



## The St. Francis Bulletin

### **FROM THE RECTOR:**

First of all, a blessed and happy new year to all of you! I can't believe that it's 2012. As always, our Christmas celebrations were beautiful thanks to all those who participated in the decorating, the preparation and execution of the liturgical celebrations and all the behind the scenes work of the choir, musicians and Altar Guild. I am grateful for the participation of all in these services.

Along the very same lines of appreciation, we will once again have a parish appreciation dinner either in January or early February. Since I have not yet arranged anything, the details will have to be forthcoming. But be assured that I have not forgotten about it. I just haven't gotten around to it.

For some time I have been considering doing another Inquirer's Class based on the basics of the Christian faith and our Anglican expression of it. I had thought about beginning in January after things settled down a bit. But the weather is sometimes uncooperative at this time of year and so I propose to do it in the spring, beginning after Easter. It is usually six weeks long and the sessions are about 60 to 90 minutes each. This is usually a good preparation for adult confirmation but I have been told by some of you who have come back for a refresher course that you have enjoyed it and gotten a great deal out of it. So look for this class to begin around mid-April.

Sunday, January 22, is Respect Life Sunday throughout the nation. It is also the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decision making abortion a constitutional right in this country. We will do something to commemorate the day. As I have mentioned to you often in the past, it is my belief

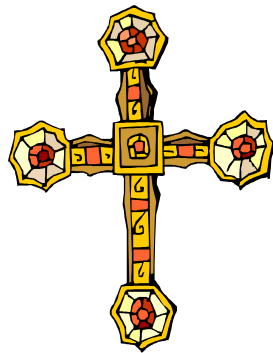
that the killing of our children is one of the reasons, if not the most important one, that our God has turned away His hand of protection from this nation. This is a great offense against the majesty and sovereignty of God and until we come to our senses in this country and once again honor Him as creator, we will continue to decline as a nation.

Thanks to all of you who have made a pledge to St. Francis for 2012. It is, of course, what allows us to keep going. I appreciate each and every one of your pledges no matter the size. I hope that your pledge reflects a conversation with God about your commitment to Him as well as to the church. If you have not yet made your pledge, there is still time. We never turn down pledge cards. The Vestry will finalize the budget we intend to present to the parish at the annual meeting in February during our January Vestry meeting. Please get your pledge card in before that so that our Treasurer, Mike Ready, can work up a proposed budget for 2012. Thanks.

We are approaching (actually we're probably already there) the cold and flu season. Just a bit of etiquette for the Holy Communion. If you have a communicable disease, it might be well to stay home until you are no longer contagious. If, however, you decide to come to church, it would be wise to avoid the common communion chalice. I realize that communion under both species is the norm in this church, but please use some common sense as well. I ask you to respect the health of your brothers and sisters in the congregation by doing what you can not to spread the germs.

Finally, I have already been advised of the date for this year's Austin Marathon. It is Sunday, February 19. The route for the race will once again affect 15<sup>th</sup> Street/Enfield. You will not be able to get to church using that road. I'm telling you in advance and I will let you know again in the next newsletter.

In case you get this before January 1, I remind you that there will only be one service on New Year's Day. That will be at 11:00 o'clock. There will be no 9:30 service that day. Our regular schedule will resume on January 8.



### **Anglicans for Life**

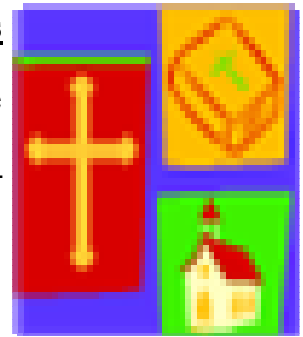
There will be a meeting of Anglicans for Life on Sunday, January 15th. We will meet in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 coffee time. The "Choose Life" license plates are now available. The cost is thirty dollars, twenty-two of which goes toward the promotion of adoption. Consider purchasing these plates as a sign of your personal stand for life.

### **Epiphany Celebration**

You are invited to an Epiphany celebration on Friday, January 6th at 6:30 pm in the parish house. Claire Ducker, Mike and Charlotte Ready, and Amy and Jim Crandell will host this celebration that takes the place of games night. Any sort of research done on traditional celebrations on Epiphany always seem to include plenty of food and wassail to drink -- so this is what will be presented for all to enjoy. Of course, gathering together with other church friends is always fun. Let Claire Ducker know if you plan to come.

### **Christian Education News**

Most are reading this article close to the first of January 2012. Activities for the elementary class during this past December centered almost entirely on preparing the pageant. After two weeks of running through the pageant, painting the backgrounds and aided by almost everyone practicing their read and memorized lines at home, the big day arrived on the 18th. After getting into the costumes, running through the script two more times, time was up. We had a nice audience of parents, other family members, and a few interested parishioners who sang the carols very well. The kids did a great job -- the best done in years! Thanks to Martelle Wathen who helped out for a couple of weeks and was the main prompter for the lines. Thanks to the moms who helped their kids at home be familiar with their lines! Whatever we did worked!



