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LOOKING AHEAD:

September 19: 6:00 pm Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting.

September 25: Community Meal program at **Epiphany, 21000 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid**. The meals take place the 4th Sunday of every month from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. **Especially needed** are volunteers willing to **prepare/cook meals**. For more details, please look and sign-up on bulletin board outside kitchen.

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.

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- Celebrant:* The Rev Stephen Secaur
- Eucharistic Ministers:* Hal Buckley (8:00) and Joanna Rini (10:30)
- Lectors:* Jo Ann Buckley (8:00) Matt Matthews and Gloria Knapp (10:30)
- Greeter:* Tom Robinson
- Acolyte:* Nancy Nicholls
- Ushers :* Matt and West Matthews
- Teller:* Diane Bellas
- Organist:* Aleksandr Leybkind

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

18 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

In the liturgy, the spiritual and the material are joined in Holy Communion. This reflects the Christian concern with both matter and spirit. We cannot be faithful to the gospel if we limit our values to either one alone. Today’s gospel reading about the unjust steward makes the point that how we use our material wealth is directly related to our relationship with God. If a “worldly” person like the steward uses money to secure friends, how much more should we, the children of God, use our material wealth to gain favor with God and our fellow human beings.

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Today we continue the series of readings from the first epistle to Timothy. These letters, written after Paul’s death by his followers, give practical advice to Christian communities about church life. The church is to be an intercessory body of people who, through their prayer for all persons (even the emperor, their enemy), are the means of bringing about God’s salvation.

God’s love is for all of creation and we are called in both liturgical worship and daily living to be God’s instrument in bringing everything and everyone into God’s Kingdom.

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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 11th was \$2,989.00 and the attendance was 54.

The birthdays of: Paul Shaver, ...

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, Col (P) 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

19	Monday		Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury
		2:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy) Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Vestry Meeting Finance Meeting
20	Tuesday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	John Coleridge Patterson, Bishop of Melanesia, 1871 Office Opens - Franco Jewelry Making
			SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
21	Wednesday	2:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy) Office Open - Franco Prayer Shawl Ministry
			Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio and of Illinois, 1852
22	Thursday	8:00 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm	TMCC Office Open - Boyd Office Open - Franco
23	Friday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
24	Saturday		
25	Sunday		THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
		8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Epiphany Community Meal

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of September 19th through September 25th, 2016

<p>Monday: Psalm 80; 77, 79 Esther 4:4-17; or Judith 7:1-7, 19-32; Acts 18:1-11; Luke 1:1-4), 3:1-14</p> <p>Tuesday: Psalm 78:1-39; 78:40-72 Esther 5:1-14 or Judith 8:9-17, 9:1, 9:7-10; Acts 18:12-28</p> <p>Wednesday: Psalm 119:97-120; 81, 82 Esther 6:1-14 or Judith 10:1-23; Acts 19:1-10; Luke 4:1-13</p> <p>Thursday: Psalm 83, 146, 147; 85, 86 Esther 7:1-10 or Judith 12:1-20; Acts 19:11-20; Luke 4:14-30</p>	<p>Friday: Psalm 88, 91, 92 Esther 8:1-8, 15-17 or Judith 1:1-20; Acts 19:21-41 Luke 4:31-37</p> <p>Saturday: Psalm 87, 90; 136 Hosea 1:1-2; 1; Acts 20:1-16; Luke 4:38-44</p> <p>Sunday: Psalm 93, 96; 34 Esther 3:1-4:3 or Judith 5:22-6:4, 10-21; James 1:19-27 Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18</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*.