminster, Maryland. I have been employed full time at High Tech Images, Inc., where I am the Director of Operations, for 8 years.

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**Nominees for the Vestry -- 2005 (Continued)**

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I have been a member of St. Bartholomew's for 5 years, and am currently active as a counter and a member of the choir. My goal is to see the traditions of the Episcopal Church upheld.

**Mary Kamien**

In case you're wondering, there are just two things you need to know about me.

1. I am eccentric.
2. I' try to make my religious life as exciting as God will permit.

To wit: I was a Presbyterian baby. In my teens, my sainted mother roped me into helping her teach Sunday School to sixty (count 'em) 4 and 5 year olds each week. I "escaped" by studying Zen Buddhism and Hinduism while attending art college in a city far, far away. (Note: those traditions do NOT have Sunday School. Clever, no?)

As a Catholic adult I took on the job of church secretary at a large, inner-city parish for 2-3 years. I was probably the youngest church secretary in (Catholic) Church history. Our average parishioner spoke everything but English, worked 2-3 jobs simultaneously, and lived in housing that can't be described at the dinner table.

Currently, I have retired early to care for my husband who is a sick rock'n roll musician. Really! Diapers, anyone? In my spare time I paint oils of vintage quilt blocks because I can neither sew nor afford them.

I saw a sign along Rt. 124 one day for St. Bartholomew's while waiting for a light. It was sort of old & rusty and I figured maybe that was about my speed, so the next Sunday I walked in & was enchanted. I had been looking for a small church anyway, close to my home, not only because of my husband's illness but because I was so tired of attending huge churches. At St. Bartholomew's I don't feel lost in a sea of faces and overwhelmed by lots of betterment programs. I can worship God in my own way (eccentric, remember?) and live my spiritual life at my own speed (rusty).

In the 17 months since I've been attending I have decided to become an Episcopalian because of you. I admire your civility and gumption which, if they are not classically Christian virtues, certainly are sorely needed in the world today. I'd like to do my bit - maybe the Vestry's it? In any case, I've been wanting to tell you guys this for awhile. Thanks.

**Tim Smith**

I was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1964. I'm the oldest of three children. While growing up, my family lived in Columbia, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, and Michigan. I attended the University of Michigan and received an engineering degree in Naval Architecture. I've worked at the David Taylor Model Basin since 1987.

I was baptized, confirmed, and raised in the Episcopal Church. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior after moving to Gaithersburg. I was very active at Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg. I served on the Facilities, Stewardship, and Outreach committees, and Vestry. I still participate, nearly every Sunday, in an Ascension sponsored Morning Prayer worship service at the Sunrise Village House retirement home. After leaving Ascension, I attended church at St. Luke's, Brighton. I've been attending St. Bartholomew's for about the past two years. I am currently serving as a lay reader.

**Jeffrey C. Taylor**

Jeff became a member of St. Bartholomew's in 1989. In 1990 he was elected to a term on the vestry and served on the by-laws review and legal committees. On the death of Fr. Bonbrest, he served on the search committee and the stewardship committee. In 2000 he was an alternate delegate to the Diocesan Convention. Currently, Jeff is serving on the vestry to fill a one year vacancy left by a departing member.

Jeff is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the Georgetown University Law Center. He lives in Rockville with his son Paul, and is employed there by a law firm and title company.

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**Local Outreach**

The Local Outreach Committee will be making reservations for the Thanksgiving in February dinner to support persons in need for February the first. This is a Tuesday evening. We will reserve a table or tables depending on the response for 7 PM. We have chosen O'Donnell's at 311 Kentlands Blvd. in Gaithersburg. Please call or email Judy Docca by the 28th of January for the number of reservations we will need. 301-977-7591/doccajud@comcast.net. There will be no set menu; order as you like.

Several persons have asked if we have suggestions for other ways to help the needy. Gaithersburg Help is an organization of 35 churches which support on a temporary basis over 3000 families with advocacy, financial and other supports. One project which is ongoing is the collection of food for families for 3 days. A volunteer may collect and bring the food to the center or may pack the food which is delivered to the center. Financial donations are also solicited. Gaithersburg Help is located at the rear of 431 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 105. If you would like more information, please call Amanda Becker at 301-253-4526.

The Local Outreach Committee will serve dinner next on the 7th of February at the Sophia House. We have volunteers for March and April. We need volunteers (3 at a time) for the first Monday in May and June. Please contact Judy Docca if you are available.



**Ladies Guild News**

The Ladies Guild had its first meeting of the year in January . Items for discussion included the Annual Report, our continuing Lions Club dinners on the fourth Thursday of the month and a report that 16 baskets were made and delivered to our friends and shut-ins right before Christmas. All appreciated the visit and the fruit basket. Included with this report this month is an accounting of Paid items by the Guild in 2004. All women are invited to join with the other 12 members of the Guild on the third Monday of most months.

Our next Potluck gathering will be on Monday, February 21, 2005 at 12:30 PM in the Undercroft. Our next Lions dinner is Thursday, February 24, 2005 when we will serve our guests Pancakes and Sausage, one of their favorites.

**2004 Expenses Paid by the Guild**

Flowers \$ 481.00	Repairs: by Jack's Roofing \$816.16;	Freezer Repairs \$ 258.55;	Propane Gas and rentals \$999.46;	Church Fuel Costs \$ 300.00;	Miscellaneous (stamps, etc.) \$169.22;	Front Flower Bed \$ 470.00;	ECW Scholarship Fund \$ 50.00;	Dishwasher repair \$ 347.89;	Christmas Baskets \$208.05;	Guardian Fire Service \$ 78.00
Totals.....\$5,200.28										



**Fellowship**

If you have any ideas for Fellowship activities, let me or one of the vestry members know. We're always looking for fun activities for parishioners that allow us to get to know one another outside of services. See you at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 8.



**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**  
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Laytonsville, MD 20882

## **Scheduled Activities**

### **Upcoming Events**

- Thru Easter**      **The Rev. Perrin Radley, Supply Priest**  
**Feb. 1**              **“Thanksgiving in February”**  
                                 **at O'Donnells Restaurant — 7:30 p.m.**
- Feb. 6**              **Annual Parish Meeting – One service at 10:00 a.m.,**  
                                 **Meeting to follow**
- Feb. 8**              **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

### **Sunday Schedule**

- 8:00 a.m.**              **The Holy Communion**  
**10:00 a.m.**              **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**  
**10:30 a.m.**              **Junior Choir Rehearsal**  
**11:00 a.m.**              **The Holy Communion - first, third and fifth Sundays**  
                                 **Morning Prayer - second and fourth Sundays**

**Sunday School Activities are held during the 11:00 a.m. service**  
**Nursery Available**  
**J2A meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the Education Building**  
**Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services**

### **Regular Weekly Schedule**

- Wednesdays      7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

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