

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 April 2015

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:** Kid's Fun Sunday (5-7)
Community Meal from 4 - 6 pm.
- April 28:** Please come for coffee and cookies at 7:00 pm and share your ideas about how we can make our October 9 & 10 Bountiful Blessings Boutique Sale a successful fundraiser for St. Bart's building fund.
- May 2:** Vírídíítas: (10-4) a day to explore the arts and nature as ways to grow in relationship with God.
May 3: Taizé: 5 - 6 pm
- May 8-9:** ALL Women of the Episcopal Church are invited to attend the 138th Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Ohio hosted by the Cuyahoga Mission Area, Home of Bishop & Mrs. Hollingsworth, 15700 South Park Boulevard, Shaker Hts., OH and the Doubletree Hotel, Westlake north of the Crocker Road exit of I-90. For Information contact Nancy Sherwin (216) 321-5016 nanhser@yahoo.com. Also, look-up the bulletin board near the kitchen.
- May 14:** Feast of the Ascension of our Lord.

As work continues on the wall repair, the "buy a brick" campaign continues. Please give this your prayerful consideration. There is no set cost for a brick. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

NOTE: Donors of Easter Flowers, please pick up flowers you want to plant. All the Easter Flowers are in the courtyard garden. Thanks!

Celebrant: The Rev. James Greer
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Price (8:00) and Wendy Charny (10:30)
Lectors: Frank Camperchioli (8:00) Dick York and Gloria Knapp (10:30)
Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls
Ushers: Dick York and Tom Rini
Teller: Kay Boyd
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

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 Sunday of Easter is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Each year we hear a part of Jesus' discourse on his relationship to us in the image of the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd loves his sheep so much that he lays down his life for them. We are called by him into his life, the life which he has given for us.

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles continues the story of the first days of the Church. Peter and the other Apostles are on trial before the rulers of the people because in spite of being commanded to speak no more of Jesus, they had continued to preach and to heal in his name. Today we hear portion of Peter's response.

The reading today from I John tells us that as God's children we are to reveal God's love by living in love with all other people. That love is to be more than a kind feeling. We cannot claim to have God's love if we do not care for the needs of our poor and neglected brothers and sisters. Our identity now comes from God and our lives are to reflect God's own nature and love. How we live reveals our relationship to God.

Thus the description of the Church as the Body of Christ is not merely an analogy. It describes our life together as the embodiment of Christ's love and mercy toward all people. We are not only "the sheep of his pasture," but we are to shepherd all his people in his name.

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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, Alison and baby, Jen and baby, 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, Joanna, Corinne, ...

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

The April 19th \$7,519.00 and the attendance was 62.

The birthdays of Gregory Kampman, Madeline Kless, ...

The anniversary of ...

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

Lt. Colonel 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, Sr. Airman Rebecca Voigt, Pvt. Jack Rolf.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially: Chris Kingsbury, ...

and those who have given their lives in the Armed Forces the past week:

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **May** we will be collecting: **soap, laundry soap, etc.** 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!

This Week at a Glance

27	Monday		Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894
		6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Jewelry Making
28	Tuesday		
		9:00 am 6:00 pm	Office Open Franco Jenny Dance
29	Wednesday		Catherine of Siena, 1380
		9:00 am	Office Open Franco
30	Thursday		Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, Editor and Prophetic Witness, 1879
		8:00 am 8:00 am	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - York
01	Friday		SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES
		9:00 am 9:00 am	Office Open Franco Morning Prayer
02	Saturday		Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373
		10:00- 4:00 pm	Viriditas (Red Oak Camp)
03	Sunday		THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 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 April 27TH through May 3rd, 2015

<p>Monday: 41, 52 & 44 Exod. 32:1-20 ; Col. 3:18—4:6(7-18); Matt. 5:1-10</p> <p>Tuesday: 45 & 47, 48 Gen. 15:1-11, 17-21; Heb. 9:1-14 ; John 5:1-18</p> <p>Wednesday: 119:49-72 & 49, [53] Gen. 16:1-14 ; Heb. 9:15-28; John 5:19-29</p> <p>Thursday: 50 & [59, 60] or 118 Gen. 16:15—17:14; Heb. 10:1-10; John 5:30-47</p>	<p>Friday 40, 54 & 51 Gen. 17:15-27; Heb. 10:11-25; John 6:1-15</p> <p>Saturday 55 & 138, 139:1-17(18-23) Gen. 18:1-16 ; Heb. 10:26-39; John 6:16-27</p> <p>Sunday 24, 29 & 8, 84 Gen. 18:16-33 ; Gal. 5:13-25; Mark 8:22-30</p>
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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.