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LOOKING AHEAD:

NOTE: Short Fish Fry wrap up meeting following Sunday 10:30 a.m. service. What did we do wrong and needs added or deleted. Please come, so we can get YOUR feedback.

Please do not forget to take our New Parish Directory for 2016! You will find them on the back table.

March 20: Family Fun Sunday from 5 - 7. Please join in this fun event with the entire family!

March 27: No "Community Meal" at Epiphany, due to EASTER SUNDAY.

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

SPRING CLEANING TIME!

Faith Journey Weekend - April 15 - 17

For our literature giveaway table, we need your donation of adult/children

Christian books, Bibles, games, pictures, tapes, music CD'S, etc.

Donations can be left in my office. Thanks, Fr. Steve

Celebrant: The Rev Stephen Secaur
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Price (8:00) and Lydia Bailey (10:30)
Lectors: Diane Bellas (8:00) Joanna Rini and Tom Robinson (10:30)
Ushers: Jack and Betty Rendlesham
Teller: Diane Bellas
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

20 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

Today's liturgy is in two parts. The Liturgy of the Palms celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week of his Passion. After we hear Mark's account of that event, we give thanks over the branches that we carry. A procession then moves into the church building with festive songs of "Hosanna in the highest!"

The second part of today's liturgy changes from triumph to tragedy as it focuses on the suffering and death of Jesus. The account of the Lord's Passion from Mark's gospel often is read with individuals and congregation taking various parts so that we may have a fuller sense of sharing with him in his redemptive acts of dying and rising for our salvation.

The Old Testament reading from Isaiah is set in the heavenly court, where God summons all people. God's action in saving Israel from its exile is the sign of God's mighty power to save. God is the savior of the world. All the world will turn to God. The paradox is that it is in the scandalous death of Jesus on the cross that God is revealed as our Savior. This passage provided the images of the early Christian hymn which Paul uses in today's second reading, announcing that Jesus' lordship is revealed not in the power of his divinity, but in self-giving love to the point of dying for us, his beloved. This is the ultimate restoration from exile brought about by Jesus.

The reading from Philippians is an early Christian hymn which announces that Jesus' Lordship is revealed not in the power of his divinity but in self-giving love to the point of dying for us, his beloved. This is the ultimate restoration from exile brought about by Jesus.

Today we enter into the celebration of the mighty acts of God which brought about that restoration. During this week, we will rediscover what God has done for us, rediscover the meaning of baptism, and rediscover the meaning of our sharing in 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, Caroline, Joanna, ...

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

The offering for March 13th was \$3,349.00 and the attendance was 62.

The birthdays of : Ben Howes, Sascha Charny, Richard 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, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Senior Airman Rebecca Voigt, Pvt. Jack Rolf, Lance Corporal Anthony Worst, Robert Register.

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

21	Monday		MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK
		6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Finance Meeting Vestry Meeting
22	Tuesday		TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
		9:00 am	Office Open - Franco
23	Wednesday		WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
		4:30 pm 4:30 pm	Office open - Franco West Side Shared Ministry
24	Thursday		MAUNDY THURSDAY
		8:00 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	TMCC Office Open - Boyd Office open - Franco Yoga with Betty Rendlesham MAUNDY THURSDAY Service H.E. Rite II
25	Friday		GOOD FRIDAY
		12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Good Friday Service Good Friday Service
26	Saturday		HOLY SATURDAY
		8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
27	Sunday		THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY
		8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Easter Egg Hunt

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of March 21st through March 27th, 2016

Monday: Psalm 51:1-18; 69:1-23
Lam. 1:1-2.6-12; 2 Cor. 1:1-7; Mark 11:12-25

Tuesday : Psalm 6, 12; 94
Lam. 1:17-22; 2 Cor. 1:8-22; Mark 11:27-33

Wednesday : Psalm 55; 74
Lam. 2:1-9; 2 Cor. 1:23-2:11; Mark 12:1-11

Maundy Thursday Psalm 102; 142, 143
Lam. 2:10-18; 1 Cor. 10:14-17, 11:27-32; Mark 14:12-25.

Good Friday Psalm 95, 22; 40:1-14, 54
Lam. 3:1-9, 19-33; 1 Pet. 1:10-20; John 13:36-38; John 19:38-42

Holy Saturday:
Psalm 95, 88, 27
Lam. 3:37-58; Heb. 4:1-16; Rom. 8:1-11

Palm Sunday: Psalm 24, 29, Zech 9:9-12; 1 Tim. 6:12-16
Psalm 103; Zech. 12:9-11, 13:1,7-9; Luke 19:41-48

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.