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### LOOKING AHEAD:

- February 17** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- February 18** Ash Wednesday Services noon and 7:00 p.m.
- February 20** First Fish Fry of our 6. 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 on the kitchen bulletin board. 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!
- February 22** Community Meal at Epiphany. Please sign-up on the bulletin near the kitchen, we always need help. Thanks!
- February 25** **St. Luke's West Side Shared Ministry:** We will bring "Sugar Cookies." Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

We would like one more parishioner to serve on the wall repair committee. Please contact Fr. Steve, Paul Shaver, Kay Boyd or Heidi Schinko.

### 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.

"Life without God is like and unsharpened pencil - it has no point"

Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Buckley (8:00) and Richard Wise (10:30)  
Lectors: Hal Buckley (8:00) Gloria Knapp and Tom Robinson (10:30)  
Ushers: Tom and Linda Poelking  
Teller: Dorothea Kingsbury  
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

15 February 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

On this final Sunday after the Epiphany the Transfiguration of Christ is the central theme. This event was the most striking manifestation of Jesus' divine identity during the days of his ministry. It was also in this event that Jesus made his first clear reference to his approaching death and resurrection, which is the reason we commemorate it on the Sunday before Lent. The two greatest men of God from the past, Moses and Elijah, joined him, representing the law and the prophets, God's primary means of self-revelation prior to Jesus, and discussed with him what lay ahead.

The Old Testament reading is the account of the prophet Elijah's departure into heaven leaving his ministry to his disciple Elisha. Jewish belief in the days of Jesus was that this, the greatest of the old prophets, would one day reappear to signal the coming of the Messiah.

In the second reading, Paul describes the presence of Jesus in our lives as the light of God. We are to be transfigured by Jesus that his light may shine forth from us.

It is in the liturgy of the Eucharist, above all, that God's people continue to meet and know the Lord. We become eyewitnesses to Christ's continuing work of redemption in our lives, and we are called to manifest his love for all people in lives transfigured by our own relationship to him.

Today is the final Sunday we use the liturgical word "Alleluia" until Easter. Thus, its renewal at Easter will signal its unique joy. In many congregations the final hymn is the ancient "farewell to Alleluia" (Hymnal 1982, #122 and #123). It uses the Old Testament Babylonian captivity as an image of our lives in this world, and our hope for an eternal Easter in God's Kingdom.

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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, Kristen, Ed, and Drew, Dottie, Betty, Bill, Chris, Fr. Jim, Maisie, Rob, Joanna, Cara, Carol, Tom, Will, Jan, Kelly, Jane, David, Andrea, Jean, Val, Annie, Tom, Dick, Alice, Ada, Kevin, Emily, Katy, Sharon, Nancy, Norma, Shirley, Laurie, Lucille, Joe, Andy, Chris, Anne, Bobby, John, Marie, Gavin, John, Scott, Manette, Laura, Connie, Lenny, ...

And we offer our thanksgivings for your many blessings upon us especially for:  
February 8<sup>th</sup> \$1,458.00 and the attendance was 54.

The birthdays of Linda Price, Noreen Clements, Diane Bellas, ...  
The anniversary of ...

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, Pvt 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 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, Robert Register, Pvt. Jack Rolf.

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:

**Please bring in your palms from last year, to be burned on Shrove Tuesday.**

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of February personal items, **such as: toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.** Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.

**The 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.

**Pages from Directory are on table in back. Please make any additions, deletions, corrections, new cell numbers, new email addresses, etc. Please initial, when all is correct. Thank you. New Directory will be out in March.**

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>16</b>	Monday	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee</b> St. Bart's Finance Meeting Vestry Meeting (Open to all)
			<b>Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda and Martyr, 1977</b>
17	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Office Open Franco Shrove Tuesday Jenny Dance
			<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - Fast</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco Ash Wednesday Prayer Shawl Ministry Ash Wednesday
<b>19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - York
<b>20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am 9:00 am	<b>Frederick Douglass, Prophetic Witness, 1895</b> Office Open Franco Morning Prayer
			<b>John Henry Newman, Priest and Theologian, 1890</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>22</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 - 6:00 pm	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b> Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Community Meal

## This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of February 16<sup>th</sup> through February 22nd, 2015

Monday: 89:1-18 & 89:19-52 Gen. 30:1-24 ; 1 John 1:1-10; John 9:1-17	Friday 102 & 107:1-32 Gen. 32:22-33:17; 1 John 3:1-10; John 10:31-42
Tuesday: 97, 99, [100] & 94, [95] Gen. 31:1-24 ; 1 John 2:1-11; John 9:18-41	Saturday 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13) & 33 Gen. 35:1-20 ; 1 John 3:11-18; John 11:1-16
Wednesday: 101, 109:1-4(5-19)20-30 & 119:121-144 Gen. 31:25-50 ; 1 John 2:12-17; John 10:1-18	Sunday 118 & 145 Prov. 1:20-33 ; 2 Cor. 5:11-21; Mark 10:35-45
Thursday: 105:1-22 & 105:23-45 Gen. 32:3-21; 1 John 2:18-29; John 10:19-30	

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.