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### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Friday, February 20**, is the first of our 6 Fish Fries. We need **EVERYONE'S** help, to make this a gigantic success.

Please volunteer to help. We need Fryers, Servers, Table-setters, Clean-up, Dessert bakers (home-made of course), and so much more. A sign-up sheet will be hanging by the time of the Annual Meeting.

Surely this is **something** every St. Bart's member can do - even if you just show up to eat the delicious codfish, it would help!

**January 18, 2015:** Kid's Sunday: 5:00 - 7:00 pm: a lesson, games and food!

**January 18, 2015:** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet for the pot luck breakfast posted outside the kitchen. This is your opportunity to hear the State of the Parish and to vote for the new Vestry members. It is not too late to offer your services for Vestry. It is an honor and a rewarding experience. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, and rarely last more than one hour.

**January 25, 2015:** Community Meal at Epiphany. Please sign-up on the bulletin near the kitchen, we always need help. Thanks!

**Note:** **St. Luke's West Side Shared Ministry:**  
Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the kitchen. The next time we serve will be January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Thanks!

### THE EPIPHANY BANNER

The brilliant Star of Bethlehem guided the three Magi - Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar - on their long journey by camel, bringing fine gifts to the new baby Jesus. Arriving 12 days after the birth of the infant King, the camels lead them home by a different road.

Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Buckley (8:00) and Richard Wise (10:30)  
Lectors: Hal Buckley (8:00) Nancy Secaur and Tom Robinson (10:30)  
Acolyte: Madeline Kless  
Ushers: Tom and Linda Poelking  
Teller: Rob Finnie  
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

## The First Sunday after the Epiphany

### The Baptism of Our Lord

11 January 2015

Welcome! Please enter the nave quietly and reverently as there may be people already in prayer and contemplation.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Your presence is important to all of us. If you are just passing through, we wish you Godspeed on your travels and hope that you will join us whenever you return. If you live in this area and are new to this parish, we welcome you and invite you to make Saint Bartholomew your church home. If you are a long-time member who has been gone for a while, welcome home---we've missed you! And if you are a member of this parish who generally shows up every week, thank you for your commitment to our parish family---well done, good and faithful servant!

### About Today's Lessons

Today is one of four occasions in the year designated by the Prayer Book as a baptismal day. The other three are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. Each of the four days has its particular theme which enhances our understanding of one aspect of the primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism.

On this, the First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. The first reading looks forward to the ministry of the Messiah. The second reading is one of the early Christian proclamations of the meaning of Jesus' ministry from the time of his Baptism through to his dying and rising.

Jesus' Baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event which initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in this event that Jesus was revealed as Messiah (Christ). God proclaimed him the beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

In Holy Baptism each Christian is adopted as the child of God. Each Christian becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed," or christened. We become sharers in his life and his redemptive ministry.

The reading from the opening of the letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Jesus the Son of God has opened the way for all people to be adopted as daughters and sons of God. God does this through the new birth of baptism and does it for God's own joy.

All those who are baptized and anointed with chrism are received "into the household of God." They join with that household in confessing "the faith of Christ," proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood, the priesthood which is enacted sacramentally in the Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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## Worship through the Week

A guide for Prayer and Study at Home

We pray for those who are infirm, and for the continued healing of:

Richard and Mary, Ben and Dorothy, Norm and Shirley, Mindy and Stuart, Annie and Chris, Connie and Mary, Kristen, Ed, and Drew, Betty, Dottie, Bill, Chris, Fr. Jim, Maisie, Rob, Joanna Carol, Terry, Tom, Will, Jan, Kelly, Jane, Tim, Andrea, Jean, Kim, Devin, Val, Annie, Tom, Dick, Alice, Ada, Kevin, ...

And we offer our thanksgivings for your many blessings upon us especially for:

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2,556.00 and the attendance was 60.

The birthdays of Judy Kish, Tabitha Van Cise, Matt Matthews ...

The anniversary of Tom and Linda Poelking, ...

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces...

Major Dan Knaup, Corporal Jason Thompson, Lt. Colonel Trent Johnson, Major David Marcinski, Sgt. Mark Ditchman, PVT2 Kyle Lewis, Col. Howard Pearce, Quartermaster Mike Thoumire, Lieutenant Joanna Chmielecki, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rebecca Voigt.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, and those who have given their lives in the Armed Forces the past week:

In Afghanistan: none.

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **January** we are **collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly**. Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.



**Shawl Ministry** would like to encourage everyone to give a shawl to someone you know that can use a little extra love and prayer. Please feel free to take one even for yourself. Blessed shawls are always available in the library area. **Shawl Ministry meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm here at St. Bart's.** Please join us if you knit or crochet. Liz York: 440-946-3374.

Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If there is an enclosure (envelope or separate sheet) in the announcement folder, and you do not plan to use it at this time, please leave it on the table in back, instead of the trash. We can save a lot of paper that way. Thanks!

## This Week at a Glance

<b>12</b>	<b>Monday</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167</b> Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
<b>13</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367</b> Office Open Franco Jenny Dance St. Bart's Book Club - Gates Mills Library
<b>14</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Office Open Franco Cub Scouts (M. Matthews)
<b>15</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		Alternate Day for Martin Luther King, Jr.
		8:00 am 8:00 am 6:00 pm	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - York Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
<b>16</b>	<b>Friday</b>		<b>Richard Meux Benson, Religious, 1915</b>
		9:00 am 9:00 am	Office Open Franco Morning Prayer
<b>17</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</b>
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Annual Meeting Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Kid's Sunday

## This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of January 12<sup>th</sup> through January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Monday: 1, 2, 3 & 4, 7 Gen. 2:4-9 (10-15) 16-25; Heb. 1:1-14; John 1:1-18	Friday 16, 17 & 22 Gen. 6:1-8; Heb. 3:12-19; John 2:1-12
Tuesday: 5, 6 & 10, 11 Gen. 3:1-24; Heb. 2:1-10; John 1:19-28	Saturday 16, 17 & 22 Gen. 6:1-8; Heb. 3:12-19; John 2:1-12
Wednesday: 119:1-24 & 12, 13, 14 Gen. 4:1-16; Heb. 2:11-18; John 1:(29-34)35-42	Sunday 148, 149, 150, 114, 115 Gen. 7:1-10, 17-23; Eph. 4:1-16; Mark 3:7-19
Thursday: 18:1-20 & 18:21-50 Gen. 4:17-26; Heb. 3:1-11; John 1:43-51	

How to use the Daily Office: For each day, the Psalms are split into AM (morning) and PM (evening) readings by the "&" You may read them this way or together at one time. Optional readings are in [brackets]. Below the Psalms you have an Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel reading for each day. The entire Bible can be read in two years following this format from the Book of Common Prayer.