

THE ST. FRANCIS BULLETIN

RECTOR SEARCH

The Vestry continues the process of calling a new Rector. Bishop Ryan Reed periodically forwards a resume of an approved candidate to Senior Warden Doug Cooper who in turn sends it on to the vestry to consider. Further actions have included:

- A meeting with the candidate and the vestry via Zoom.
- An in-person visit with some of the vestry and the candidate in his home church
- Vestry discussion at each stage of the process.

The eight members of the vestry are committed to find the right man to be rector of St. Francis.

There is no timetable for the process to be completed, but the expected progress is being made. Yes, it does not appear to be particularly speedy.

Prayers are continually needed that God's will be accomplished in this endeavor. Pray for the gifts of wisdom and discernment to be present in this process. Members of the vestry are Doug Cooper, David Norris, Jim Crandell, Michael Ready, Bill Palmer, Susan Rambin, Dinah Arce, and Christina Hatley.

We are grateful that Fr. Rogers Meredith is serving as Interim Rector, celebrating most Sundays and providing pastoral care as needed. We have appreciated Fr. Andrew Brummett and Fr. Chip Harper giving of their time to prepare a sermon and celebrate Communion. We look forward to an occasional visit by one or the other.

If you have any pastoral need, do not hesitate to contact Fr. Rogers at holyaustin1959@gmail.com or call 970-629-8778.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

Sunday school begins September 11! All classes are held during the 9:30 service. Missy Bernard, with Adriane Kristo-Reinking as the substitute, will be teaching the younger class (kindergarten through 5th grade) and Doug Cooper will be teaching the older class (sixth grade and up). Sunday school students can attend the beginning of the service for the readings

and move upstairs to the classrooms during the announcements. If your children are new to Sunday school at St. Francis, or if you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Missy Bernard at nelson440@gmail.com.

Everyone is looking forward to returning!

NOTE FROM THE CENTRAL TEXAS COALITION FOR LIFE

Roe vs Wade is no more! With abortions now being illegal in Texas, it's essential for the faithful to be aware of the resources available in our community. The Coalition for Life strives to eliminate the demand for abortion by connecting women and families with the local help available and educating those around us about the truth. YOU can be a part of that.

Here is [Our one-stop directory](https://www.pregnancycentraltexas.com/) for life-affirming resources in central Texas:

How to [debunk common pro-abortion myths](https://www.pregnancycentraltexas.com/).
([blog.equalrightsinstitute.com](https://www.pregnancycentraltexas.com/))

WHAT TO DO POST ROE?

By the Rev. Deacon Georgette Forney

As we contemplate the Roe v. Wade decision being overturned...I have asked the Anglicans For Life's Board of Directors to prayerfully prepare to discuss how the possibility of Roe being overturned will impact our mission and vision for the ministry at our upcoming Board Meeting.

For many pro-life organizations, the fight against abortion has been centered on the U.S. Supreme Court, but Anglicans for Life has emphasized ending abortion by making it unthinkable and unnecessary, so that regardless of the status of the law, people would reject abortion because it is inhumane and hurts women. Also, because we are a para-church ministry, we emphasize a biblical and pastoral approach to upholding the Sanctity of Life, at all stages of life.

Based on informal conversations I have had with friends of AFL about the future of the ministry, most agree that there is still a lot of work to do to protect unborn babies, as access to abortion will be decided by each state. Some states will have to establish laws for or against abortion, while others have bans or laws that will be triggered when/if Roe is overturned.

For people living in states where abortion will remain legal, work to elect politicians that believe in the right to life for everyone – including the unborn. These states will need to become a priority along with getting pro-life legislation passed.

For folks in states that flip periodically from one party majority to the other, the challenge will be to get pro-life politicians elected regardless of party affiliation so laws can be passed to protect the unborn and their mothers.

For those in states that will ban abortion, the emphasis needs to be on outreach to women who are vulnerable to abortion (we don't want them traveling to abortion-friendly states). They need to know there are a myriad of resources and support services they can access, so they can have the financial and emotional strength to embrace motherhood.

