

LOOKING AHEAD:

TODAY:	11:45 a.m.	Santa's Brunch.
December (11) Mon:	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study.
December (12) Tue:	7:00 p.m.	St. Bart's Book Club.
December (13) Wed:	7:00 p.m.	Stations of Nativity.
December (15) Fri:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer.

BRRRR! *It's getting cold outside.*
*It's time to decorate the Mitten Tree with **hats, and scarves,***
*and **gloves, and mittens.** These items will be collected and given to*
children who otherwise might no be prepared for our cold winter!
All items will be collected on
Friday, December 22nd at 9:00 A.M.
Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please contact Betsy
Limmex (440 449 1699) if you have any questions.

The Altar Guild is having the Greening of the Church on **Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m.** Note that this is a correction from the time in the insert last week. We will serve light snacks and Wassail. Please come if you can. Many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing as many parishioners as possible for this festive preparation for the Christmas Season.

The Advent Banner

Many times in the Book of Revelations, God says "I am the Alpha and the Omega", the beginning and the end. Sarum Blue, our color for Advent, symbolizes hope, expectation, and anticipation. We begin this new Church Year with Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet. As we enter the beginning, we know with certainty, that there will be an end (Omega, the final letter).

NOTE:

Church of the Epiphany will host the 2017 Service of Lesson and Carols at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, 2017. The St. Bartholomew Choir will sing together with the choirs from Church of Epiphany, Christ Church, and Church of the Good Shepherd. This lovely, traditional Anglican service is a peaceful pause in the frenzy of the season. Please join us! Church of the Epiphany is located at 2100 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, OH 44123, please see Dorothea Kingsbury (216-978-1312 or dkingsbury@kingsburylaw.com).

Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Price (8:00) Joanna Rini (10:30)
Lectors: Diane Bellas (8:00) Tom Robinson and Richard Wise (10:30)
Ushers: Tom Rini and Dick York
Teller: Debbie Kampman
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 December 2017

Welcome! Please enter the nave quietly and reverently as there may be people already in prayer and contemplation.

Thank you for worshipping 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

Today is the first of the Advent Sundays centered on the ministry of John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah. We hear Mark's account of the beginning of John's ministry and message. John is presented as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the one who embodied the role foreseen by Isaiah as the messenger to prepare the way for the coming of the Christ. He used the traditional Jewish ceremony of renewal and repentance—baptism—but promises that the one who is coming will immerse people in the Spirit of God.

Our first reading is the passage from Isaiah quoted by Mark concerning John the Baptist. This comes from the time of the end of the Jewish people's exile in Babylon and was an exhortation to them to return to the land of promise now that they had been freed by the Persian king, Cyrus. This second Exodus is filled with the promise of God's love and care for the people.

The second reading from 2 Peter looks toward the end of time. The writer is concerned with how we live in this time in anticipation for the time to come when the Day of the Lord will be revealed.

We live in the time in between Christ's first Advent and his second Coming and we gather in the Eucharist as people immersed by Baptism into God's Spirit. We are called not only to celebrate God's presence as our shepherd but also to be messengers who, like John, announce the coming of God's kingdom. We do this by proclaiming the Word, by celebration of God's sacramental presence, and by lives of peace and growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

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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:

Dorothy, Richard and Mary, John and Caroline, Steve and Diane, Frank and Liz, Paul and Jane, Al and Marie, Allison and child, Vinton, Nancy, Betty, Fr. Jim, Carol, Harriett, Jean, Judy, Jim, Pat, Brooke, Dee, Lauren, Mary Ellen, Mary Francis, Anastasia, Mary, Greg, Irene, Robert, John, Victoria, Ann, Katie, Earnest, Richie, David, Sylvia, Jaremy, Freddie, Bob, Dolly, Sandy, Shirley, Andrea, Linda, Janelle and Jake, Toni, Quasim, Florence, Nancy, Tony, Wendy, Dolores, ...

And we offer our thanksgivings for your many blessings upon us especially for:
December 4th the offering was \$1,795.00 and the attendance was 50.

The birthdays of : Brenna Robinson, Vinton Christie, Trent Fumich, ...
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 2 nd Class Kyle Lewis, Quartermaster Mike Thoumire, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Staff Sgt Rebecca Gibson, Staff Sgt. Frank Gibson, Sargent Jack Rolf, Sargent Anthony Worst, Col. Patrick Renwick, Sgt. John Kleeberger.

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.

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 know 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: **The November** selection Red Notice by Bill Browder and the **December** selection **The Heist** by Janet Evanovich. **For more information, see Wendy Charny or call her: 216 291 9235.**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

*To be acknowledged in the bulletin as contributing toward the poinsettias, your contribution needs to be turned in no later than **Sunday, December 17**. Contributions may be made in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for, and there is no set amount for giving.*

11	Monday		
		2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Groovy Garfoose Bible Study
12	Tuesday		Jane Frances de Chantal, 1641
		9:00 am	Office Open Franco
13	Wednesday		Lucy, Martyr in Sicily, 304
		9:00 am	Office Open Franco
14			John of the Cross
		8:00 am 9:00 am	TMCC Office Open - Boyd
15	Friday		
		9:00 am	Morning Prayer
16	Saturday		
17	Sunday		THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II Greening of the Church followed by Wassail!

Worship through the Week, a guide for Praying and Study at home
This Week's Readings
From the Daily Office for the week of December 11th through December 17th, 2017

Monday: Psalm 25; 9, 15
Amos 7:1-9; Rev. 1:1-8; Matt. 22:23-33

Tuesday: Psalm 26, 28; 36, 39
Amos 7:10-17; Rev. 1:9-16; Matt. 22:34-46

Wednesday: Psalm 38; 119:25-48
Amos 8:1-14; Rev. 1:17-2:7; Matt. 23:1-12

Thursday: Psalm 37:1-18; 37:19-42
Amos 9:1-10; Rev. 2:8-17; Matt. 23:13-26

Friday: Psalm 31; 35
Haggai 1:1-15; Rev. 2:18-29; Matt. 23:27-39

Saturday: Psalm 30, 32; 42, 43
Haggai 2:1-9; Rev. 3:1-6; Matt. 24:1-14

Sunday: Psalm 148, 149, 150; 114, 115
Amos 6:1-14; 2 Thess. 1:5-12; Luke 1:57-68

How to use the Daily Office: For each day, the Psalms are split into M (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.