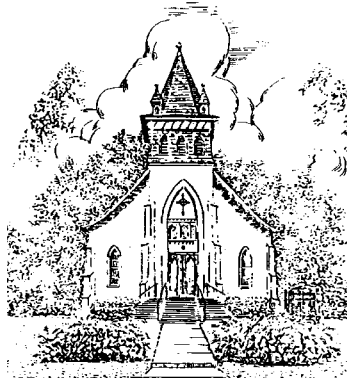


# St. Bartholomew's Beacon

for members and friends of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; Laytonsville, Maryland  
February 2007

Dear Friends,

The Catechism in our Book of Common Prayer describes the communion of saints as “the whole family of God, the living and the dead, those whom we love and those whom we hurt, bound together in Christ by sacrament, prayer, and praise.” With our centuries-old history and small community (where we know all too well the beauty and blemishes of our neighbors), that description of the Communion of Saints is quite relevant! In particular, there are two opportunities for the communion of saints at St. Bartholomew's to take part in this month:



- 1) The first opportunity is our Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following the combined 10am service. This is a time to review together the past year of our life – to celebrate our accomplishments, to thank the many volunteers who have given so generously of time and talent, and to vote and learn more about the greater life of the parish. Specific to voting requirements, it is for those active communicants who give and participate on a regular basis, rather than simply the occasional attendee or extended family member brought in to vote.
- 2) The second opportunity is really a Season of Opportunity—that of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. In particular, on Sundays in Lent we will be studying a classic novel, *In His Steps*, by Charles M. Sheldon. It's about a small church that pledges itself to make decisions based on “What would Jesus do?” and the challenges and blessings it brings to the members.

In addition to this, we will again offer a Wednesday evening Eucharist Service at 7:30pm. The focus of the devotions will be on prayer.

I encourage to take part in one or both of these Lenten offerings as well as our Annual Parish Meeting.

Pax,

John D. Stonesifer  
Interim Rector

## St. Bartholomew's Mission

**To Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to a diverse community gathering in Laytonsville.**

### How We Accomplish This

- Practicing hospitality to newcomers
- Providing fellowship & pastoral care
- Encouraging education & growth for all ages
- Providing inspiring Episcopal worship
- Serving the world in Christ's name
- Valuing our traditions and looking to the future

### Our Vision

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and leadership of our Rector, we will continually grow as individuals and community in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

### Leadership to Achieve This

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ministers                 | The Congregation                |
| Bishop                    | The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane  |
| Int. Rector               | The Rev. John DeWitt Stonesifer |
| Sr. Warden                | Art Elgin                       |
| Jr. Warden/Treas          | Bill Fitts                      |
| Registrar                 | Judy O'Neil                     |
| Vestry Members:           |                                 |
| Judy Docca                | Jim Lynch                       |
| Deborah Turton            | Frank Dall                      |
| Tim Smith                 | Jeff Taylor                     |
| John Kaufmann             | Judy O'Neil                     |
| Lonnie Pera               |                                 |
| Organist                  | Marilyn Carollo                 |
| Sunday School Coordinator | Ann Fitts                       |
| Webmaster                 | Harry Bennett                   |

# Worship Schedule and Notes

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| <b>Sundays</b>   | 8:00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist, Rite I   |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays, Holy Eucharist<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays, Morning Prayer<br>Sunday School during the 11:00am service |
| <b>Thursdays</b> | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir rehearsal  |

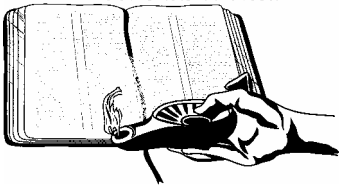
## Upcoming Events



**Feb. 4 Annual Parish Meeting. One service at 10:00am, followed by the parish meeting at 11:00am.**

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| Feb. 6          | Thanksgiving in February. 7:00pm, O'Donnells restaurant – Kentlands.  |
| Feb. 10         | Vestry Retreat  |
| Feb. 13         | Festival Work Day, undercroft   |
| Feb. 19         | Ladies Guild Luncheon Meeting. All women of the church invited.   |
| Feb. 20         | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6-8pm  |
| Feb. 21         | Ash Wednesday, Holy Eucharist - Rite I at 7:30pm  |
| Feb. 25-Mar. 25 | Adult Lenten Book Study, <i>In His Steps</i> , by Charles M. Sheldon.<br>9:15-10:15am, Education Building. All are welcome! |
| Feb. 28-Mar. 28 | Wednesday Evening Lenten Services, Holy Eucharist - Rite I  |

## Special Prayers For Those in Need



Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your servants, and give your power of healing and care to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Sick/Need:**

Audrey Petrie  
Sal Carollo  
Michael McGee  
Robert Floyd  
Kate Washburn  
Rob Schaaf  
Erin Shaw  
Ken Augustin  
Martha Clark  
Robert Knesil  
Daisy Black  
Margaret Louie  
Tisa Braud  
Jim McMurtray  
Lee Gamson

John Parker  
Eva Valenzuela  
Jocy Villa  
Rachel Penkert  
Jingle McEver  
Chris Kamien  
Ian Dall  
John Kaufmann, Sr.  
June Cummings  
Anne Davidson  
Olivia Delore  
Shirley Norberg  
Wendy Van Dyke  
Rob Glasby  
Edna Vlachos  
Dorothy Grimes

James Lee McMurtray  
Martha Lou Brister  
Perry McMurtray  
Marilyn Carollo  
Kendall Bray  
Michelle Steele

**Died:** John C. Walker, III

**Those Serving Overseas**  
Nicholas Lynch

**Local Outreach:**  
Hurricane Survivors

**International Outreach:**  
Mirembe Orphanage

## **Pastoral Visits & Care**

Fr. John Stonesifer is available for pastoral visits and care, please contact the church office. For emergencies, call Fr. John Stonesifer at home 301-251-9965.

## February Birthdays

|                  |          |   |                       |          |    |
|------------------|----------|---|-----------------------|----------|----|
| Byron Williams   | February | 2 | Anne Wasson           | February | 12 |
| Kathy Little     | February | 3 | Dick Keppler          | February | 13 |
| Maggie Schneider | February | 3 | Emily Grimes          | February | 20 |
| Alison Barberi   | February | 4 | Carley Pera           | February | 22 |
| Melissa Vincent  | February | 4 | Christopher McMurtray | February | 23 |
| Eric Kaufmann    | February | 6 | Jonathan Seid         | February | 26 |

*Note: This is our most current list. Please call the office with updates or changes.*



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#### Parish Annual Meeting



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