

LOOKING AHEAD:

TODAY: (Sun)	Epiphany Community Meal - 4:00 - 6:00 pm. The Mitten Tree will be in the reception area. The last day to bring in mittens will be Sunday, December 11 , as they will be picked up the next day.
November 28 (Mon)	Bible Study.
December 04 (Sun)	St. Nicholas Brunch - 11:30 am.
December 04 (Sun)	Lessons & Carols at Christ Church: 3445 Warrensville Center Rd., Shaker Heights - 5:00 pm.
December 06 (Sun)	Stations of Nativity at 7:00 pm.

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **December** we will be collecting **Cleaning products**, such as: wipes, soap, laundry detergent, dishwasher, etc. Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree. *If you are receiving calendars and/or Christmas Cards that you don't need, please deposit them in the Giving Tree basket.*

Pledge cards need to be turned in ASAP, so that the Vestry may set up a budget for next year.

One group of people recently completed the **AED/CPR COURSE**. It is to our benefit to have still more members take the course and become certified. The course is just one evening, 2-3 hours long. The more certified participants we have, the better response in an emergency. If you are interested (willing) in taking the course, please contact Fr. Steve and he will arrange it with the Mayfield Village Fire Dept.

The residents at **Governor's Village** are conducting a community service project to help area programs, including **Coats for Kids**. If you have a coat or coats that no one in your household is using anymore, please consider donating it to this good cause. Coats and jackets may be brought to church and left in the Choir Room, where Dorothea will pick them up and transport them to Governor's. **The drive ends December 10**. The coats do not need to be for children – any lightly used coats will be welcomed.

We will be collecting backpacks for the people served by the **West Side Shared Ministry**. Please fill the backpacks with stocking stuffers and label them appropriately. See the enclosed sheet for suggestions. **They will need to be here at St. Bart's by December 11, 2016. We will deliver them on December 12, 2016. THANK YOU !!!!!!! Call Molly Duffy with any questions: 216 973 6734.**

ITEMS THAT ARE MISSING, AND SORELY NEEDED: BABY JESUS, from the olivewood Nativity Set, brought to St. Bart's from Jerusalem by Father Terry Taylor. There are 2 pieces to this - the crib and the baby itself.

CORNUCOPIAS (2), used on the Thanksgiving Altar. *If you know the whereabouts of any of these items, please notify Fr. Steve Cindy Fumich, or Francys Franco. Or if you have borrowed them, you may simply leave them on the table in back of the church.*

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*The flower on the altar are dedicated to
the Glory of God by Dorothea Kingsbury
in honor of St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland*

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Celebrant: The Rev Stephen Secaur
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Buckley (8:00) and Wendy Charny (10:30)
Lectors: Hal Buckley (8:00) John Charny and Tom Robinson (10:30)
Ushers : Jack and Betty Rendlesham
Teller: Kay Boyd
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

The First Sunday of Advent

27 November 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

On this Advent Sunday, the liturgy is centered on the second Advent of Christ, when he will return as judge and establish the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells his followers that his return will be sudden and with no warning. Therefore, we are to live at all times as though his return is imminent.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah foresees that Kingdom as God's reign over a united and peaceful humanity. All people will know themselves to be the children of God and brothers and sisters to all other people.

The second reading from Romans exhorts us to live as though we were in the last days. We are to live as though the Kingdom has come; shunning darkness and living in the light of God's presence.

The Advent theme that points to Jesus' first coming in his birth becomes the sign for us of the Advent yet to come. As we gather in the Eucharist, we find in our liturgical action a foretaste of the unity and peace of God's Kingdom. We recognize that in this in-between time (between Jesus' first coming and his second) we ourselves are caught up in the Eucharist into the Kingdom.

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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 Fr.Stephen.saintbartohio@gmail.com.

We pray for those who are infirm, and for the continued healing of:
 Ben and Dorothy, Richard and Mary, Rob, Tom, Mary Ann, Fr. Gary, Fr. Jim, Harriett, Vinnie, Steve, Mila, James, Heidi, Andrea, Anastasia, Diane, Jean, Judy, Delilah, Jane, Burness, Jim, Pat, Brooke, Dee, Dolores, Susan, Lucy, Kevin, Emanuel, Wes, Paul, Lauren, Leslie, Zoe, ...

And we offer our thanksgivings for your many blessings upon us especially for:
 The offering for November 20th was \$1,080.00 and the attendance was 55.

The birthdays of : Holly Rolf, Jack Rendlesham, Francys Franco, ...
 The anniversary of: ...

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces...
 Lt. Colonel Dan Knaup, Corporal Jason Thompson, Lt. Col. 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 Becca 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: ...
 and those who have died this week in the service of their country.

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.

Saint Bart's Book Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Gates Mills Public Library at 7:00 pm.
 Selections are:
 November, "Our souls at Night" by Kent Haruf
 December, "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham
 For more information, see Wendy Charny or call her: 216 291 9235.

THE ADVENT BANNER
(See Insert)

28	Monday	2:30 pm	Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864.
		6:00 pm	The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy)
29	Tuesday	6:15 pm	Yoga (Betty Rendlesham)
		9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bible Study
30	Wednesday		Office Opens - Franco
		2:30 pm	ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE
01	Thursday		The Groovy Garfoose (Music Therapy)
		8:00 am	Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637
02	Friday	9:00 am	TMCC
		1:00 pm	Office Open - Boyd
03	Saturday		Office Open - Franco
		9:00 am	Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China, 1910
04	Sunday		Morning Prayer
		8:00 am	Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East, 1552
			THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		9:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		9:15 am	Bible Study
		10:30 am	Choir Practice
		5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
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Worship through the Week, a guide for Praying and Study at home
This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of November 28th through December 4th, 2016

Monday: Psalm 1, 2, 3; 4, 7 Isa. 1:10-20; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Luke 20:1-8	Friday: Psalm 16, 17; 22 Isa 3:8-15; 1 Thess. 4:1-12; Luke 20:41-21:4
Tuesday: Psalm 5, 6; 10, 11 Isa 1:21-31; 1 Thess. 2:1-12; Luke 20:9-18	Saturday: Psalm 20, 21:1-7 (8-14); 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117 Isa 4:2-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Luke 22:1-5-19
Wednesday: Psalm 119:1-24; 12, 13, 14 Isa 2:1-11; 1 Thess. 2:13-20; Luke 20:19-26	Sunday: Psalm 46, 147; 111. 112. 113 Isa 1:1-9; 2 Pet. 3:1-10; Matt. 25:1-13
Thursday: Psalm 18:1-20; 18:21-50 Isa 2:12-22; 1 Thess. 3:1-13; Luke 20:27-40	

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.