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LOOKING AHEAD:

- September 12:** Bible Study at 6:30 pm.
- September 17:** 11:00 am Mrs. Margaret Olson's Funeral.
- September 19:** 6:00 pm Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting.
- September 28:** 4:30 pm West Side Shared Ministry.

The vestry is getting serious about establishing Sunday School for all ages—including adults. First we need volunteer teachers. "If we build it, they will come" is the theme. We will use lectionary based curriculum and classes will run from 9:30 to 10:15 am each Sunday. Please step up and volunteer to teach. It will be rewarding and will aid in building up the congregation.

Celebrant: The Rev Stephen Secaur
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Buckley (8:00) and Tom Rini (10:30)
Lectors: Hal Buckley (8:00) Joanna Rini and Tom Robinson (10:30)
Greeter: Diane Bellas
Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls
Ushers : John and Wendy Charny
Teller: Diane Bellas
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

11 September 2016

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

Sin and the need to repent are central to the liturgy today. In the reading from Luke, Jesus speaks in reply to those who complained that he had table fellowship with sinners. God, he says, cares about each person, seeks out each one, and rejoices as each sinner repents.

In the first reading Jeremiah laments what he foresees to be the consequence of the people's turning away from God. Like the hot wind from the desert which dries out and destroys, the prophet says, God will wipe away the kingdom of Judah. Jeremiah is known for his gloomy predictions; unfortunately for Judah, those predictions came true.

We begin a series of readings from the first letter to Timothy today. Paul is described as the greatest of sinners because he persecuted the faith. However, his life is held up as proof of God's forgiveness. His having been accepted by God has equipped him to proclaim God's love to all people. Paul, like Moses brings others into the goodness of God as well.

In our life of pilgrimage into God's kingdom, Jesus—God among us—is the embodiment of God's unremitting call to us to come home to our true lover and friend. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit in baptism to share the vocation of Moses and Paul to be mediators and instruments of God's love and forgiveness to the world.

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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, Frank and Tiffany, Betty, Tom, Rob, Mary Ann, Fr. Gary, Fr. Jim, Paul, Liam, Anastasia, Jean, Diane, Steve, Dolores, Susan, Kevin, Tim, Pat, Lauren, Mary Ellen, Monica, Sue, Carole, Jenna, Julee, Jan, Rick, Pete, Judy, Shirley, Alec, Gail, Mila, Vinnie, Kim, Brian, Linda, Leslie, Patrick, Dee, Brooke, Nick, Heidi, ...

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

The offering for September 4th was \$1,775.00 and the attendance was 47.

The birthdays of: Linda Poelking, Margaret DeMarco, ...

The anniversary of: ...

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, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Senior Airman Rebecca Voigt, Pvt. Jack Rolf, Lance Corporal Anthony Worst, General Elect Patrick Renwick.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially: Margaret Olson, Will Brotherton, Al DeMarco, ... and those who have died this week in the service of their country.

The Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **September** we will be collecting cleaning supply such as: **bar soap, dishwasher detergent, laundry soap etc.** Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.

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.

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!

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.

This Week at a Glance

12	Monday		John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
		2:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy) Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Bible Study
13	Tuesday		John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407
		9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Office Opens - Franco
		7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	SHANO Monthly Meeting Jewelry Making St. Bart's Book Club (Gates Mills Library)
14	Wednesday		HOLY CROSS DAY
		2:30 pm	The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy)
		5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Office Open - Franco Cub Scouts (M. Matthews) Prayer Shawl Ministry
15	Thursday		James Chisholm, Priest, 1855
		8:00 am	TMCC
		9:00 am 1:00 pm	Office Open - Boyd Office Open - Franco
16	Friday		Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430
		9:00 am	Morning Prayer
17	Saturday		Hildegard. 1179
18	Sunday		THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
		8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		9:00 am	Bible Study
		9:15 am	Choir Practice
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of September 12th through September 18th, 2016

Monday: Psalm 56, 57, 58; 64, 65 Job 40:1-24; Acts 15:36-16:5; John 11:55-12:8	Friday: 69: 1-23, 31-38; 73 Esther 1:1-4, 10-19 or Judith 4:1-15; Acts 17:1-15; John 12:36b-43
Tuesday: 61, 62; 68:1-20, 24-36 Job 40:1, 41:1-11; Acts 16:6-15; John 12:9-19	Saturday: 75, 76; 23, 27 Esther 2:5-8, 15-23 or Judith 5:1-21; Acts 17:16-34 John 12:44-50
Wednesday: 72; 119:73-96 Job 42:1-17; Acts 16:16-24; John 12:20-26	Sunday: 24, 29; 8, 84 Job 38:1. 18-41; Rev. 18:1-8; Matt. 5:21-26
Thursday: 70, 71; 74 Job 28:1-28; Acts 16:25-40; John 12:27-36a	

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*.