



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

Congratulations to Father Robert and Barbara Rawson, relatively new parishioners at St. Francis. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 1 and plan to renew their wedding vows at the 11:00 am service on Sunday October 3. I realize that a number of you have celebrated this wonderful milestone in your lives. I am happy to add one more couple to this exclusive group.

Get Out and Vote

As most of you know, the mid-term elections will be held on Tuesday, November 2. Early voting will begin this month probably around the 17th or 18th. Turnout in these mid-term elections is always lighter than in the years when we elect a president. Some people apparently don't think these elections are as important. However, every single U. S. Representative will stand for election and one-third of the United States Senate. So, even though the executive branch will remain the same for at least another two years, the Congress of the United States may change drastically. And we all have a say in how these elections turn out. It seems to me that each successive election is more important than the last. The direction of the country is at stake in every one of these elections. Please don't disregard this election. It is simply too important to the welfare of the nation.

Pro-Life Course available soon

The Anglicans for Life group at St. Francis has seen fit to invest in an eight week video course developed by the national Anglicans for Life organization. Our plan is to make this available to the entire parish as soon as it is feasible. As I

mentioned to you in my sermon on September 19, it is not enough to state that you are pro-life. I am hoping that this series will help us get a better handle on what it means to be pro-life in a very practical way. It is also my hope that the information contained in this series will be valuable to you to help you form cogent arguments in response to much of the misinformation that seems to be available in the market place. I do not know at this time when we will have the course, but we hope to make it available as soon as possible. We'll keep you informed

On a related matter, 40 Days for Life continues through the end of October. Thanks to all of you who signed up to participate in the prayer vigils this fall. After the sign-up on 9/19, one of the volunteers from the Austin Coalition for Life joined us for our Anglicans for Life meeting. Ruben Ollervides is a member of the leadership team of the organization. I think all of us were impressed not only by the depth of his commitment to the cause of life, but his deep, humble spirituality in general. Having met a number of their leadership team over the years I can tell you that Ruben is not alone. These people are praying, fasting, devoted Christians who believe God has called them to take on this very difficult ministry. I have been impressed with them and with the leadership of other pro-life ministries in Austin. Many of them are young, dynamic individuals whose leadership skills go far beyond their years. God is obviously with them. And we should be, too.

Finally, The Episcopal Missionary Church will meet in Synod from October 21-23. Fr. John and Wanda Stults will represent St. Francis at the Synod. Please keep this meeting in your prayers.

Sunday School News

Classes successfully began on Sept. 12 with both the youth and the younger classes have six students each. Oddly enough, just about everyone is a different age. (I am not quite sure how that happened.) The nursery has 3-4 younger siblings who may come into the younger class this year. Thanks to Rebecca Hoard for organizing the nursery. A big welcome goes to Mason Jensen for attending Sunday school for the first time this year and to Sam Wathan who moved from being the oldest by a couple of years in the younger class to being the youngest by a couple of years in the Youth class. Our two classes just about couldn't be more different.

As stated in the previous newsletter, the older class is discussing heresies. This was a new concept to a couple of the students, so gaining a new understanding of old and rehashed heresies is the goal. Thanks to Mike Ready for leading these students. The elementary aged class is working through Old Testament stories as laid out by the One Room Sunday School program published by Abingdon Press. The suggested activities for the stories are most helpful when an otherwise harried teacher plans the lesson, not to mention Fr. Len's take on what the children should learn from the story. The month of October will be spent on the stories of David from the boy Shepherd state to the King.

A new activity is for me to repeat the elementary lesson on most Sunday afternoons with the children who attend Baraka. I have been hearing that voice in the back of my head saying I needed to do this for too long and decided to act on it. It is interesting teaching four eager, well behaved children with only two of them old enough to speak with you. I am thankful that Fr. Peter's daughters are there to help out. I am looking forward to combining the two young classes together for the Christmas pageant.

The Operation Christmas Child letter with list of items needed for the boxes will go out in October. Our packing date is November 15. What is needed now are shoeboxes with a lid that separates

from the box and that once held women's dress shoes or sandals. Athletic or men's shoe boxes are larger than what is needed. These will be collected in the Sunday school room.

Please pray for the Sunday school program at St. Francis.

Nursing Home

Every time there is a fifth Sunday, a small group of St. Francis members goes to the Retirement and Nursing Center on Burnet Lane at Cullen in the afternoon. Nearly every resident has to be brought out to the Great Hall -- very few walk on their own accord. Some have family with them, but most do not. By the end of our hour, there may be 60 people in the room. For many months, Martha Freeman has been the only one who helps the residents find their place in the book or to hear the requests for songs at the end, plus greet them with a touch. We really could use another hand or two to help. The leading of the music has enough people (Claire Ducker and me singing and Jim Crandell playing the piano), but more help is really needed with the residents. We start at 3:30 and end at 4:30. Please consider helping out. The next date is Oct. 31.

