



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

By the time you receive this we will have had our last service at our West Ninth location. Wednesday, May 1, is moving day. I have been heartened by all of the offers to help with the move and I hope that everyone will find something to do, either packing or unpacking, so that we can begin on Sunday, May 5, at our new address, 10435 Burnet Road.

For those of you who have moved before, either with a church or changing your own residence, you know that it takes a bit of effort to have everything in place and functioning as it was before you moved. That, of course, will also be the case with this move. Almost everything will be new and that in itself should gladden hearts. Some things will be a little different. We will not have pews, but chairs. And because we do not have pews we will not have book racks on them. What we are planning at this time is to have a more complete service sheet to be handed out each week along with an intact copy of both the Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services. If this works, it will eliminate the need to be juggling Prayer Books and hymnals without the ability to store them. We will have kneelers, but not right away. They have been ordered but will not be here when we begin. I beg your indulgence with that as well as a few other things that may not be perfect on the first Sunday (or maybe even the next few).

I am planning to have a ceremony of blessing of the facility before each of the services on May 5 to allow for everyone's participation in it. We will not dedicate this building as we would a church.

But I will use some of the prayers of dedication for the blessing. We will congregate outside the Sanctuary area for the blessing and proceed into the Sanctuary during it.

Our Senior and Junior Wardens, Mark Rambin and Keith Harrell, have been very instrumental in making this move happen on a practical basis and I want to thank them for their service. All the heads of the various ministries have also worked diligently to make this transition as smooth as possible. It is impossible to name everyone individually but I am grateful to each of you for all the extra time that you have put and will put into this move. By the time we are ready to move into our permanent home, we should all have this down pat.

It is my hope that all of you will be moving with us to the Research Square location. However, I realize that for one reason or another some of you may not wish to come. I am sorry about that. I will miss you. I mean that. If you do not intend to remain a member of St. Francis Anglican Church, I would ask that you please inform me of that at your earliest convenience. A pastor needs to know who is actually a member of his congregation.

We are planning on having a cake to celebrate our arrival at the new facility on May 5. A larger celebration is planned for Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday. Over the last several years we have had the men of the parish do a Bar-B-Q, so that we can have a Pot Luck lunch. Please bring a non-meat side dish with you on May 19 as we continue to celebrate our new parish facility.

I don't want to miss a beat with this move.

Therefore, even though we will have just arrived, Thursday, May 9, is the Feast of the Ascension

of the Lord. We will have a Holy Communion service at 12:00 noon on that day. It is a day of obligation and I hope that as many of you as possible will worship with us on that day.

Sunday School Activities

The Sunday school year is almost complete. As is customary at St. Francis, "summer vacation" begins on May 26 -- Memorial Day weekend. (Too bad the public schools are not on the same schedule.) This month will be a little different in that the last three classes will be held at our new temporary location.

For the last three weeks of this school year, the younger class' unit from the **One Room Sunday School** curriculum is titled **New Believers**. The Bible verse used throughout is from Acts 4:32: *The community of believers was one in heart and mind*. The theme for these lessons is how as a Christian, we are called to care for others. The lessons were designed for all children to participate in all the activities, no matter what the ready level.

- May 5, uses the scripture from Acts 2: 42-47 and 4:32-35 -- passages which describe the first gatherings of Christians.
- May 12, the lesson is on Peter and Cornelius from Acts 10:1-28 where Cornelius - a non Jew went to Peter and then Peter at about the same time had a vision about eating pigs and he realized the Gospel was not just for the Jews, but for everyone.
- The last lesson for the school year on May 19 is the story of Pentecost from Acts 2:1-41. The older class of students in grades 5-8, continued to work through the second year of Teach Deep with the emphasis on the Church.

End of year kudos! Thanks go to:

- Rebecca Hoard for leading the program this year and for being the primary teacher for the younger class.
- Doug Cooper for working with the older class.
- The parents who stepped in to teach on those Sundays Rebecca and Doug were out of town.

- Grace Rowse for staffing the nursery and helping out with the younger class when there were no children in the nursery
- St. Francis parents for bringing their children to Sunday school (or making sure they were there).

May 19 will be the last day of Sunday school for this school year. Look for classes to begin on September 8, 2013 - the Sunday after Labor Day.

