



St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

Well, it's official! At the parish meeting on March 17, the congregation voted to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Committee and the Vestry to move the location of our worship space to Research Square, 10435 Burnet Road, Suite 125. From my observation, the vote was nearly unanimous and there was an aura of excitement in the room as we discussed the next step in the future of our parish.

This has been quite some time in coming. There were several factors that made this transition difficult and lengthy. But the committee has been diligently searching for and evaluating the properties that have come to its attention and I want to thank the members of the committee and especially Mark Ramin for work above and beyond the call of duty.

For those of you who were not at the meeting, there is one point that needs to be stressed. This is a temporary location for us. Obviously, it would have been optimal for us to move from one location to another permanently. That just wasn't possible at this time. We are still searching for what will be our permanent home. The Research Square facility will provide us with the kind of space we need to continue our work of evangelization in the Austin area until such a time as we can either find another church or build one to suit our needs on a piece of property. Incidentally, we are currently evaluating a piece of property in Northwest Austin to see if that land might be suitable for our permanent use. That evaluation could be complete by the time you read this and we may know if we can proceed with the purchase of that land.

Times like these are often tinged with a little bit of anxiety as well as excitement. But I was impressed

on Sunday with the enthusiasm in the congregation. We now have to translate that enthusiasm into a bit of hard work to make the transition. I will be asking some of you to work with me as we put a transition committee together and I will welcome anyone who wishes to help with the move. Usually, after Easter, there is a big sigh and a bit of a respite. Not this year. In fact, we will have to get moving on the moving project. For those of you who are in charge of ministries at the parish, I would encourage you to begin taking inventory of what we have and what we will need to take with us. This is a great time for house cleaning and getting rid of that which is no longer needed. If you haven't used it in a year or don't know what it's for, we might not need it. Just a thought. At any rate we will need all the help we can get so I ask that you make yourself as available as you can during April. Our last Sunday service at the current location will be on Sunday, April 28. On Sunday, May 5, we will have our first service in the new, temporary facility.

I know as I write this that Holy Week and Easter are yet a few days away. However, I also know that so many people make these celebrations extraordinary each year and I want to thank all of you who work behind the scenes as well as those who actually participate in the execution of these beautiful liturgical celebrations. I know that God is well pleased with our efforts in that regard and that He will bless you for your faithfulness.

Honor Flight Austin

Hi my name is Michelle Collins and my husband Grady and I have recently joined St. Francis. I'm also a member of the *Ladies Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart* and have been helping some of our local veterans for the last few years. I'd like to reach out to our veterans, their family members and/or friends who have served. Over the last few years I've had the honor to meet some of our truly heroic men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving our nation along with their supportive and dedicated friends and families. I've developed friendships with people who are able to provide assistance with making sure that veterans are receiving all of the benefits they truly deserve and that they are entitled to and with receiving recognition and/or medals that were never received. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you, a family member or a friend.

I'd also like to introduce you to an organization that is dedicated to transporting veterans, with a specific

priority given to those residing in Travis and the surrounding counties, to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices called *The Honor Flight Austin*. Sadly, over one thousand World War II veterans are dying each day, and our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out. The goal is to be able to transport all veterans to visit their respective memorial but the current focus is on our World War II veterans and all other veterans with a terminal illness. This experience is offered at no cost to the veteran from local organizations such as the American Legion, VFW, AmVets, DAV, MOPH Chapter 1919, and various other corporations. The next trip is scheduled for April 26-27, 2013 and future trips will be scheduled based on the number of applications received and available funding. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 541-7790, via e-mail dmcoll20@austin.rr.com or visit their website at www.honorflightaustin.org.



Birthdays

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| 1 | Susan LaRoux |
| 3 | James Ogden LaRoux |
| 4 | Don Watkins |
| 5 | Paige Adkins |
| 8 | Micah Looke
Robert Bernard |
| 10 | Shannon Adkins |
| 13 | Christina Coley |
| 17 | Hannah Presley |
| 20 | Ray Merrill |
| 21 | Jim Crandell |
| 22 | Samantha Wathen |
| 23 | Diane Darling
Jace Phillips |
| 24 | Steve Ogden |
| 26 | Lorraine Pangle
Anne Moore |
| 27 | G.W. Martin |
| 29 | Miller Hicks |
| 30 | Elizabeth Kalash |



Anniversaries

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| 3 | Jack and Mildred Farris |
| 5 | Roy and Nancy Jones |
| 8 | Karl David and Pam Stephan |

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| 2 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon | 16 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 3 | Transformation Prayer Group. 7:00 pm | 17 | Transformation Prayer Group. 7:00 pm |
| 4 | Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm | 18 | Mothers' Prayer Group, 12 noon
Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm |
| 5 | Games Night, 6:30 pm | 21 | <i>Holy Communion</i> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Acts 13:15-16, 26-33 Psalm 100
Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
Sunday School, 9:30 |
| 6 | Austin City Prayer Walk, 9 am | 23 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 7 | <i>Holy Communion</i> , 9:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
<i>Morning Prayer & Holy Communion</i> , 11:00 am
Acts 5:12a, 17-22, 25-29 Psalm 111
Revelation 1:1-19 John 20:19-31 | 24 | Transformation Prayer Group. 7:00 pm |
| 8 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm | 25 | Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm |
| 9 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon | 28 | <i>Holy Communion</i> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Acts 13:44-52 Psalm 145:1-9
Revelation 19:1, 4-9 John 13:31-35
Sunday School, 9:30 |
| 10 | Transformation Prayer Group. 7:00 pm | | |
| 11 | Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm | | |
| 14 | <i>Holy Communion</i> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Acts 9:1-19a Psalm 33:1-11
Revelation 5:6-14 John 21:1-14
Sunday School, 9:30 | | |