Nursery Help

Rebecca Hoard has stepped up to schedule our nursery attendants for this coming year. We have a nursery during Sunday School from 9:30 - 10:30 and one during the 11:00 service. Please contact her at RebeccaHoard@hotmail.com if you can help out. The more adults we have, the fewer times each will need to serve.

Altar Guild

There will be a Altar Guild meeting on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the church. We will be discussing plans for the fall, winter, and spring. Please try and attend this meeting if you are an Altar Guild Member. If you have any questions call Shirley Ellis, (512) 707-9848.

Fall Meeting Planned

The Women's Committees of St. Francis Church is holding its annual combined Fall meeting on Saturday, October 9th at 10 am.

The morning will start with a invocation, Devotional message by Becky Hunt, and conclude with a brief report of each chairwoman regarding the progress and concerns of their respective committees and plans for Advent.

Mark your calendar and join the dedicated women of St. Francis' Parish and support our on-going projects.

Father Bob Rawson is a new parishioner at St. Francis. He and his wife, Barbara live in Wimberley and have three grown children (two daughters who reside here in Austin and a son in Florida.)

Fr. Bob is a licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor with a Ph.D. in Clinical Christian Psychology. He has 20 years of experience as a hospital/hospice chaplain and Christian counselor. He specializes in marriage, spiritual, and bereavement counseling and has a practice in Wimberley. Counseling appointments are available either at his office in Wimberley or at St. Francis. He can be reached at 512-847-0521 (home), 281-794-4914 (cell), or by e-mail at frrawson@verizon.net.

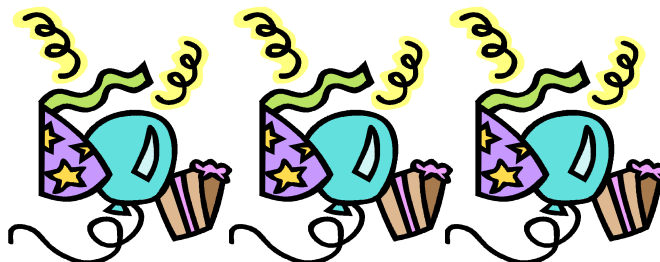
Rector: The Reverend Len Giacolone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell

Anglicans for Life

There will be a meeting of Anglicans for Life on Sunday, October 17th, in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to join us.



Birthdays

3	Byron Elliott
5	Kevin Burnette
13	Gayle Harrell
15	Andrew Brummett
19	Harriette Scharff
25	Carole Martin Ed Sandlin
27	Suzan Stratton
28	David Norris

Anniversary

1	Rev. Robert and Barbara Rawson
3	Len and Nancy Giacolone Chris & Tricia Denslow
12	Robert and Peggy Geiler
13	Ed and Katie Sandlin

Associate Rector: The Reverend John Stults

Organist: Paula Blaha

Server: Ray Merrill and Arthur Woodgate

Newsletter Submissions

Any parishioner that has news of any kind they would like to share with everyone is welcome to send it in writing to Tricia Denslow at 640 B Lakeside Dr., Wimberley, TX 78676 or to her e-mail address (triciadenslow@yahoo.com). If received **by the 20th**, it will appear in next month's newsletter.

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| 1 | Games Night, 6:30 PM | 14 | Bible Study for Women 12:00 pm
Evening Prayer, 6 pm |
| 2 | Austin City Prayer Walk, 9:00 am | 17 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30, Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8a
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 3 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am,
<u>Morning Prayer and</u>
<u>Holy Communion</u> , 11:00 am,
Habakkuk 1:1-13; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:3-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 18 | Mother's and Grandmother's Prayer, 11:00am |
| 5 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon | 19 | Anglicans for Life meeting. |
| 6 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | 20 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm |
| 7 | Bible Study for Women 12:00 pm
Evening Prayer, 6 pm Church | 21 | Bible Study for Women 12:00 pm |
| 9 | Women of St. Francis/Altar Guild meeting,
10:00am | 21 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| 10 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Ruth 1:1-19a, Psalm 113
2 Timothy 2:3-15, Luke 17:11-19
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 24 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Jeremiah 14:1-10, 19-22, Psalm 84
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 11 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm | 26 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon |
| 12 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon | 27 | Transformational Prayer, 7pm |
| 13 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | 28 | Bible Study for Women 12:00 pm
Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| | | 31 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Isaiah 1:10-20, Psalm 32
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, Luke 19:1-10
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |