

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
25 October 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

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus heals a blind man. It is the man's faith which gives him his sight. The rules of religion understood blindness to be caused by sin, so this man was excluded from the life of the people. Jesus, however, welcomes him, heals him, and includes him among his followers.

Job hears God's reply that God is unknowable. Realizing how small and weak he is and how presumptuous he was to question God, Job now repents. God's response is to undo all the trouble Job had and to restore him and his family to their former good fortune. This little fictional story represents a deepening of the Jewish conception of God during the last few centuries before the time of Jesus.

Our second reading continues the letter to Jewish Christians. This was probably written after Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed, thus there were no more sacrifices offered. The writer is remind his readers that Jesus' own self-offering makes continued sacrifices of animals by fallible human priest no longer necessary. Jesus' one sacrifice of himself is eternally effective for all humanity.

In the Eucharist our use of physical bread and wine as the elements of spiritual communion with God remind us of this truth. We become part of the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus so that we can live in his life eternally. We cannot live apart from God or apart from moral responsibility to all people. In baptism, our spiritual blindness is healed, and we are called to grow into a Body of people committed to justice, reconciliation, and righteous living.

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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:** Community Meal from 4- 6 pm. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by the kitchen. Help is needed. Thanks!
- October 28:** West Side Shared Ministries - St. Luke's. Bakers and Servers are needed. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by the kitchen. Thanks!
- November 8:** SHANO will again present the Kirkin' of the Tartans during the 10:30 a.m. service. If you have a tartan you would like to present, please contact Dorothea Kingsbury. All are welcome to participate. There will be a potluck lunch in the parish hall with Scottish entertainment following the service. A sign up sheet posted outside the kitchen.
- November 8:** 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.
- November 14:** Grounds Clean-up from 9-12 pm: trimming, pruning, picking up sticks and more. Volunteers please come help - bring trimmers, pruning shears, clippers, gloves, whatever yard tools you have. All ages are welcome to participate. A sign up sheet posted outside the kitchen.
- November 20:** Celebration of New Ministry of Fr. Stephen Secaur and St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, at 7:00 pm. Bishop Arthur B. Williams is Celebrant, Clergy Red Stoles. Reception follows in the Parish Hall.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry/Men's Shelter needs any used/new chess and checker games. If you happen to have any of those and would like to donate them here at St. Bart's, we will appreciate it. Thanks!

Prayer list will be cleared the end of October. If you desire your name, or that of a loved one, to be included in the new list starting November 1st, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in back of the church.

Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur
Eucharistic Ministers: Hal Buckley (8:00) and Lydia Bailey (10:30)
Lectors: (8:00) Tom Robinson, Charny (10:30)
Acolyte: Lucy Bailey
Ushers: Jake and Rob Finnie
Teller: Tom Robinson
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, Frank, Kristen Ed and Drew, 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, Liam, Pat, Brooke, Brigid, Kenny, Jessica, Jill, Theresa, Julie, Charlotte, Heidi, Julie, Kenny, Mary Allen, Halle, Leslie, ...

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

The October 18th offering was 2,675.00 and the attendance was 61.

The birthdays of Tom Poelking, ...

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, 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:

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

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **October** we will be collecting **peanut butter and jams or jelly.**

Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.

The Shawl Ministry: Do you like to knit, crochet and pray? Please consider joining a group of women from St. Bart's and other surrounding churches as we create prayer shawls. We meet here at St. Bart's at 7:00 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. As shawls are created, we share shawl stories and pray over each shawl. If you know of an individual, a group or an institution that may benefit from a shawl blessed with love and prayers, please let one of us know or pick one up in the library.

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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

26	Monday		Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
		2:00 - 7:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy) Yoga with Betty Rendlesham Jewelry Making Class
27	Tuesday		
		3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Office Open Franco Jenny Dance
28	Wednesday		SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE APOSTLES
		2:00 - 7:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy) West Side Shared Ministries Cub Scouts (M. Matthews)
29	Thursday		James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885
		8:00 am 8:00 am 6:00 pm	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - Boyd Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
30	Friday		John Wyclif, Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384
		9:00 am	Morning Prayer
31	Saturday		<u>Paul Shinji Sasaki, Bishop of Mid-Japan and of Tokyo, 1946</u>
01	Sunday		ALL SAINTS -
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 - 6:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Community Meal at Epiphany

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of October 26th through November 1st, 2015

Monday: Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65 Neh. 6:1-19; Rev. 10:1-11; Matt. 13:36-43	Friday: Psalm 69:1-23 (24-30), 31-38; 73 Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36; Rev. 15:1-8; Matt. 14:13-21
Tuesday : Psalm 61, 62; 68:1-20, 24-36 Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47; Rev. 11:1-19; Matt 13:44-52	Saturday: Psalm 75, 76; 23, 27 Ezra 9:1-15; Rev. 17:1-14; Matt. 14:22-36
Wednesday : Psalm 72; 119:73-96 Neh 13:4-22; Rev.. 12:1-12; Matt. 13:53-58	Sunday: Psalm 24, 29; 8, 84 Neh. 5:1-19; Act 20:7-12; Luke 12:22-31 All Saints: Psalm 111, 112; 2 Esdras 2:42-47; Hebrews 11:32 - 12:2; 148, 150; Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16 Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:5
Thursday: Psalm 70, 71, 74 Ezra 7: (1-10) 11-26; Rev. 14:1-13; Matt. 14:1-12	

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.

