

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

22 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

Each year on the first four Sundays of Lent we hear Old Testament readings which recall the most important events in "salvation history". On the fifth Sunday each year, we hear one of the prophetic passages which foresee the greater and ultimate saving event to come in Jesus' dying and rising. This year, the reading is Jeremiah's message that God will at some time in the future establish a new covenant with the people which will transcend the old covenant of the Exodus. The most significant thing about this new covenant is that it will be expressed in an interior relationship with God rather than an exterior law.

The second reading today describes Jesus' suffering as the manifestation of his priestly ministry (using the image of the mysterious Old Testament priest Melchizedek, who in Hebrew tradition was thought greater than the priests of Israel and one who was, in some sense, immortal). This is part of this epistle's argument that Jesus has supplanted the priesthood and worship of Israel. The Gospel reading also relates Jesus' dying to his glorification and our salvation and as the means of calling the whole world into the kingdom.

As we near the end of our Lenten pilgrimage, these readings underscore the primary result of our worship and especially of Baptism and Eucharist: we have been made part of Christ's Body in Baptism and a part of his priesthood; that is, we are part of what he does, we express our share in his sacrifice and his mediation between humanity and God in our celebration of the liturgy. Thus, indeed, is this new Covenant written on our hearts and we truly each know God as Jeremiah foretold. Pray for those who will join that new Covenant when they are baptized at Easter.

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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: 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 25:** West Side Shared Ministry - St. Luke's.
- March 27:** Fish Fry LAST ONE DON'T MISS IT! - 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- April 2, 3:** Maundy Thursday: a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin near the kitchen, for the watch at the Altar of Repose.
- April 5 :** PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR EASTER FLOWERS. YOU WILL FIND THE ENVELOPES ON YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Lenten Soup-Supper-Study is at Good Shepherd. Each week has been an outside speaker with varied topics. Good Shepherd is supplying all meals, and asks for a small donation. Final session is March 26 (THURSDAY).

Fish Fries end on Friday 27. We are in dire need of people to clean up at 7:00 pm.

One-third of families listed in the new Directory, have :bought a brick". Please give this your prayerful consideration, as we wind-down the campaign. There is not set cost for a brick. Thank you!

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: JoAnn Buckley (8:00) and Joanna Rini (10:30)

Lectors: Hal Buckley (8:00) Wendy Charny and Tom Robinson (10:30)

Ushers: Matt and West Matthews

Teller: Rob Finnie

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

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, Paul, Jonathan, Dana, Leila, Caitlin, ...

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

The March 15th \$3,319.00 and the attendance was 59.

The birthdays of Sasha Charny, Richard York, ...

The anniversary of Diane and Steve Bellas, Rob and Janelle Finnie, ...

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 ...

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.

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!

A SIGN-UP SHEET IS POSTED FOR HOURLY WATCHES ON MAUNDY THURSDAY AT THE CHAPEL OF REPOSE. PLEASE GIVE THIS PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION.

This Week at a Glance

23	Monday	6:00 pm	Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary of Armenia Yoga with Betty Rendlesham St. Bart's Finance Meeting Vestry Meeting (Open to all)
		6:00 pm	
6:30 pm			
24	Tuesday	9:00 am	Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador and Martyr of SS. Office Open Franco Jenny Dance
		6:00 pm	
25	Wednesday	9:00 am	THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Office Open Franco West Side Shared Ministry - St. Luke's Cub Scouts (M. Matthews)
		4:30 pm	
6:00 pm			
26	Thursday		Richard Allen, First Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831
		8:00 am	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - York Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
27	Friday	9:00 am	Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, and the W. NY Office Open Franco Morning Prayer Fish Fry
		9:00 am	
5:00 - 7:00 pm			
28	Saturday		
29	Sunday		THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
		8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of March 23rd through March 29th, 2015

Monday: 89:1-18 & 89:19-52 Gen. 49:1-28; 1 Cor. 10:14–11:1; Mark 7:24-37	Friday 95* & 102 & 107:1-32 Exod. 2:1-22; 1 Cor. 12:27–13:3; Mark 9:2-13
Tuesday: 97, 99, [100] & 94, [95] Gen. 49:29–50:14; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Mark 8:1-10	Saturday 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13) & 33 Exod. 2:23—3:15; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Mark 9:14-29
Wednesday: 101, 109:1-4(5-19)20-30 & 119:121-144 Gen. 50:15-26 ; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Mark 8:11-26	Sunday 118 & 145 Exod. 3:16–4:12; Rom. 12:1-21; John 8:46-59
Thursday: 69:1-23(24-30)31-38 & 73 Exod. 1:6-22; 1 Cor. 12:12-26; Mark 8:27–9:1	

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.