

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church and leave a message. Messages are checked daily, and someone will get back with you. Please tell the office of any pastoral emergency as soon as possible. Fr. Stephen Secaur may be contacted directly at 440-541-8359 or by email at FrStephen.saintbartohio@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Today: Community Meal program at Epiphany, 21000 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid. The meals take place the 4th Sunday of every month from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. **Especially needed** are volunteers willing to **prepare/cook meals**. For more details, please look and sign-up on bulletin board outside kitchen.

January 27: West Side Shared Ministry - St. Luke's.

February 7: *Bishop's Visit: The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.* Receiving of Tom and Diana Magyar. Luncheon to follow 10:30 service. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board outside kitchen.

February 10: Ash Wednesday from noon to 7:00 p.m.

February 12: First of 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 is hanging by the kitchen. 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!

THE EPIPHANY BANNER

The brilliant Star of Bethlehem guided the three Magi - Casper, Melchoir, 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.

Prayer list will be cleared the end of January. If you desire your name, or that of a loved one, to be included in the **new list starting February 7**, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in back of the church. Thank you!

*It is time to bring in last year's palms. Please place them on the table in back. They will be burned on **Tuesday, February 9th**, to be used on Ash Wednesday.*

During Lent, there are no flowers on the altar, however, contributions for the Sanctuary Lamp will still be accepted during this time.

Faith Journey Weekend: April 15 - 17, 2016 we need lots of volunteers to help with arrangements. A time of spiritual renewal for all members of St. Bart's. Call Marge Comella: 440-442-7340 or Diane Bellas: 440-720-1489.

Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur

Eucharistic Ministers: Hal Buckley (8:00) and Joanna Rini (10:30)

Lectors: Jo Ann Buckley (8:00) Gloria Knapp and Tom Robinson(10:30)

Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls

Ushers: Rob and Jake Finnie

Teller: Dorothea Kingsbury

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

24 January 2016

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

Thank you for worshipping 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

The season of Epiphany celebrates the manifesting of Christ in his ministry. Today we focus on his preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Jesus did not simply tell about the Kingdom. He was and is the Kingdom, embodied. When he preached in his home synagogue for the first time, this was the theme. He reads Isaiah's passage foretelling the role of Messiah in bringing about the reign of God. Then he tells the people, "This day this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The first reading recounts that period in the fifth century B.C. when, as the central event in the reconstituting of Israel as God's Kingdom, Ezra the priest and others read the Word of God to all the people. Some scholars believe that this came about because of the final formulation of the Torah as the definitive written Word of God. That event established Judaism as the religion of the Book. It is in this event that the foundations were laid for the ministry of Jesus as the preacher and teacher of the Kingdom.

Christianity is not simply a message about what once happened. In baptism, we are empowered to join Christ in proclaiming the Good News to the whole world. That ministry of ours is Paul's concern as he uses the image of the human body with all its parts and organs—all of which are essential for it to function. In the same way, Paul tells us, each of us has an essential role in the Body of Christ. Each of us is baptized in order that each may be the fulfillment of the Kingdom now. In our celebration of Eucharist, we are built into that Body, so that God's salvation may be made manifest in us.

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Worship through the Week

A guide for Prayer and Study at Home

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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25	Monday		THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
		6:00 - 7:00 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
26	Tuesday		Timothy, Titus and Silas, Companions of St. Paul
		9:00 am 6:00 pm	Office Open - Franco Jenny Dance
27	Wednesday		Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe, Witnesses of the Faith
		4:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Office open - Franco West side Shared Ministry Cub Scouts (Matthews)
28	Thursday		Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Theologian, 1274
		8:00 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm	TMCC Office Open - Boyd Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
29	Friday		Andrei Rublev, Monk and Iconographer, 1430
		9:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Office Open - Franco
30	Saturday		
31	Sunday		THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Practice Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of January 25^h through January 31st, 2016

Monday: Psalm 41, 52; 44 Gen. 14: (1-7) 8-24; Heb. 8:1-13; John 4:43-54	Friday: Psalm 40, 54; 51 Gen. 17:15-27; Heb. 10:11-25; John 6:1-15
Tuesday : 45; 47, 48 Gen. 15:1-11, 17-21; Heb. 9:1-14; John 5:1-18	Saturday: Psalm 55; 138, 139:1-17, 18-23 Gen. 18:1-16; Heb. 10:26-39; John 6:16-27
Wednesday : 119; 49-72; 49, 53 Gen. 16:1-14; Heb. 9:15-28; John 5:19-29	Sunday: Psalm 63:1-8 (9-11); 98; 103 Gen. 13:2-18; Gal. 2:1-10; Mark 7:31-37
Thursday: 50; 59. 60 or 8. 84 Gen. 16:15-17:14; Heb. 10:1-10; John 5:30-47	

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.

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

Ben and Dorothy, Richard and Mary, Frank, Dottie, Betty, Rob, Fr. Jim, Kristin Ed and Drew, Michelle and Josh, Brigid and Kent, Jennifer and Pat, Niki and Jeff, Liam, Will, Jan, Kelly, Kim, Jean, Alice, Shirley, Lauren, Cathy, Laurie, Brian, Kevin, Jane, Jim, Annie, Tom, Val, Kate, Joey, Lou, Dolores, Jessica, Susan, Matt, Pat, Halle, Mary Ellen, Brooke, John, ...

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

The offering for January 17th was \$2,,531.43 and the attendance was 56.

The birthdays of: Kinsey Robinson, ...

The anniversary of: ...

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

Lt. Colonel Dan Knaup, Corporal Jason Thompson, Major David Marcinski, Sgt. Mark Ditchman, Pvt 2nd Class Kyle Lewis, Col. Howard Pearce, Quartermaster Mike Thoumire, Lieutenant Joanna Chmielecki, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Senior Airman Rebecca Voigt, Pvt. Jack Rolf, Lance Corporal Anthony Worst, Robert Register.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially:

Norma Louise Brooks, Maria Carlota Relva, Kyle Smith, Dave Hooley, Bonnie Watson, ...

and those who have died this week in the service of their country.

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **January** we will be collecting paper products, such as: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc. Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.

The Shawl Ministry: Do you like to knit, crochet and pray? Please consider joining a group of women from St. Bart's and other surrounding churches as we create prayer shawls. We meet here at St. Bart's at 7:00 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. As shawls are created, we share shawl stories and pray over each shawl. If you know of an individual, a group or an institution that may benefit from a shawl blessed with love and prayers, please let one of us know or pick one up in the library.

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!