



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

Parish Meeting

On Sunday, February 6, the annual parish meeting will take place after the 11:00 am service. There are two principle reasons for having this meeting. The parish needs to approve the budget for the fiscal year and it also needs to elect members of the Vestry. There are two vacancies on the Vestry this year. The terms of Mike Ready and Don Watkins have expired and Don is not seeking re-election. As you know, Don has been our Treasurer for the last several years and has done an outstanding job in that role. I want to take this opportunity to thank him publicly for his dedicated service on the Vestry and as Treasurer. A few months ago, the Vestry elected Mike Ready as the new Treasurer. Mike will stand for re-election. Also standing for election are Jerry Bordelon, Fr. John Stults and Doug Cooper. Those four names will appear on the ballot and nominations, if any, will be taken from the floor at the meeting. Two will be elected to serve three year terms. As has been the case for the past few years an annual parish report will be handed out containing information on the parish's activities over the past twelve months. Thanks to Senior Warden, Mark Rabin, for putting the report together from the submissions of various ministry heads and committees. I will also have a few remarks at the

beginning of the meeting and I believe that there will be an opportunity to deal with questions you may have. All of this will be completed well before the beginning of the Super Bowl.

Other February news includes the annual LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon and Half Marathon which will take place on Sunday, February 20. The route this year will utilize among several other streets Winsted Lane, Enfield Road, and Exposition Blvd. W. 5th and W. 6th Street will be open to traffic. This is always a problem for some getting to and from church especially if you forget about it that Sunday morning. Please put it on your calendar now if you expect to be impacted by the race.

Usually the February newsletter contains information about Lent. However, this year Easter is about as late in the year as it can be (April 24) so Lent doesn't begin until March 9. More on that next month. Just for your information, Easter falls on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox, unless you happen to be in the Orthodox Church. Then it always falls on the second Sunday in April.

A group called Home Instead Senior Care in Austin is looking for dedicated, caring people who are looking for full or part-

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time work. Obviously this is a ministry to seniors who are confined or semi-confined to their homes. If any of you are interested you may contact Maren Holyoak at Home Instead Senior Care, mnholyoak@hotmail.com

Several people were not able to attend this year's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Cannoli Joe's due to other engagements. I took that time to express my gratitude to all who did attend. However, I want each and every one of you to know how valuable is your service to the parish. Without you we would not be what and who we are. I am grateful to everyone who serves.

The Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas will be setting up their mobile collection bus in front of St. Francis on Saturday afternoon, March 5th. Their last event at St. Francis this past May netted 18 units of blood. Look for additional details concerning donation appointment scheduling in upcoming Sunday bulletins during February.

Prayer Walk

Please join us on Saturday, Feb. 5th, for our prayer walk. We will be walking and praying downtown along 8th Street. Wear comfortable shoes and come with a heart filled with compassion and concern for the residents, business owners and the lost on 8th Street. Experience the blessing of the Lord as you participate in this method of outreach. All are welcome! Bring a friend! For more information, please contact David and Kim Norris at (281) 923-9028 or austincityprayer-walk@hotmail.com. Hope to see you then!

Christian Education News

After not having classes for a couple of weeks during the Christmas vacation, Sunday school at St. Francis has returned to a more or less normal state.

The elementary students continue to attend the first portion of the 9:30 service together. Most of the readers are following along with some reciting the prayers with the rest of the congregation. At the announcement time, we wave good-bye to Fr. John and walk over the parish house to assemble in our room, going through a similar routine for each lesson. During February, the students will concentrate on a few New Testament stories where Jesus taught his followers how to pray (Matt 6:9), that God will take care of us (Matt 6:25-33), to treat others with kindness and love (Matt 7:12) and to love God (Matt 32:34-38). As there is more time between Christmas and Easter this year, it is nice to concentrate on these stories before jumping into Lent. It is exciting to me that several of the children can read well enough to read the stories directly from the Bible, so I will incorporate more of this for the rest of the year. On most Sundays, I return to church and repeat the lesson with the children attending the Baraka service. Thanks to Fr. Len who offers insight on the theme of each lesson.

This is from Mike Ready: The youth are studying the Fathers of the Church, beginning with a discussion of the nature of authority, the continuity of the Apostles' teaching, and the world of the early Fathers. We will continue with a look at Sts. Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch,

Justin Martyr, and Iranaeus of Lyons - witnesses of the first generation after the apostles.

A third class has begun that is more or less under the umbrella of Christian Education. Three of our youth are nearing the age where one is traditionally ready to be confirmed; so a confirmation class is held during the 11:00 service on select Sundays. Please pray for these girls as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Continue to include the St. Francis Sunday school in your prayers.

-Amy Crandell

Refreshments

Each Sunday, light snacks and coffee are available in the parish house after the 11:00 service. This can be considered a tool in building the body of Christ in our church. Making the personal connections to each can lead further involvement in the church in other activities. The key to the time is a steady pool of volunteers willing to supply the food and make the coffee. Pick a Sunday when you can help out and sign-up on the list near the kitchen.

Rector: The Reverend Len Giacolone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell



Birthdays

- 2 Erin Darling
- 4 John Gaitan
Jim Britt
- 5 Patricia Burnette
- 7 Burt Pigg
- 8 Tristan Jensen
- 9 Kyle Read
- 11 Elizabeth Elliott
- 12 Mike Ready
- 23 Peggy Presley
- 24 Callie Burnette
- 27 Fred Savage
- 28 Hannah Kelly O'Conner

Anniversary

- 14 John and Wanda Stults



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 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon.
Project Life, 7:00 pm | 14 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm |
| 2 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | 15 | Anglican Rosemary, noon.
Project Life 7pm |
| 3 | Evening Prayer, 6 pm Church | 16 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm |
| 4 | Games Night, 6:30pm | 17 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| 5 | Austin City Prayer Walk, 9am | 20 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 71:16-24
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 6 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am,
<u>Morning Prayer and</u>
<u>Holy Communion</u> , 11:00 am,
Habakkuk 3:1-6, 17-19
Psalm 27
1 Corinthians 2:1-11
Matthew 5:13-20
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING | 21 | Mothers' Prayer Group, 11am |
| 8 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon | 22 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon
Project Life, 7:00 pm |
| 9 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | 23 | Transformational Prayer, 7pm |
| 10 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church | 24 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| 13 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20
Psalm 119:1-16
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-24, 27-30, 33-37
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 27 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Isaiah 49:8-18
Psalm 62
1 Corinthians 4:1-13
Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |