



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

I'd like to start off with a public service announcement. Tuesday, November 2, is Election Day. If you haven't already voted, please do so. It is a privilege to be able to choose those who will represent us in the various offices of government.

THANKSGIVING DAY

As is our custom, we will have a Holy Communion service on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 am. Although it has not been a big hit in the past I will also bless any bread/rolls that you might wish to use for your meal that day. I believe that it is quite appropriate to begin this day with a public thanksgiving. It is more than a national holiday. For Christians it is a reminder of the need to give thanks to Almighty God for everything we have and are. Please try to celebrate with us on that day.

PRO-LIFE COURSE

As I mentioned to you in the last newsletter, our Anglicans for Life group has invested in an eight week course that deals specifically with matters of life, death, abortion, adoption, euthanasia, stem cell technology and the like. I have had the opportunity to re-view some of this material and I believe it would be valuable for all of us to have

access to this. Therefore, shortly after the first of the year, we will make this course available to the whole parish. The details will have to be worked out such as time and place and materials will have to be obtained. That means that anyone who wishes to participate will have to sign up. Since almost all of you are pro-life I don't think that this course will change anyone's mind. But we need to be able to combat the arguments and the lies offered by the other side. Most of their argumentation is based on half truths or outright falsification. The more people know about abortion the less attractive abortion becomes. That's the goal. Please consider joining us in January. One note of thanksgiving here. In order to view this material we were in need of a projector. A parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous has graciously offered to purchase one for the parish. This will be invaluable not only for this course but for any subsequent courses that require electronic assistance.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

There are a few things that I need to address with regard to our worship. First of all, the standard for our worship in this church is the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. The Prayer book makes attendance mandatory on every Sunday. I realize that sometimes that may not be possible.

But one should not lightly excuse oneself from Sunday worship. Secondly, our services begin at 9:30 and 11 am on Sunday, not sometime thereafter. There are a number of folks who are habitually late. This is disturbing to the rest of the congregation, even if you remain in the back of the church. Please try to be on time. Once you are in church for the service you should remain in church unless it is absolutely necessary to leave. Again, I understand that there may be a serious reason to leave. But on some Sundays the door seems to open and close more often after the service begins than before. Finally, cold and flu season is upon us. If you even think you have something that is contagious please do not use the communion cup. When you receive the consecrated wafer you are receiving communion in its fullness. Please be conscious of your fellow communicants.

We are in the midst of our pledge drive for 2011. Please try to have your pledge card in by the last Sunday in November. This will allow the Vestry to work on the budget for next year at its December meeting. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Finally, Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday morning, November 7. Please turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening before you turn in.

Anglicans for Life

There will be a meeting of Anglicans for Life on Sunday, November 21st, in the Parish Hall. We would love for everyone to join us.

Sunday School News

The youth class completed their unit on heresy at the end of October. Thanks to Mike Ready for leading this unit. (I wish I could have attended.) Ed Sandlin responded to my appeal for someone to lead this class for a few lessons and will take up short study on Colossians during November and part of December (thank you, Ed!). The elementary class finished up a unit on David mostly from 1st and 2nd Samuel and will move onto a lesson on Ruth and Nehemiah during the first two weeks of November.

Both classes will take a break from the normal routine to pack up the Christmas boxes on November 14. We have plenty of boxes and are looking forward to collecting the items to go inside. You can contribute by purchasing a large quantity of a couple of items to go in the boxes. The list of acceptable toys was mailed to everyone on the mailing list and extra copies are available in the back of the church. The items to go in the boxes are needed by November 7th. As Samaritan's Purse requests a \$7 donation for each box and we hope to do at least 20 boxes, monetary assistance is welcome as well.

The elementary class will move into Advent mode on November 28th with a lesson on the prophecies leading to Christ's birth coupled with practice for the Christmas Pageant to be held December 19.

Sermons on the Web

Nearly all the sermons preached at St. Francis are posted on our website. At two sermons each Sunday, the library is

building up on the website. You can even go back a few years and listen to the sermons! The sermons are at <http://www.stfrancisaustin.com/sermons2.asp> and available to anyone with web access to download and enjoy. If you would like copies of the sermons on a CD, please sign-up on the notebook on the desk in the hall and a copy will be made for you. Thanks to Don Watkins for maintaining this list.

Altar Guild News

For the 12 days of Christmas, the church will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias. If you wish to make a remembrance or memorial donation at this time of year please give your donation with the names of the people or occasion you wish to honor to Angie McCown or Nancy Critchfield-Jones. Envelopes for this purpose are located on the table in the back of the church and may be put in the collection plate.

Shirley Ellis
Altar Guild Director

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



Birthdays

- 3 Mark Rambin
Polly Sowell
- 9 Walter Hutson
Mary Ogden
- 11 Meredith Stults
- 12 Elizabeth Brummett
Michael Adams
- 13 Thomas O'Conner
- 15 Donald St. Martin
- 16 Madeline Phillips
- 17 Jan Triplett
Martelle Wathen
Kerry Manning Adams
- 22 William Henry Hoard
- 25 Steve McCown
- 27 Rebecca Hunt
- 29 Thomas Pangle
Ian Robert Hoard

Anniversary

- 30 Glenn and Rebecca Hunt

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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| 2 | ELECTION DAY
Anglican Rosary, noon | 15 | Mother's and Grandmother's Prayer, 11:00am |
| 3 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | 16 | Anglican Rosemary, noon |
| 4 | Evening Prayer, 6 pm Church | 17 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm |
| 5 | Games Night, 6:30pm | 18 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| 6 | Austin Prayer Walk, 9am | 21 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:35-43
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 7 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am,
<u>Morning Prayer and</u>
<u>Holy Communion</u> , 11:00 am,
Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Luke 20:27-38
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 21 | Anglicans for Life, Parish Hall |
| 8 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm | 23 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon |
| 9 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon | 24 | Transformational Prayer, 7pm |
| 10 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | 25 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
<u>Thanksgiving</u>
Deuteronomy 8:1-3,6-10
Psalm 65
James 1:17-18, 21-27
Matthew 6:25-33 |
| 11 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church | 28 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 24:37-44
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 14 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Malachi 3:13-4:2a, 5-6
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | | |