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LOOKING AHEAD:

- 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 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.
- March 6: 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.

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: Hal Buckley (8:00) and Lydia Bailey (10:30)
Lectors: JoAnn Buckley (8:00) Linda Poelking and Dick York (10:30)
Ushers: Linda and Tom Poelking
Teller: Rob Finnie
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

28 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 we come to the next major stage in the ancient story of the history of salvation, the time of the Exodus and Passover. Here Moses meets God in the burning bush and is given his vocation of leading God's people from slavery into the freedom of the land of promise. Our own Exodus and Passover takes place in baptism. All baptized persons are members of the community of God's people, and in them that saving work continues. In Lent, the baptized and those preparing for baptism are rediscovering their vocation as members of the community who come to the waters.

The second reading today sees the Exodus/Passover event of Israel as a foreshadowing of the life of the church—the crossing of the sea prefigures baptism, and the manna in the wilderness foretells the Eucharistic feast. Paul warns, however, that just as the Exodus event did not protect those Israelites who later refused to obey God from the consequences of disobedience, so we members of the church cannot rest on the blessings of baptism and Eucharist but must also live in obedience to God's Word.

The Gospel reading today find Jesus responding to a question of whether natural and man-made tragedies are acts of God toward sinners. Jesus' response is "no," but he warns us that even so, we must repent and change. Those who believe that God uses disaster to punish sinners will, when faced with their own death, think they also are dying because of their sin, failing to see the redemption that God is bringing in the dying and rising of Jesus.

The liturgy and the sacraments are not ends in themselves but means by which God's people are strengthened in living the life of the risen Lord in hope and in mutual love and ministry.

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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, Caroline, ...

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

The offering for February 21st was \$1,706.00 and the attendance was 65.

The birthdays of: Rob Finnie, Casey Matthews, ...

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 **March** we will be collecting cleaning products: **laundry detergent, dish washer, disinfecting wipes, bar soap, 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

29	Monday		John Cassian, Abbot at Marseilles, 433
01	Tuesday	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Open - Franco Jenny Dance SHANO monthly meeting
02	Wednesday	4:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672 Office open - Franco Simple supper followed by Lenten Studies Prayer Shawl Ministry
03	Thursday		John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788
		8:00 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm	TMCC Office Open - Boyd Office open - Franco
04	Friday	9:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Paul Coffee, Witness to the Faith among the Shinnecock, 1812 Morning Prayer Office Open - Franco Fish Fry
05	Saturday		
06	Sunday		THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5 - 5:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Practice Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II Taizé

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of February 28th through March 6th, 2016

Monday: Psalm 80, 77, 79
Gen. 44:18-34; 1 Cor. 7:25-31; Mark 5:21-43

Friday: Psalm 95, 88, 91, 92
Gen. 47:1-26; 1 Cor. 9:16-27; Mark 6:47-56

Tuesday : Psalm 78:1-39; 78:40-72
Gen. 45:1-15; 1 Cor. 7:32-40; Mark 6:1-13
Wednesday : Psalm 119:97-120; 81, 82

Saturday: Psalm 87, 90; 136
Gen. 47:27-48:7; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Mark 7:1-23

Gen. 45:16-28; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 6:13-29

Sunday: Psalm 93, 96; 34
Gen. 44:1-17; Rom. 8:1-10; John 5:25-29

Thursday: Psalm 83, 42, 43; 85, 86
Gen. 46:1-7, 28-34; 1 Cor. 9:1-15; Mark 6:30-46

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.