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LOOKING AHEAD:

February 21: Family Fun Sunday.

February 26: 3rd 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 24: West Side Shared Ministry - St. Luke's.

February 28: 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.

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.*

From: Janelle Finnie to St. Bart's about Faith Journey

I ask everyone to consider that this event may change a life or lives as well as bring new faces through the doors of St. Bartholomew Church. St. Bart's is near and dear to my heart. I feel that when I walk through the doors I proclaim: "Here I am, Lord" and I am loved and accepted. I have also attended The Walk to Emmaus, as a pilgrim and a team member. Both times truly changed my life. It is this type of experience that may change or save someone's life and bring new faces into our parish. This is something that is often talked about in our parish . . . we need to bring people through the doors. This is an incredible way to do just that.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Price (8:00) and Joanna Rini (10:30)

Lectors: Diane Bellas (8:00) Matt Matthews and Gloria Knapp(10:30)

Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls

Ushers: Matt and West Matthews

Teller: Rob Finnie

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

21 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

Today the liturgy gives us the account of the covenant between God and the first person of faith: Abraham. There are two parts to this covenant: God's promise and Abraham's faith. Abraham's faith becomes the model for us who have been brought into covenant with God in baptism.

The Gospel reading today tells of Jesus being warned that he is in danger of being killed. He responds by again foretelling his own death and resurrection, the three days in which he will complete his work. Jesus then laments his rejection by the leaders in Jerusalem because he wishes fervently that no one be lost and that he may gather everyone to himself.

The second reading today is concerned with contrasting those who do not live within the covenant and those who do. It reminds us that the self-denial and fasting of Lent are not ends in themselves and certainly are not meant to imply that pleasure is wrong. They lead us on toward the discovery that true joy and pleasure always come from God and always point us to the resurrection of our earthly life and desires, which is God's ultimate aim for us.

As we draw nearer to Easter and the renewal of our baptismal commitment, and as we pray for those who will be baptized then, the liturgy of Lent takes us ever deeper into the mystery of our redemption. Faith and repentance are our response to the redemption that began to be worked out in Abraham's day, was fulfilled in Jesus' dying and rising, and is renewed in us in baptism and Eucharist

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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 14th was \$3,318.00 and the attendance was 45.

The birthdays of: Diane Bellas, Liz York, ...

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

22	Monday		Eric Liddell, Missionary to China, 1945
23	Tuesday		Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156
		9:00 am 6:00 pm	Office Open - Franco Jenny Dance
24	Wednesday		SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
		4:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Office open - Franco West Side Shared Ministry Simple supper followed by Lenten Studies Cub Scouts (Matthews)
25	Thursday		John Roberts, Priest, 1949
		8:00 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm	TMCC Office Open - Boyd Office open - Franco
26	Friday		Emily Malbone Morgan, Prophetic Witness, 1937
		9:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer Office Open - Franco Fish Fry
27	Saturday		George Herbert, Priest, 1633
28	Sunday		THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 - 6:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Practice Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II Community Meal

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

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

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

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

Gen. 42:18-28; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:8; Mark 4:1-20

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

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

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.