

LOOKING AHEAD:

TODAY(Sun): 4:00 – 6:00 pm... Epiphany Community Meal.
March 27 (Mon): 6:30 pm Bible Study.
March 29 (Wed): noon/1:00 pm Lenten Program every Wednesday in Lent including Holy Week. Using Forward Day by Day. (Brown Bag Lunch). All Invited.
March 31(Fri) : 5:00 - 7:00 pm ... Fish Fry.
April 2 (Sun): 5:00 pm **Taizé:** Taizé is an ecumenical song and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.

NEXT FISH FRY FRIDAY, MARCH 31st UNTIL, APRIL 7TH, 2017 (1 WEEK) DESSERTS NEEDED - PLEASE SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD.

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **March** we will be collecting **Paper products, such as: toilet paper, paper towel, wipes, etc. as well as feminine hygiene products.** Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.

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 Joanna Rini(10:30)

Lectors: Diane Bellas (8:00) Tom Robinson and Richard Wise (10:30)

Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls

Ushers: Jack and Betty Rendlesham

Teller: John Connelly

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

26 March 2017

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

On the Sunday of the Man Born Blind. This gospel reading has been used since early days of the church to help those preparing for baptism understand the process of enlightenment they are going through. In this story, the blind man progresses from the restoration of his physical sight to a deeper enlightenment about God until he is able to recognize Jesus as his Redeemer.

The first reading takes us to the point in the history of salvation when David is chosen by God as king. As is so often the case with the outstanding heroes of the faith, God's choice is not apparent to those who evaluate by human standards. David's anointing is an image of our own baptism in which God chose us and set us apart not for our own merits but because God loves us.

The second reading describes how those who have been baptized and now live in the light will carry on their lives. The final verse may be an ancient Christian baptismal hymn.

We, like the man born blind, are now awake and filled with the Light from Light through our baptism. As we continue in our Lenten pilgrimage toward Easter, enlightened by God's Word and nourished by the sacraments, we find ourselves in the company of a great family of believers. Let us continue to pray for those preparing to be enlightened and anointed in baptism by the Holy Spirit 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 Fr.Stephen.saintbartohio@gmail.com.

We pray for those who are infirm, and for the continued healing of:

Ben and Dorothy, Richard and Mary, John and Caroline, Brad and Dana, the Matthews family, the Lazala family, Vinnie, Rob, Tom, Betty, Fr. Jim, Shirley, Harriett, Sarah, Karen, Mikayla, Steve, Mila, Heidi, Anastasia, Diane, Jean, Judy, Jane, Jim, Pat, Brooke, Dee, Dolores, Susan, Kevin, Emanuel, Wes, Lauren, John, Teresa, Jose, Katie, Liz, Jan, Tom, Patty, Rick, Lucille, Ina, Florence, Ann, ...

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

The offering for March 19th was \$1,728.00 and the attendance was 46.

The birthdays of : ...

The anniversary of: Steve and Diane Bellas, ...

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces...

Lt. Colonel Dan Knaup, Corporal Jason Thompson, Lt. Col. David Marcinski, Sgt. Mark Ditchman, Pvt 2 nd Class Kyle Lewis, Col. Howard Pearce, Quartermaster Mike Thoumire, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Staff Sgt Becca Voigt-Gibson, Pvt. Jack Rolf, Lance Corporal Anthony Worst, Col (P) Patrick Renwick.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially: Mary Ann Smith, Michael Shaver, Mary Poelking, ... and those who have died this week in the service of their country.

The Shawl Ministry : Prayer Shawls are always available in the library area. Please feel free to take one for yourself or friends. Sign the book so that we may now where our love and prayers go. The Shawl Ministry meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Join us if you like to knit or crochet. We are always in need of yarn donations if you happen to be cleaning out your stash or someone else's!!! Thank you for your loyal support of this ministry. Liz York: 440 946 3374.

Saint Bart's Book Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Gates Mills Public Library at 7:00 pm. Selections are:

March, The Girls of Atomic City by: Denise Kierman and

April, Deadly Thaw by Sarah Ward

For more information, see Wendy Charny or call her: 216 291 9235.

27	Monday		Lenten
		3:00 pm 6:30 pm	The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy) Bible Study
28	Tuesday		Lenten
		3:00 pm	Office Open Franco
29	Wednesday		Lenten
		12:00 pm 3:00 pm 3:00 pm	Lenten Program – Usisng Forward Day by Day. Office Open – Franco The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy)
30	Thursday		Lenten
		8:00 am 9:00 am	TMCC Office Open - Boyd
31	Friday		Lenten
		9:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer Fish Fry
1	Saturday		<u>Lenten</u>
2	Sunday		The Fifth Sunday in Lent
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Practice Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II Taizé

Worship through the Week, a guide for Praying and Study at home

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of March 27th through April 2nd, 2017

Monday : Psalm 89:1-18; 89:19-52
Jer. 16:10-21; Rom. 7:1-12; John 6:1-15

Tuesday: Psalm 97, 99; 94, 95
Jer. 17:19-27; Rom. 7:13-25; John 6:16-27

Wednesday: Psalm 101, 109:1-4 (5-19)20-30;
119:121-144 Jer. 18:1-11; Rom. 8:1-11; John
6:27-40

Thursday: Psalm 69: 1-23; 73
Jer. 22:13-23; Rom. 8:12-27; John 6:41-51

Friday : Psalm 95, 102; 107:1-32
Jer. 23:1-8; Rom. 8:28-39; John 6:52-59

Saturday: Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-6; 33
Jer. 23:9-15; Rom. 9:1-18; John 6:60-71

Sunday: Psalm 66, 67; 19, 46
Jer. 14:1-9, 17-22; Gal. 4:21-5:1; Mark 8: 11-21

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.