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LOOKING AHEAD:

February 17: 6:00 p.m. Beginning of Soup Supper and Lenten Studies.

February 19: 2nd - Fish Fry from 5 - 7 pm. We need EVERYONE'S help, to make this a gigantic success. Please volunteer to help. We need Fryers, Servers, Table-setters, Clean-up, Desserts 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 will be appreciated!

February 21: Family Fun Sunday.

A new Directory is on the way! Pages from current Directory are on the table in back. Please make any additions, deletions, corrections, new cell numbers, new email addresses, etc. When you have checked/corrected yours, please initial. Thanks!

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.

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.*

THE LENTEN BANNER

Starting from lower left corner, and moving clockwise:

The grain and the grapes, in remembrance of the Holy Eucharist
Jesus Christ rode a donkey into Jerusalem, his way paved with palm branches, in fulfillment of a prophecy spoken by the prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 9:9).

The three crosses of Golgotha

The cat-of-9-tails whip, the Crown of Thorns, and finally, the three nails

HE DIED TO SAVE US ALL

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: Frank Camperchioli (8:00) Dick York, and John Charny(10:30)

Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls

Ushers: Dick York and John Charny

Teller: Rob Finnie

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

14 February 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

On this first Sunday in Lent, the church's liturgy is designed to catch our attention, facing us with the most important issues of Christian commitment and living.

Today's scriptures present us with our solidarity with one another in Christ, and with God's people through the ages. We are part of a people with a story to tell and a song to sing. That story's beginning is recounted in the first reading today in the form of the ancient Israelite confession of faith. This is not read as an interesting account of the salvation of strangers. It is the story of God's first action in our salvation. We are a part of that people, having become members in our baptism. We are to begin our own story by remembering Abraham, our first ancestor in the faith, and by recounting the story of our brothers and sisters in the faith who were saved from Egyptian slavery.

The reading from Romans affirms our unity with the people of faith in all ages, regardless of status or race or culture.

Finally, in the story of the Lord's testing (temptation) we see Jesus as the beginning of the new Israel. The old Israel, in its wilderness wandering, failed these three tests—temptations—to use God merely as a means for acquiring food and power and riches. The scriptures Jesus quotes against Satan come from those three times in the story of Israel's wilderness experience. Israel's failure, which is part of our story, is turned around in Jesus and becomes a saving triumph for Israel, for us who are made one Body in Christ in Baptism and Eucharist, and for those who are preparing to be baptized at Easter.

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Rule of Life Lenten Study offered both at 9:15 Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings with simple supper starting at 6 pm. Go to www.SSJE/org/growrule to register to receive email videos each week during Lent.

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, Bill, Dottie, Betty, Rob, Mary Ann, Steve, Fr. Gary, Fr. Jim, Michelle & Josh, Brigid & Ken, Jen & Pat, Laura & Jeff, Julee & Steve, Marie & baby, the Dunofrio family, Liam, Will, Jan, Kelly, Kim, Jean, Alice, Shirley, Lauren, Laurie, Brian, Kevin, Jane, Annie, Tom, Val, Joey, Lou, Dolores, Susan, Mary Ellen, Richard, Tim, Jack, Carol, Brad, Nickki, Emily ...

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

The offering for February 7th was \$5,442.00 and the attendance was 71.

The birthdays of: Katherine Rich, Linda Price, Noreen Clements, ...

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:

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.

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

15	Monday		Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730
		6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Finance Meeting Vestry Meeting
16	Tuesday		Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee, 1898
		9:00 am 6:00 pm	Office Open - Franco Jenny Dance
17	Wednesday		Janahi Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda and Martyr, 1977
		6:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Simple supper followed by Lenten Study Office open - Franco Prayer Shawl Ministry
18	Thursday		Martin Luther, Theologian, 1546
		8:00 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm 1:00 pm	TMCC Office Open - Boyd Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Office open - Franco
19	Friday		
		9:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer Office Open - Franco First of 6 Fish Fry
20	Saturday		Frederick Douglass, Prophetic Witness, 1895
21	Sunday		THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Practice Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II Family Fun Sunday

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of February 22nd through February 28th, 2016

Monday: Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65
Gen. 41:46-57; 1 Cor. 4:8-20; Mark 3:7-19a

Tuesday : Psalm 61, 62; 68:1-20; 24, 36
Gen. 42:1-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Mark 3:19b-35

Wednesday : Psalm 72; 119:73-96
Gen. 42:18-28; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:8; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: Psalm 70, 71, 74
Gen.42:29-38; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Mark 4:21-34

Friday: Psalm 95, 69:1-23; 31-38; 73
Gen. 43:1-15; 1 Cor. 7:1-9; Mark 4:35-41

Saturday: Psalm 75, 76, 23, 27
Gen. 43:16-34; 1 Cor. 7:10-24; Mark 5:1-20

Sunday: Psalm 24, 29; 8, 84
Gen. 42:14-45; Rom. 6:3-14; John 5:19-24

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.