Reading List

From time to time, either in a sermon or in his article, Fr. Len mentions a book to read. I have taken him up on some of these suggestions and found them very helpful to my prayer life. During Lent, I read **The Secret of Guidance** by F. B. Meyer. 90% of the book is directly applicable to my spiritual life and a great reminder of what we are about as Christians. In a recent sermon, Fr. Len recommended (once again) that everyone read **The Name** by Franklin Graham. I went to Amazon.com and purchased the book and received it in 5 days. This is written in a much different style than F.B. Meyer and very accessible to read in bits and pieces, like I need to do. This book is very eye opening what we as Christians are allowing to happen in our society. Finally, several years ago at Fr. Len's suggestion, I purchased **The Power of a Praying Wife** by Stormie Omartian, read it, put it down, and then re-read it (several times) recently. The prayers are powerful and very scriptural. Recently, I added **The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children** by the same author. Both these books have prayers I use everyday to pray for the two people most important to me. Listen to what Fr. Len suggests -- you may like these books as well.

--Amy Crandell

Pentecost Party

May 19th is the Day of the Pentecost -- one of the great celebrations in the church. The worship service will be the time to give God the glory, praise and worship, but afterwards will be the annual Pentecost Party - the first in our temporary location! Enough members of the loosely-organized Polycarp of Smyrna's Men's Group have volunteered to

bring grilled and BBQ'd meat, that we can celebrate as we have in the past few years. However, If you would like to enjoy something else in the meal -- like a salad, bread, veggies, or desert -- please plan to bring some for everyone to enjoy.



Regularly Scheduled Events and the Move

- The Anglican Rosary service will not be held on April 30, but will start up again in the new, temporary location on May 7.
- Evening Prayer WILL be held on May 2 at the new location. We may not have chairs and the Sanctuary/Nave area may be a little disorganized, but we can find a prayer book and stand to say/sing Evening Prayer.
- Games Night WILL be held in the new location, but at a new time from 7- 9 pm. Join us for a light potluck and a time of games and laughter with other St. Francis members.
- As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, the monthly Prayer Walk will start at the new location on May 4 at 9 am. This time we will start to walk and pray in the neighborhood to the east of the church.
- Plans are for Choir Practice to be held from 10:00 - 10:45 am in the first room to the right of the door. We will begin on May 5. Hopefully, the sound will be contained in that area.
- Anglicans For Life will continue to meet, but the May meeting will be transferred to June 2 to make room for the Pentecost Party on the 3rd Sunday of May.

Birthday

- 1 Amy Crandell
- 4 Cathy Stevenson
- 9 Mark Stevenson
- 8 Gabrielle Wathen
- 10 Michael Presley
- 11 Elizabeth Hicks
- 24 Lisa Bordelon
- 26 C. J. Wright

Anniversaries

- 15 Mark and Cathy Stevenson
- 18 Brian and Rebecca Hoard
Allan and Carol Jacobs Parker
- 21 Victor and Beth Carsrud
- 23 Chaille and Melissa Bernard
- 31 Keith and Gayle Harrell
Ben and Shirley Ellis



Rector: The Rev. Canon Len Giacalone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell

Organist: Paula Blaha

Acolytes: Ray Merrill, Ed Sandlin,

Arthur Woodgate and James Glomb

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 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 | MOVING DAY | 13 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm |
| 2 | Evening Prayer, 6pm | 14 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 3 | Games Night, 7pm | 16 | Mothers' Prayer Group, 12 noon
Evening Prayer, 6pm |
| 4 | Austin City Prayer Walk, 9am | 19 | <u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11 am</u>
Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:24-36
1 Cor. 12:4-13 John 20:19-23
Sunday School, 9:30
PENTECOST. Bar-B-Q and Pot Luck lunch,
12:30 pm. |
| 5 | <u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion,</u>
9:30 am and 11:00 am
Acts 14:8-18 Psalm 67
Revelation 21:22-22:5 John 14:23-29
Sunday School, 9:30 | | |
| 7 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon | 21 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 9 | ASCENSION DAY,
Holy Communion, 12 noon
Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:49-53
Evening Prayer, 6pm | 23 | Evening Prayer, 6pm |
| | | 26 | <u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11 am</u>
Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29
Revelation 4:1-11 John 16:5-15 |
| 11 | Altar Guild Meeting, 10:00 am | 28 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 12 | <u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am</u>
Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 47
Revelation 22:12-20 John 17:20-26
Sunday School, 9:30 | 30 | Evening Prayer, 6pm |