

LOOKING AHEAD:

TODAY	5:00 pm	Taizé: is an ecumenical song and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.
January 08(Mon):	6:00 pm	Bible Study.
January 09(Tue):	7:00 pm	St. Bart's Book Club.
January 10(Wed):	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Matthews).
January 12(Fri):	9:00 am	Morning Prayer.
January 12(Fri):	6:00 pm	SHANO Dance Workshop.
January 14(Sun):	8:00 am	HE, RITE I: The Rev. Rosalind Hughes.
January 14(Sun):	10:30 am	HE, RITE II: The Rev. Rosalind Hughes.
January 21(Sun):	9:00 am	Pot Luck Breakfast.
	9:15 am	Annual Meeting. Please remember to submit your reports.

Thanks!

NOTE:

Prayer list for the infirm and continued healing will be cleared January 14. If you desire your name, or that of a loved one, to be included in the list starting January 28, there will be a sign-up on the table in back of the church.

THE EPIPHANY BANNER

The brilliant Star of Bethlehem guided the three Magi - Casper, Melchoir, and Balthazar - on their long journey by camel, bringing fine gifts to the new baby Jesus. Arriving 12 days after the birth of the infant King, the camels lead them home by a different road.

NOTE:

Concerning Fr. Steve's absence:

Many of us are not too familiar with the intricacies of Morning Prayer. Several of us laypersons have tried our best to make the Bulletins flow smoothly. If you notice errors. Please notify Francys or Kay. **Thanks you for your patience!**

Apologies to **John Charny and Jim Lewis** for omitting their names last week from the **Birthday List.**

Worship leaders: Betsy Limmex (8:00); Tom Robinson (10:30)
Lectors: Hal Buckley (8:00) Dick York and John Charny (10:30)
Ushers: Jack and Betty Rendlesham
Teller: Deb Marcinski
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
*The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ***

07 January 2018

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

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

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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. The Rev. Rosalind Claire Hughes may be contacted directly at 440 865 0499 or by email at rosalindchughes@oh.rr.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, Jeremy, Freddie, Bob, Dolly, Sandy, Shirley, Andrea, Linda, Betsy, Janelle and Jake, Toni, Quasim, Florence, Nancy, Tony, Wendy, Dolores, Tim, Denali, Wyatt, Dorothea L, ...

And we offer our thanksgivings for your many blessings upon us especially for:
December 31st the offering was \$1,697.00 and the attendance was 50.

The birthdays of : Char Clemson, ...
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, Specialist Jack Rolf, Sgt. Anthony Worst, Col. Patrick Renwick, Sgt. John Kleeberger, Petty Officer Hunter Lewis.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially: ...
Jimmy Matute, Steve Andrea, ...

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 January** selection "1984" by George Orwell and the **February** selection will be: "The Light between the Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. **For more information, see Wendy Charny or call her: 216 291 9235.**

8	Monday		
		2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Groovy Garfoose Bible Study
9	Tuesday		Julia Chester Emery, 1922
		9:00 am	Office Open Franco
10	Wednesday		William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
		9:00 am 6:30 pm	Office Open Franco Cub Scouts (Matthews)
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		8:00 am 9:00 am	TMCC Office Open - Boyd
12	Friday		Aelred, Abbot of Rievaultx, 1167
		9:00 am	Morning Prayer
13	Saturday		<u>Hilary</u> , Bishop of Poitiers, 367.
14	Sunday		The Second Sunday after Epiphany
		8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Worship through the Week, a guide for Praying and Study at home
This Week's Readings
From the Daily Office for the week of January 8th through January 14th, 2018

Monday: Psalm 1, 2, 3; 4, 7
Gen. 2:4-9 (10-15) 16-25; Heb. 1:1-14; John 1:1-18
Tuesday: Psalm 5,6; 10, 11
 Gen. 3:1-24; Heb. 2:1-10; John 1:19-28

Wednesday: Psalm 119:1-24; 12, 13, 14
 Gen. 4:1-16; Heb. 2:11-18; John 1:(29-34) 35-42

Thursday: Psalm 18:1-20; 18:21-50
 Gen. 4:17-26; Heb. 3:1-11; John 1:43-51

Friday: Psalm 16, 17; 22
 Gen. 6:1-8; Heb. 3:12-19; John 2:1-12

Saturday: Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14); 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117
 Gen. 6:9-22; Heb. 4:1-13; John 2:13-22

Sunday: Psalm 146, 147; 1, 2, 3; 111, 112, 113
 Gen. 1:1-2:2; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:29-34

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.