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### LOOKING AHEAD:

**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 at noon and 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!

*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.

### NOTE:

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the *baby Jesus* and cradle that belong to the Olivewood crèche, please notify father or a member of the Altar Guild. We are searching for Him! Thanks, Cindy Fumich

#### Automated External Defibrillator

At the **January Vestry Meeting**, the purchase of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was approved.

This is a life-saving device, for someone in sudden Cardiac Arrest. Funds are to be taken from the church savings account, however if anyone, recognizing the urgency of St. Bart's need for this device, wishes to contribute toward this, it will be greatly appreciated.

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Stephen Secaur

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Betsy Limmex (8:00) and Wendy Charny (10:30)

*Lectors:* Diane Bellas (8:00) Dick York and John Charny(10:30) *Ushers:* Dick York and John Charny

*Teller:* Dorothea Kingsbury

*Organist:* Aleksandr Leybkind

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

31 January 2016

*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*

In today's liturgy, we continue the account of Jesus' sermon in his home synagogue in Nazareth and its results. The congregation immediately discounts his teaching because he is known to them. Jesus points out that the prophets and teachers of the past were rejected by their own people and so took their message to others. This enrages the congregation and he barely escapes with his life.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah is called by God and demurs at first because of his youth. But God implants the word in Jeremiah and commissions him to bring a message of challenge to all peoples. Subsequently Jeremiah, like Jesus, was rejected by those to whom he was sent.

The second reading today carries on Paul's teaching to the Corinthians about the proper use of spiritual gifts. After speaking of various gifts of the Spirit, he explains that all of them are empty and meaningless without love, which is the greatest of all gifts, and the only one that lasts. This well-known passage, justly loved by Christians, is also a challenge to all of us to judge our gifts by the love they build up in the church, which is the body of Christ.

We gather in Eucharist to meet Christ and to hear his message. Today's readings carry a warning to us that those who reject the message will find its promises going to others. We too are to bear that message and to state it clearly. We may be rejected, but like Jesus and the prophets before him, we continue to go to all people and to proclaim that message by word and deed so that all people may hear it and accept it.

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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:

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 24th was \$912.00 and the attendance was 39.

The birthdays of: Tom Rini, ...

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **February** we will be collecting: peanut butter, jams, jelly, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!*

**Lenten Art Retreat** at the Cleveland Museum of Art, **Saturday, Feb 27, 10:00 - 12:00; "Exploring Our Service Vocation Through Art."** Please join us! Church of Epiphany, Euclid, St. Christopher's Church, Gates Mills, and Christ Church, Shaker Heights will also be taking part. Doors of the museum open at 10am and we will gather first in the main atrium. Free Admission. For more info, please contact the Rev. Lydia Bailey, cell: 440-525-3219 or [Lbailey@lutheranmetro.org](mailto:Lbailey@lutheranmetro.org).

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

01	Monday		Brigid (Bride)
		6:00 - 7:00 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
02	Tuesday		THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD J. C. IN THE TEMPLE
		9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Open - Franco Jenny Dance SHANO monthly meeting
03	Wednesday		The Dorchester Chaplains, 1943
		4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Office open - Franco Prayer Shawl Ministry
04	Thursday		Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark, 865
		8:00 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm 1:00 pm	TMCC Office Open - Boyd Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Office open - Franco
05	Friday		Roger Williams, 1683 and Anne Hutchinson, 1643, Prophetic
		9:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Office Open - Franco
06	Saturday		The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
07	Sunday		THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Practice Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II Bishop's luncheon

## This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Monday: Psalm 56, 57, 58; 64, 65  
Gen. 19:1-17, 24-29; Heb. 11:1-12; John 6:27-40

Tuesday : 61, 62; 68 1-10; 24-36  
Gen. 21:1-21; Heb. 11:13-22; John 6:41-51  
Wednesday : 72; 119:73-96  
Gen. 22:1-18; Heb. 11:23-31; John 6:52-59  
Thursday: 70, 71; 74  
Gen. 23:1-20; Heb. 11:32-12:2; John 6:60-71

Friday: Psalm 69:1-23, 38; 73  
Gen. 24:1-27; Heb 12:3-11; John 7:1-13

Saturday: Psalm 75, 76; 23, 27  
Gen. 24:28-38, 49-51; Hen 12:12-29; John 7:14-36

Sunday: Psalm 24-29; 8, 84  
Gen. 18:16-33; Gal. 5:13-25; Mark 8:22-30

**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.