

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

03 May 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

On the final Sundays of Easter, our attention is directed to the results in our lives of Jesus' dying and rising: the results of Baptism and Eucharist. The Gospel reading today describes our life in Christ. That life is characterized by our love for Jesus as the ground of our faithfulness. We are as intimately bound up in the life of the risen Jesus as the branches of a plant, drawing our new life directly from him.

Like a vine growing new branches, the early Church began to spread beyond Jerusalem almost immediately, bound together in Christ's love and led by the Spirit. In today's reading from Acts, Philip, one of the seven ordained with Stephen, preaches the Gospel to an official of the Queen of Ethiopia. This preaching was prompted by the official's reading of the "Suffering Servant" passage from Isaiah (52:13-53:12). The Ethiopian is converted and baptized on the spot.

Today's reading from First John carries on his theme of our share in God's self-giving love (agape). We are to reflect in our own living and ministry that same love which was manifested to us in Jesus' dying and rising. This is the life he shares with us.

We, the People of God, gather in Eucharist to remember and share the story of God's love for us. Our actions in Eucharist are a liturgical expression of self-giving love toward God and others. As we receive Holy Communion, God implants in us Jesus' own life and equips us to extend the divine love to all people in concrete actions of ministry and proclamation.

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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: Taizé from 5 - 6 pm. Taizé is an ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.

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. 2/3 of St. Bart's families have purchased a brick. 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. Stephen Secaur
Eucharistic Ministers: Betsy Limmex (8:00) and Richard Wise (10:30)
Lectors: Diane Bellas (8:00) Matt Matthews, Nancy Secaur (10:30)
Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls
Ushers: Jack and Betty Rendlesham
Teller: Paul Shaver
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, Alison and baby, Jen and baby, Michelle and Joshua, Linda and Bill, Jonathan Dana Leila and family, Feuter family, Dottie, Betty, Bill, Fr. Jim, Maisie, Rob, Carole, Jenna, Lou, Will, Jan, Kelly, Tim, Andrea, Jean, Alice, Shirley, Lauren, Lucille, John, Deb, Paul.

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

The April 26th \$1,080.00 and the attendance was 49.

The birthdays of Elssy Lawrence, Nicholas Jakse ...

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, Senior 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:

Thanks to our Deacon Lydia, for posting all the **Fish Fry Pictures**.

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

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| 04 | Monday | | Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387 |
| | | 6:00 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 am | Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Jewelry Making Office Open Franco |
| 05 | Tuesday | | |
| | | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Jenny Dance SHANO (monthly meeting (D. Kingsbury) |
| 06 | Wednesday | | |
| | | 9:00 am 7:00 pm | Office Open Franco Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| 07 | Thursday | | Harriet Starr Cannon, Religious, 1896 |
| | | 8:00 am 8:00 am | Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - York |
| 08 | Friday | | Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417 |
| | | 9:00 am 9:00 am | Office Open Franco Morning Prayer |
| 09 | Saturday | | Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389 |
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| 10 | Sunday | | THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER'S DAY |
| | | 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 May 04th through May 10th, 2015

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| Monday: 56, 57, [58] & 64, 65 Lev. 16:1-19; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 6:1-6,16-18 | Friday 106:1-18 & 106:19-48 Lev. 23:1-22; 2 Thess. 2:1-17; Matt. 7:1-12 |
| Tuesday: 61, 62 & 68:1-20(21-23)24-36 Lev. 16:20-34; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 6:7-15 | Saturday 75, 76 & 23, 27 Lev. 23:23-44 ; 2 Thess. 3:1-18; Matt. 7:13-21 |
| Wednesday: 72 & 119:73-96 Lev. 19:1-18; 1 Thess. 5:12-28; Matt. 6:19-24 | Sunday 93, 96 & 34 Lev. 25:1-17; James 1:2-8, 16-18; Luke 12:13-21 |
| Thursday: [70], 71 & 74 Lev. 19:26-37; 2 Thess. 1:1-12; Matt. 6:25-34 | |

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.