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LOOKING AHEAD:

- Today::** Taizé from 5 - 5:30 pm. Taizé is an ecumenical song and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.
- February 10: Ash Wednesday at noon and 7:00 p.m. (6 p.m. Simple Supper followed by Lenten Study) .
- 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!

A BANNER FOR CONFIRMATION

*Signifying the presence of the Bishop, are the mitre and staff.
As the dove emerges from a ball of fire, the Holy Spirit descends upon us.*

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 Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

Eucharistic Ministers: Betsy Limmex (8:00) and Lydia Bailey (10:30)

Lectors: Diane Bellas (8:00) Matt Matthews, and Joanna Rini(10:30)

Ushers: Jack and Betty Rendlesham

T eller: Dorothea Kingsbury

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

07 February 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

On this final Sunday before Lent, the Epiphany theme of the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God ends with the account of the most striking manifestation of all, prior to the Resurrection. The transfiguration of Christ was the turning point in his ministry, and for this reason, it comes at this turning point in the Church's year.

In today's Gospel reading, we are told that the conversation between Jesus and Moses and Elijah concerned his departure (in Greek, "exodus"), which he was to perform in Jerusalem. Luke's use of exodus reminds us of the close relationship in meaning as well as in time between Passover and the dying and rising of Jesus. Luke also tells us a few verses later that it was at this point that he "set his face to go up to Jerusalem," to his certain death. So today we set our faces to go through Lent and Good Friday in order to arrive at Easter.

The Old Testament reading gives us a parallel event in the life of Moses. In his encounters with God during his leadership of Israel, Moses' face was transfigured. The light of God shone forth from him. Starting with that story, Paul, in our second reading, describes the process of our growth in grace and one of gradually being transfigured into the image and likeness of Christ.

Today is traditionally the last Sunday we use "Alleluia" until Easter. It is not that we give up rejoicing, but rather that do this so that the restoration of its use at Easter will be a dramatic sign of Easter's newness. We now move to our Lenten pilgrimage looking toward the ultimate transfiguration of all people in the eternal Easter.

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Gracious Father, we give you thanks for the many blessings you have bestowed upon St. Bart's. Be present with us at our Spiritual Renewal. Open our hearts with faith in your love. Guide us that we may know, love, and serve you according to thy will. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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 31st was \$1,434.00 and the attendance was 64.

The birthdays of: ...

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.

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 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.

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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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

08	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
		6:00 pm	Special Vestry meeting. All should attend.
09	Tuesday	9:00 am	Office Open - Franco
		5:00 - 7:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Dinner
		6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Jenny Dance St. Bart's Book Club
10	Wednesday		ASH WEDNESDAY
		12:00 - 7:00 pm	Imposition of ashes.
		6:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Simple supper followed by Lenten Study Office open - Franco Prayer Shawl Ministry
11	Thursday		Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby, Hymnwriter, 1951
		8:00 am 9:00 am	TMCC Office Open - Boyd
		6:00 pm 1:00 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Office open - Franco
12	Friday		Charles Freer Andrews, Priest and "Friend of the Poor", India '40
		9:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer Office Open - Franco First of 6 Fish Fry
13	Saturday		Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818
14	Sunday		THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
		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 February 8th through February 14th, 2016

Monday: Psalm 25, 9, 15 Prov. 27:1-6,10-12; Phil. 2:1-13; John 18:15-18, 25-27	Friday: Psalm 95 & 31; 35 Ezek, 18:1-4, 25-32; Phil. 4:1-9; John 17:9-19
Tuesday : 26, 28; 36, 39 Prov. 30:1-24, 24-33; Phil. 3:1-11; John 18:28-38	Saturday: Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43 Ezek. 39:21-29; Phil. 4:10-20; John 17:20-26
Wednesday : 95 & 32, 143, 102, 130 Amos. 5:6-15; Heb. 12:1-14; Luke 18:9-14	Sunday: Psalm 148, 149, 150; 114, 115 Ecclus. 48:1-11; 2 Cor. 3:7-18; Luke 9:18-27
Thursday: 37-1-18, 37:19-42 Hab. 3:1-10, 16-18; Phil 3:12-21; John 17:1-8	

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.