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LOOKING AHEAD:

- March 4: 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!
- 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.
- March 9: Lenten Soup-Study: 6:00 pm.
- March 20: Family Fun Sunday from 5 - ?. Please join in this fun event with the entire family!

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.

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: Betsy Limmex (8:00) and Wendy Charny (10:30)

Lectors: Frank Camperchioli (8:00) John Charny and Tom Robinson (10:30)

Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls

Ushers: Rob and Jake Finnie

Teller: Paul Shaver

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

06 March 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

This Fourth Sunday in Lent has often been called "Refreshment Sunday." It always includes the theme of eating and drinking as signs of God's love and of the rejoicing of God's people in the Eucharist and in God's kingdom.

In the reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, we hear about the first Passover celebrated by the Israelites in the Promised Land. On that occasion, the manna, which sustained them in their wilderness journey, ceased and they lived on the "fruit of the land." God's people, washed and adopted in baptism and sustained in this world by Holy Communion, will likewise enter into God's Kingdom and be nourished by God's life.

In the second reading, we learn from Paul that not only has Christ reconciled us to God, but in baptism God makes us agents of reconciliation to the world. and we become the new creation of the Kingdom of God.

Thus, in today's gospel reading of the story of the Prodigal Son, the culmination of forgiveness is reconciliation celebrated in a banquet and feast. This parable describes the totality of forgiveness and God's eagerness to be reconciled with us rebellious children, which is fulfilled in our celebration of Holy Eucharist and, above all, in our Easter rejoicing.

This sacred meal is the sign of our return to God, of God's unlimited forgiveness, and of the feasting of God with all the redeemed in the Kingdom. In our Lenten self-denial, we are reminded that our pilgrimage in this life is like Israel's journey through the wilderness, and that our ultimate goal is the Promised Land of God's Kingdom, foreshadowed in the Holy Eucharist.

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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, 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 28th was \$447.00 and the attendance was 51.

The birthdays of : Josephine Gerlach, Janelle Finnie, Marjorie Comella, Al DeMarco, Mary Ann Smith, ...

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, 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:

Eugene Kondrotas, ...

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

07	Monday		Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202
		6:00 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
08	Tuesday		Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, Priest, 1929
		9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Open - Franco Jenny Dance St. Bart's Book Club
09	Wednesday		Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394
		4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Office open - Franco Simple supper followed by Lenten Studies Cub Scouts (Matthews)
10	Thursday		
		8:00 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	TMCC Office Open - Boyd Office open - Franco Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
11	Friday		
		9:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer Office Open - Franco Fish Fry
12	Saturday		Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
13	Sunday		THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Practice Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of March 7th through March 13th, 2016

Monday: Psalm 89: 1-18; 89:19-52 Gen. 49:1-28; 1 Cor. 10:14-11:1; Mark 7:24-37	Friday: Psalm 95, 102; 107:1-32 Exod. 2:1-22; 1 Cor. 12:27-13:3; Mark 9:2-13
Tuesday : Psalm 97, 99, 94 Gen. 49:29-50:14; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Mark 8:1-10 Wednesday : Psalm 101, 109:1-4; 20-30; 119; 121-144 Gen. 50:15-26; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Mark 8:11-26 Thursday: Psalm 69:1-23; 31-38; 73 Exod. 1:6-22; 1 Cor. 12:12-26; Mark 8:27-9:1	Saturday: Psalm 107:33-43. 108:1-6; 33 Exod. 2:23-3:15; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Mark 9:14-29 Sunday: Psalm 66, 67; 19, 46 Gen. 48:8-22; Rom. 8:11-25; John 6:27-40

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.