Classes take a break on Christmas Day and January 1. We begin again January 8th and run for 20 weeks until May 20. The elementary class moves to a study of New Testament stories: Jesus in the Temple, his Baptism, and the calling of the disciples. Thanks to Rebecca Hoard, Missy Bernard, Martelle Wathen, Kim Norris, and Cassandra Jenson for working with the elementary class.

The youth class begins a section of the miracles of Jesus titled Supernatural. They will study the miracles of turning water into wine, calming the sea, feeding the thousands, and healing the paralytic. Thanks to Doug Cooper for working with this small group of youth.

Thanks to all the parents who faithfully make sure their kids are in class. Please continue to keep the St. Francis Sunday School program in your prayers.

## Sunday Coffee Hour Sign-up

Happy New Year! Our 2012 sign-up calendar is wide open! Be sure to visit our calendar located in the parish hall and sign up for a Sunday or two. It is very easy to host our morning coffee hour. Instructions are posted near the kitchen. Muffins, cookies, cheese & crackers and/or fruit are great items to provide for our St. Francis snackers. Consider teaming up with another parishioner...or have your small group host a particular Sunday. All are welcome! Questions? Contact David & Kim Norris at [austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com](mailto:austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com) or (281) 923-9028.



## Birthday

- 1 Audrey Woodgate
- 5 Philip Crandell  
Doug Cooper
- 6 Jerry Bordelon
- 12 Carol Lofland
- 17 Tom Matthews
- 18 Gayle Horn
- 19 Arthur Woodgate  
Gary Horn
- 25 Barbara Rawson
- 28 Cornelia Wood
- 31 Ben Ellis

## Anniversary

- 11 Grady and Michelle Collins
- 16 Michael and Peggy Presley
- 25 Brendle and Teresa Glomb

## Austin City Prayer Walk

Our first prayer walk for 2012 is Saturday, January 7th at 9 am. Here are two great New Year's resolutions - to pray more and to get more exercise. We've got the solution for you! Join us for a prayer walk! We meet on the first Saturday of each month to walk and pray along a downtown street. It is a wonderful way to deepen your prayer life and connect with the needs of our city. Prayer walking is eye opening...and heart opening. As we walk and pray, we see things we never think to pray about...and we gain compassion for the people of our city. Our zeal for the Lord and the Gospel increases greatly through prayer walking. Of course, the exercise and fellowship are added bonuses! Prayerfully consider joining us one Saturday...all are welcome! Contact David & Kim Norris at [austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com](mailto:austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com) or (281) 923-9028.



**Rector: The Rev. Canon Len Giacalone**  
**Senior Warden: Mark Rambin**  
**Junior Warden: Keith Harrell**

**Associate Rector: The Reverend John Stults**  
**Organist: Paula Blaha**  
**Servers: Ray Merrill and Arthur Woodgate**  
**Ed Sandlin and Philip Crandell**

## 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](mailto:triciadenslow@yahoo.com)). If received **by the 20th**, it will appear in next month's newsletter.

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## January 2012

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| 1  | <b>HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b><br><b><u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion,</u></b> 11:00 am<br>Exodus 34:1-8                      Psalm 8<br>Romans 1:1-7                      Luke 2:15-21                    | 15 | Anglicans for Life meeting, 12:30pm   |
| 3  | Anglican Rosary 12 noon   | 16 | Mother's Prayer Group, 11:00 am   |
| 4  | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm  | 17 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon  |
| 5  | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church  | 18 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm  |
| 6  | Games Night, 6:30pm   | 19 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church  |
| 7  | Austin City Prayer walk, 9am  | 22 | <b><u>Holy Communion,</u></b> 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br>Jeremiah 3:21-4:2 Psalm 130<br>1 Cor. 7:17-23 Mark 1:14-20<br>Sunday School for Children and Youth, 9:30  |
| 8  | <b><u>Holy Communion,</u></b> 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br>Isaiah 42:1-9                      Psalm 89:20-29<br>Acts 10:34-38                      Mark 1:7-11<br>Sunday School for Children and Youth, 9:30   | 24 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon   |
| 9  | Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm  | 25 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm  |
| 10 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon  | 26 | Evening Prayer, 6 pm  |
| 11 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm  | 29 | <b><u>Holy Communion,</u></b> 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br>Deuteronomy 18:15-20                      Psalm 111<br>1 Cor. 8:1b-13                      Mark 1:21-28<br>Sunday School for Children and Youth, 9:30<br>Pot Luck Lunch, 12:30 pm |
| 12 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church  | 31 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon  |
| 15 | <b><u>Holy Communion,</u></b> 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br>1 Samuel 3:1-10                      Psalm 63:1-81<br>Cor. 6:11b-20                      John 1:43-51<br>Sunday School for Children and Youth, 9:30 |    |   |