As the Church, it is in helping mothers choose life and then supporting them in that decision that we have the greatest opportunity to express the love of Christ in very practical ways. Imagine if every church in America provided outreach and support for those dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. In 2017, there were approximately 920,000 abortions, which means to prevent babies from being aborted, God's people must be prepared to help 920,000 women choose life!

My sense is that the future of Anglicans for Life as a Life-Affirming ministry serving the Anglican Communion in a post-Roe world will require some changes. However, we will continue to work to equip and educate churches, so they are prepared to offer spiritual, emotional, physical, and tangible support for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Discipleship, mentoring, and loving fellowship offered to single moms will allow God's people to reflect God's love for them. That's a goal I hope I can keep working towards!

Excerpted from

<https://anglicansforlife.org/2022/06/09/what-to-do-post-roe/>

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual Ice Cream Social is planned for September 11 after the 11:00 service. Even though the heat will continue for several more weeks, we like to think the end is in sight after the Labor Day holiday. The

members of the St. Polycarp's Men's Guild will make delicious, creamy ice cream and supply the fixings for all to enjoy.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to make a remembrance, memorial or thank offering, consider donating for the altar flowers. Use an envelope from bookcase at the back of the Nave to

enclose your donation. Fill the envelope front out as appropriate and place in the wooden box.

TROTTER HOUSE



Abortion Survivors Network. Melissa's compelling story is not only one of survival but of forgiveness and redemption. The benefit luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 6 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. at the Junior League of Austin Community Impact Center, 5330 Bluffstone Ln, Austin, TX 78759. See this page for more information:

<https://www.betterunite.com/trotterhouse-2022trotterhousehelphealinghopebenefit>

2022 Trotter House Help Healing and Hope benefit is once again in-person for 2022. Their keynote speaker is Melissa Ohden, abortion survivor and founder of the

SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED

The 9:30 service is livestreamed on Facebook. We continue to have viewers who are not members and live a fair distance away tune in to the 9:30 service. The recording will continue to be uploaded to the website, as long as it is being viewed over the course of the next

week. Anyone who has the link can watch the livestream - you don't need to be a member of Facebook to view the service during the livestream. The URL is https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisAustin/live_videos/

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

After a couple of months of vacation, the choir will begin rehearsing on September 11 at 10:00 am in the Choir Room upstairs to prepare music to present the

glory of God during the 11:00 service. New members are always welcome.

THE COFFEE HOUR

It is wonderful to see people sign up to help with the coffee hour tasks! More volunteers are always needed. The sign-up notebook is on the table near the kitchen:

- Make Coffee
- Bring Snacks (either service)
- Clean up after the 11:00 Coffee Hour.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

We are still collecting items for the Trotter House (a pregnancy resource center) and for Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

Trotter House accepts:

- Diapers, bottles, teething, new or gently used clothing and toys
- Monetary donations can be made at: <https://www.betterunite.com/TrotterHouse-alwayson>
- For more information go to: <https://www.trotterhouse.org/>

Mobile Loaves and Fishes accepts:

- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, almost any hygiene item)
- New or gently used clothing for adults and children
- Monetary donations can be made at: <https://give.mlf.org/give/138838/#!/donation/checkout>
- For more information, go to <https://mlf.org/>.

Place your donations in the downstairs nursery.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Ruth Ann Stillman
4	Judy Bernard
7	Eileen Cole
9	Margery Lindsey
12	Sherry Bradshaw
15	Michelle Collins
18	Curran Peter Hatley
20	Kimberly Norris Adriane Kristo-Reinking Will Turner
21	David Kristo-Reinking John Armstrong
23	Eileen Goodrich
24	Stephen Jon Moss

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	James and Jane Cox
5	Mark and Susan Rambin
6	Steve and Angie McCown
10	Franklin and Donna Hunt

OUR YOUTH NEED A COUNTER-CULTURE EDUCATION

Note: Fr. Andrew Brummett thought that members of St. Francis would be interested in this new Anglican micro college starting this fall with plans to start one in Texas in the future.

