

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church and leave a message. Messages are checked daily, and someone will get back with you. Please tell the office of any pastoral emergency as soon as possible. Fr. Stephen Secaur may be contacted directly at 440-541-8359 or by email at FrStephen.saintbartohio@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD:

TODAY: 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.

Lenten Soup-Supper-Study will be with (and at) Good Shepherd this year. Each week will have an outside speaker with varied topics. Good Shepherd is supplying all meals, and asks for a small donation. First session is on Wednesday, February 25 at 6 PM and will continue for the next four weeks, ending with the March 25 program.

The Vestry was presented with a talk on "The Open Table", a program helping the indigent, young and old, who are at a point in their lives where they will accept ideas of self-help and community help. Leaflets about the program are on the back table, for anyone who might like to become involved. If interested, contact Fr. Steve or Casey Matthews.

The idea was suggested that a family or small group of friends might like to commit to doing the 4th Sunday Epiphany Dinner for one time only. This would relieve the group who go regularly. If interested, see Linda Price. Duties for one complete Sunday meal, would be securing food from the (well-stocked) Food Pantry, preparing same, serving, and cleaning up. Could you spare just one Sunday evening in 2015?

Fish Fries continue. We still need help and more desserts.

The "Buy a Brick" Campaign is in full swing. There is no set cost for a brick, and no one will know what anyone paid. This way, the entire church family can be involved—even the children! It is a Lenten project, for the actual work will begin immediately after Easter. Please give this your prayerful thought. Cash should be put in an envelope, marked "Building Fund". If writing a check, please put "Building Fund" in the memo space. Kids can just write "brick" on an envelope! If you prefer to remain anonymous, indicate same.

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 Lydia Bailey (10:30)

Lectors: Frank Camperchioli (8:00) Matt Matthews and Nancy Secaur (10:30)

Acolyte: Lucy Bailey

Ushers: Matt and West Matthews

Teller: Dorothea Kingsbury

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

The First Sunday in Lent

22 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

In the Old Testament reading today we have a prefiguring of Baptism. Noah and his family are saved from death in the flood and God makes a Covenant with them. In Baptism we are saved through water and made a part of the new Covenant established in Jesus' death and resurrection.

The reading from I Peter is an early Christian reflection on the meaning of the story of Noah in the light of Jesus' dying and rising. Baptism gives us a share in more than earthly life; it makes us part of God's eternal Kingdom.

The Gospel reading today describes Jesus' response to his own baptism and anointing by the Spirit. He spent forty days in the wilderness where his vocation was tested. We too spend these forty days in prayer and fasting as God leads us to discover anew the call he gives us in Baptism.

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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, Kevin, Emily, Katy, Sharon, Nancy, Norma, Shirley, Laurie, Lucille, Joe, Andy, Chris, Anne, Bobby, John, Marie, Gavin, John, Scott, Manette, Laura, Connie, Lenny, Jennifer, ...

And we offer our thanksgivings for your many blessings upon us especially for:
February 15th \$7,088.50 and the attendance was 54.

The birthdays of Elizabeth York, Rob Finnie, Casey Matthews, ...
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 2nd Class Kyle Lewis, Col. Howard Pearce, Quartermaster Mike Thoumire, Lieutenant Joanna Chmielecki, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Airman 1st Class Rebecca Voigt, Pvt. Jack Rolf, Robert Register.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Ada Miller and those who have given their lives in the Armed Forces the past week:

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 1st and 3rd 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.

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

23	Monday		Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156
24	Tuesday		SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
		9:00 am 6:00 pm	Office Open Franco Jenny Dance
25	Wednesday		
		9:00 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Office Open Franco West Side Shared Ministry - St. Luke's Cub Scouts (M. Matthews)
26	Thursday		Emily Malbone Morgan, Prophetic Witness, 1937
		8:00 am 8:00 am	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - York
27	Friday		George Herbert, Priest, 1633
		9:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco Morning Prayer Fish Fry
28	Saturday		<u>Anna Julia, Flaywood Cooper, 1964, and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, 1904, Educators</u>
			Lenten Retreat Deacon's Monthly Meeting
01	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 Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Taizé

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of February 23rd through March 1st, 2015

Monday: 41, 52 & 44 Gen. 37:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-19; Mark 1:1-13	Friday 95* & 40, 54 & 51 Gen. 40:1-23; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Mark 2:13-22
Tuesday: 45 & 47, 48 Gen. 37:12-24 ; 1 Cor. 1:20-31; Mark 1:14-28	Saturday 55 & 138, 139:1-17(18-23) Gen. 41:1-13; 1 Cor. 4:1-7; Mark 2:23—3:6
Wednesday: 119:49-72 & 49, [53] Gen. 37:25-36 ; 1 Cor. 2:1-13; Mark 1:29-45	Sunday 55 & 138, 139:1-17(18-23) Gen. 41:1-13; 1 Cor. 4:1-7; Mark 2:23—3:6
Thursday: 50 & [59, 60] or 19, 46 Gen. 39:1-23; 1 Cor. 2:14—3:15; Mark 2:1-12	

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.