



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

One final go-around before summer hiatus. As you know, we don't publish the newsletter during July or August and there's often little enough news for the June edition. That being said, we have come to another milestone in the newsletter's history. For the past several years, Erika Denslow has been the one who actually gets the newsletter out to you in whatever form you receive it. This is her last edition since she is going off to school in Massachusetts of all places. She has been a delight to work with these past few years and I want to thank her personally and publicly for the great work she has done for the parish. Her mother, Tricia will take over on the newsletter in the fall.

Speaking of going off to college, Julie Rambin is headed to A & M in the fall. Julie has also been very helpful with church activities, musically, in the classroom and in the nursery. Last I heard Julie was looking toward medical school in her future. If these two young women are any example of what our future looks like, we don't have to worry too much.

As you know part of our responsibility as a member of the Episcopal Missionary Church is to tithe ten per cent of our

income to the diocese to which we belong. Usually this money is used to cover the work of the bishop of the diocese, travels, office, etc. Since we don't have a bishop in the Diocese of the Western States our vestry made the decision several years ago (with Bishop Millsaps agreement) to use the money where it could be doing some good rather than letting it collect interest but dust at the same time. We sent to Bishop Millsaps \$2,252 as the ten per cent of the ten per cent we would have sent to the diocese. Earlier this year the vestry decided to support our seminarian, Andrew Brummett, providing him with \$500 per month toward his educational expenses at Dallas Theological Seminary. Our tithe is distributed both locally and nationally. On the Local level in addition to Andrew, we sent \$2500 to Caritas of Austin. For the past several years we have helped in the food kitchen and pantry and this donation was given specifically to their kitchen for supplies that they couldn't get in any other way. We sent \$1500 to Texas alliance for Life. Year round, but especially when the Texas Legislature is in session, these people work tirelessly to monitor the pro-life legislation that is introduced. We also sent \$1272 to our sister congregation, Baraka, run by Father Peter.

We also sent some money out of town to ministries that do tremendous work. As we did last year we sent \$3000 to the American Center for Law and Justice. Just think ACLU and think of the absolute counterpart. These people defend our religious freedoms so constantly under attack in the courts. Likewise we sent \$3000 to Treasures of Grace, a ministry out of Haskell, Texas, that sends bibles to inmates who request them. This is so important because it combats the growing influence of Islam in our nation's prisons. \$2000 went to Operation Blessing International, a relief agency which operates world-wide whenever disaster strikes. Finally, \$1000 was sent to World Challenge, Inc., for their work with widows and orphans around the world.

Because of your generosity we are able to bless people we never meet and would never even hear about. And remember, this is tithe money, not discretionary spending. It belongs to God and is to be used for His purposes.

Finally, I am writing this before the parish relocation meeting. At this point I do not know how it went. I am sure of one thing. The matter of relocation will only ultimately be resolved by prayer. However you feel about this, there is only one opinion that counts here and that's God's. Whether you want to move or don't the future of the parish is in God's hands and we have to be as sure as possible of what He wants before we do it. Someone once told me, "you can't dig in your heels if you're on your knees." Until this matter is resolved there is no question that the praying needs to pick up.

See you back in the fall!



ALTAR FRONTAL

The Women of St. Francis and the Altar Guild are asking for donations for the purchase of a new and much needed Altar Frontal. Please make your check payable to Women of St. Francis and either give it to Nancy Critchfield-Jones or Shirley Ellis, or place it in one of the envelopes from the table in the rear of the church. Please mark the envelope ALTAR FRONTAL and place it in the collection plate. Our goal is \$2,000.00



NEW COMMITTEE

Do you love to prepare elaborate, delicious food? Or, are you content with easy meals from the frozen food department or take out!! The Women of St. Francis needs your culinary skills and services to help with parish luncheons, receptions, and other functions that arise throughout the year. Women or men who are interested in supporting your church family in this way contact: Leanne Read at 345- 0145.

GRADUATE LUNCHEON



The May 5th luncheon given by the Women of St. Francis for the 2007 high school graduates was a huge success. The food was delicious and the event was much enjoyed. A huge thank you to all the women who worked to make it possible.

Rector: The Reverend Len Giacalone
Senior Warden: Mark Rambin
Junior Warden: Keith Harrell



Birthdays

- 3 Joe McIlhaney
- 5 Rev. Len Giacalone
- 6 Lyle Garrison
- 9 Aleksander Denslow
- 10 Cassandra Watkins
- 11 Steve and Amanda Ogden
- 15 Jill Brasuell
Charlotte Ready
- 18 Nancy Jones
- 26 Kevin McCommon
- 27 Anna Burnette
- 30 Sylvia Kelley

Anniversaries

- 1 Jace and Cindy Phillips
- 9 Joe and Marion McIlhaney
Thomas and Lorraine Pangle
Mike and Charlotte Ready
- 11 Steve and Amanda Ogden



Associate Rector: The Reverend John Stults
Organist: Sylvia Kelley
Server: Ray Merrill

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 Erika 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 | Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.
Game Night, 6:30 p.m. | 17 | Father's Day
<u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 a.m., and
11:00 a.m., 2 Sam. 11:26-12:10, 13-
15, Psalm 32:1-8, Galatians 2:11-21,
Luke 7:36-50

<i>Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.</i> |
| 3 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 a.m., <u>Morn-
ing Prayer and Holy Communion</u> ,
Isaiah 6:1-8), Psalm 29, Revelation
4:1-11, John 16:5-15

<i>Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.</i> | 22 | Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. |
| 8 | Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. | 24 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 a.m., 11:00
a.m., Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:7-13,
Acts 13:14b-26, Luke 1:57-80

<i>Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.</i> |
| 10 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 a.m., and
11:00 a.m., 1 Kings 17:17-24, Psalm
30, Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17

<i>Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.</i> | 29 | Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. |
| 11 | Grandmother's and Mother's Prayer
group, 11:00 a.m.
Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m. | | |
| 15 | Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. | | |