July 28, 2022

“...be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

In being innocent as doves, we the Church sometimes forget how to be wise as serpents. But the great serpent does not forget; and for many decades he and the sons of this age have been shrewdly and patiently laying plans to capture our children’s hearts and souls. That terrible, careful planning is now coming to fruition, and we see dismaying success in almost every sphere of our culture.

We can no longer deny this, and most strongly affected are indeed our young people; most today do not remember even the residual Christian influence of our culture in the recent past. No ground is hallowed; no age too young for debasement and defilement. Our youth walk through a gauntlet of materialist hopelessness. They are adrift in a sea of perversity unimaginable even ten years ago. They are seduced to destruction on every side. The very algorithms of social media are calculated for vice, deliberately counter to virtue.

The sons of light must hear Christ’s admonition to strategic action, shrewdly resisting the wiles of the devil. Our children’s very souls are in danger; the day is upon us; the hour is now.

We live in the age of dragons, and must raise dragon slayers.

St. Andrew’s College is a response to this challenge. This new micro-college believes Truth is real and that we can know it; that man and woman are the image of God; that asking for the old paths and walking in them will bring light.

St. Andrew’s College exists to proclaim that belief in Christ can challenge the spirit of this age. As an Anglican college, St. Andrew’s treads in the footsteps of the greats on whose shoulders we stand and whose mantle we wear.

Such strategic countermeasures demand coordinated effort: concerned parents and students who intend not to give in nor give up, who are not afraid to be different when holiness demands it; who value our cultural inheritance and want to see it survive; and who further do not want to wonder if their college tuition is aiding in undermining their faith.

I urge you to learn more about St. Andrew’s College at Lake Almanor. I urge you to pray for the inaugural cohort beginning to take shape for this fall. I urge you to consider St. Andrew’s as a solid, Christian college for your young people to attend, even this Fall. Freshman and transfer students are welcome, and high school seniors can finish their high school education, receiving a diploma from St. Andrew’s Academy, and finish their first year of college in the process.

The stakes are high and the time is short.

Together in mission for this generation, and the next.

The Rev’d Brian Foos

Website: <http://thecollegeatstandrews.org>

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

9/4 12 After Trinity (Proper 18)

- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Psalm 1
- Philemon 1-20
- Luke 14:25-33

9/11 13 after Trinity (Proper 19)

- Exodus 32:1, 7-14
- Psalm 51:1-11
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-10

9/18 14 after Trinity (Proper 20)

- Amos 8:4-12
- Psalm 138
- 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- Luke 16:1-13

9/25 15 after Trinity (Proper 21)

- Amos 6:1-7
- Psalm 146: 4-9
- 1 Timothy 6:11-19
- Luke 16:19-31

Notes on the readings:

- St. Francis follows the [1979 BCP Lectionary](#) for the lessons. We are in Year C.
- The text read at the service is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- Each of the listed Sunday readings is linked to the corresponding page on [LectionaryPage.net](#).
- The Sunday collects and text of the psalms are generally from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the psalm is chanted during the 11:00 service. The pointing is based on the Cathedral Psalter and is available on our website.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sundays

9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Nursery is provided.

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion in person, live streamed and recorded. Healing prayers at the altar rail following the service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for youth

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion in person with healing prayers after the service.

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Bible Study online via [Zoom](#).

Wednesdays

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Catechism class via Zoom

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in person in the church and via Zoom

1st Saturday, Sept 3

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Prayers for the Nation in person in the fellowship hall

2nd and 4th Fridays, Sep. 9 and 23

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Home Group/Bible Study in person at the McCowns' house.

2nd & 4th Sundays, Sept. 11 and 25

~12:45 - 2 p.m. Luncheon and Bible study in person at the church.

2nd & 4th Mondays, Sept. 12 and 26

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

3rd Friday, Sept. 16

Noon. Mothers' Prayer Group

4th Friday, Sept. 23

4:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves & Fishes Make Ready Team in-person at St. Louis Catholic Church, Social Ministries Building

5:30 p.m. Food Truck Run, in-person, starts at St. Louis Catholic Church

To join any of the meetings or services held via Zoom, email info@stfrancisaustin.org



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ST. FRANCIS' MISSION STATEMENT

- We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.
- We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.
- We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.
- St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.
- As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.