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LOOKING AHEAD:

We are joining with Lyndhurst Presbyterian, in the Open Table Program. This involves possibly one evening per week. We have 3 volunteers, and need 2 or 3 more. Please give this outreach project your careful consideration.

September 01: Taizé from 5 - 6 pm. Taizé is an ecumenical song and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.

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

September 23: West Side Shared Ministry - St. Luke's. Bakers and Servers are needed. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by the kitchen. Thanks!

September 27: Community Meal from 4 - 6 pm. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by the kitchen. Help is needed. Thanks.

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

30 August 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

The Sunday Gospel readings return to Mark's Gospel today. This passage recounts one of the occasions when Jesus took the Pharisees and other experts on the Law to task for putting more emphasis on ceremonial and dietary rules than on the "weightier" requirements of God. It is not outer conformity to the Law but an inner change that brings us into a right relationship with God and with others.

For the remainder of this Church year, we read portions of the "Wisdom Literature" of the Hebrew scriptures. Even though some of the books are ascribed to writers of an earlier time, these books come from the last few centuries before Christ. The Song of Solomon is a wedding song in which a bride and groom are portrayed expressing their love and desire. In the Wisdom tradition these passages are taken as allegories of God's love for the people and our love for God. God comes to us to ravish us with the divine love and to join us in the divine life.

Today we begin reading through the letter of James. This epistle encourages us to live our faith in concrete actions of love and mercy. True religion is based on carrying out its faith in lives of righteousness and mercy.

As the people of God we gather to remember what God has done, to remember God's principles for living, and to realign ourselves with God. Out of our relationship with God, re-established in our liturgical and sacramental encounter, comes the power to confront and overcome evil, and the righteousness which draws others to God.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Buckley (8:00) and Hal Buckley (10:30)
Lectors: Wendy Charny (8:00) Nancy Secaur, Joanna Rini (10:30)
Ushers: Tom and Linda Poelking
Teller: Matt Matthews
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, Kristen, Ed and Drew, Alison and baby, Michelle and Josh, Laura and Jeff, Jonathan Dana Leila and family, Dottie, Betty, Bill, Fr. Jim, Maisie, Rob, Carol, Lou, Will, Jan, Kelly, Kim, Jean, Alice, Shirley, Lauren, John, Gavin, Marie, Cathy, Laura, Brian, Kevin, Laurie, Jane, Vince, Jim, Annie, Tom, Val, Ali, LaDell, Shirley, Alfred, Beth, José Luis, George, Liam, Pat, Brooke, Brigid, Kenny, Jessica, Jill, Theresa, Julie, Charlotte, Heidi, Julie, ...

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

The August 23rd offering of \$1,841.00 and the attendance was 46.

The birthdays of ...

The anniversary of Jean Scheutzow, Alan Charny, ...

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, Lieutenant Joanna Chmielecki, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Senior Airman Rebecca Voigt, Pvt. Jack Rolf, Lance Corporal Anthony Worst.

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

Marilyn Mayer Finnie, Bill Merino, ...

and those who have died this week in the service of their country.

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **September** we will be collecting canned fruit and 100%, juice single serving boxes. 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

31	Monday		Aidan, 651 and Cuthbert, 687, Bishops of Lindisfarne.
01	Tuesday		David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931.
		9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco Jenny Dance SHANO monthly meeting (D. Kingsbury)
02	Wednesday		The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
		9:00 am 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco Prayer Shawl Ministry
03	Thursday		Prudente Crangall, Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890.
		8:00 am 8:00 am	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - Boyd
04	Friday		Paul Jones, 1941
		9:00 am 9:00 am	Office Open Franco Morning Prayer
05	Saturday		Gregorio Aglipay, Priest and Founder of the Philippine Ind. Church.
06	Sunday		THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Taizé

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of August 31st through September 6th, 2015

<p>Monday: 25, 9, 15 2 Chron. 6:32-7:7; James 2:1-13; Mark 14:53-65</p> <p>Tuesday: 26, 28, 36, 39 1 Kings 8:65-9:9; James 2:14-26; Mark 14:66-72</p> <p>Wednesday: 38, 119; 25-48 1 Kings 9:24-10:13; James 3:1-12; Mark 15:1-11</p> <p>Thursday: 37; 1-18; 37: 19-42 1 Kings 11:1-13; James 3:13-4; 12; Mark 15:12-21</p>	<p>Friday: 31, 35 1 Kings 11:26-43; James 4:13-5:6; Mark 15:22-32</p> <p>Saturday: 30, 32, 42, 43 1 Kings 12:1-20; James 5:7-12, 19-20; Mark 15:33-39</p> <p>Sunday: 148, 149, 150, 114, 115 1 Kings 8:22-30 (31-40); 1 Tim. 4:7b-16; John 8:47-59</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.