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### LOOKING AHEAD:

- March 6:** Fish Fry - 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- March 15:** Kid's Fun Sunday
- March 22:** Community Meal: we need cooks to help with the Epiphany meal. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin by the kitchen. Thanks for your cooperation!
- March 24:** Seder at Fairmont Temple from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This is an interesting and educational experience. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The Temple need to know the number of people coming by March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- March 25:** West Side Shared Ministry - St. Luke's

Lenten Soup-Supper-Study is 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. Final session is March 26 (Thursday).

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 2015 Directory is available. You may pick up your copy on the table in back.

**Fish Fries continue. We still need help- Desserts and clean-up are sorely lacking.**

**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: Betsy Limmex (8:00) and Lydia Bailey (10:30)  
Lectors: Ben Howes (8:00) Matt Matthews and Wendy Charny (10:30)  
Acolyte: Lucy Bailey  
Ushers: Jack and Betty Rendlesham  
Teller: Rob Finnie  
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

## The Third Sunday in Lent

08 March 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

The ultimate saving action of God, in the dying and rising of Jesus, was preceded by a series of salvation events in the history of Israel. Today, in that series of events, we reach the most important of the Old Testament actions of God, the time of the Exodus when Israel is definitively established as the chosen people and God makes the Covenant with the people at Mount Sinai. God's salvation of Israel requires a response by the people which is described in the Decalogue (Ten Commandments). Note that the grounds for these commandments is stated at the beginning, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

In the second reading, Paul speaks of the true wisdom which brings salvation. Rather than human wisdom, God places before us what seems to be foolish, the crucifixion of Jesus. In the dying and rising of Jesus, God showed that the divine power is greater than any human power or wisdom.

The Gospel reading is John's account of Jesus cleansing the Temple. That event may be taken as an image of Christ cleansing us from sin in Baptism. We are the continuation of the ancient people of God who were saved in the Exodus and given the Commandments. In the dying and rising of Jesus, salvation has been extended to all people. Through Baptism, we have become part of Jesus' Body and have died and are being raised with him. We use this time of Lent to recall all that God is doing for us in Jesus, and to prepare for the renewal of our redemption at Easter.

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

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

March 1<sup>st</sup> \$1,840.00 and the attendance was 40.

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

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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, Pvt. Jack Rolf, Robert Register.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially John E. Davis, and Dick Schmidt and those who have given their lives in the Armed Forces the past week:

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **March beverages such as: coffee, cocoa, tea and juices.** Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.

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**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.

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>09</b>	<b>Monday</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394</b> Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
<b>10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco Jenny Dance St. Bart's Book Club - Gates Mills Library
<b>11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 am 6:30 pm 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco Cub Scouts (M. Matthews) Soup Supper Study at Good Shepherd
<b>12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
		8:00 am 8:00 am 6:00 pm	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - York Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
<b>13</b>	<b>Friday</b>		<b>James Theodore Holy, Bishop of Haiti and Dominica Republic</b>
		9:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco Morning Prayer Fish Fry
<b>14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>15</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Kid's Fun Sunday

## This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 15th, 2015

Monday: 80 & 77, [79] Gen. 44:18-34; 1 Cor. 7:25-31; Mark 5:21-43	Friday 95* & 88 & 91, 92 Gen. 47:1-26 ; 1 Cor. 9:16-27; Mark 6:47-56
Tuesday: 78:1-39 & 78:40-72 Gen. 45:1-15; 1 Cor. 7:32-40; Mark 6:1-13	Saturday 87, 90 & 136 Gen. 47:27–48:7; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Mark 7:1-23
Wednesday: 119:97-120 & 81, 82 Gen. 45:16-28; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 6:13-29	Sunday 66, 67 & 19, 46 Gen. 48:8-22; Rom. 8:11-25; John 6:27-40
Thursday: [83] or 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.