

THE ST. FRANCIS BULLETIN

FROM THE RECTOR

Fr. Len Giacalone

For the first time in more than a quarter century, the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth has a new bishop—well almost. Bishop Ryan S. Reed was consecrated as the Bishop Coadjutor for the diocese on Saturday, September 21. As the Bishop Coadjutor, he is really the bishop-in-waiting. Over the next few months, there will be a transition from Bishop Iker's administration to Bishop Reed's. Bishop Reed will be installed as the Diocesan Bishop on Saturday, January 4, 2020, I presume at the Cathedral of St. Vincent in Bedford. Bishop Iker will be on sabbatical until the end of October, and there will be a retirement party for him during the annual convention in November. Bishop Iker has been a stalwart leader of our diocese for a long time, and he deserves our gratitude for fulfilling his role as our shepherd over the last twenty-six years. I expect no less from Bishop Reed. Please pray for them in this transition as well as for the diocese that all of us may remain faithful to the Lord and our mission.

The consecration itself was a marvelous event. According to the diocese there were approximately twelve hundred people from around the diocese as well as bishops from around the country attending. There were about a dozen people from St. Francis in attendance which I think is remarkable considering the distance from Austin to Fort Worth.

Bishop Reed had been scheduled to make his first annual visitation to our parish on Father's Day next June. When I spoke with him at the consecration, he informed me that he will be in Malawi at that time. As you may know, the Diocese of Fort Worth has a special relationship with the Diocese of Northern Malawi and that diocese will be celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary next June. Bishop Reed told me that he may have some availability earlier in the spring for a visit and he will let me know.

One final bit of diocesan news. Oral arguments before the Texas Supreme Court are scheduled for December 5, 2019, here in Austin in the property dispute between the diocese and the Episcopal Church. This dispute over who owns the property in the diocese has now been going on for eleven years and as you might imagine, at an extraordinary cost. We believe that we are now coming to the end of the dispute and that the Texas Supreme Court is the final stop for the case. They have already ruled once in our favor and it seems illogical that they would reverse themselves now. But strange things happen in our legal system. In a similar case in South Carolina, the Supreme Court of that state did reverse itself because the makeup of the court had changed in an interim between hearings. As far as I know that has not happened here. But your prayers are needed nonetheless.

Ellen Harrison has gone to meet her Lord. Her funeral will be held at the Cook-Walden Shepherd of the Hills Funeral Home on Anderson Mill on Monday, September 30, at 10:00 am. I would ask that you keep Dan and his family in your prayers in the coming days and weeks ahead.

Our relationships with cleaning companies for the church have been less than stellar since we moved into the new building. We will soon be using our third company in an attempt to keep the church looking as it should for our worship. I would also like to enlist your help in keeping the property clean. If you see something that needs attention like simply picking up something off the floor, please just do it. The building belongs to all of us.

ADOPTION

Submitted by Steve McCown

Adoption is a hard sell. Open your home to someone who is not related to you and may not share your way of life or values? Considering the additional complications of adopting a child, and it is little wonder why there are only, on average, 135,000 adoptions a year, according to the Adoption Network, while there are over 400,000 children in the foster system in the United States. This means that special needs adoption is an even harder sell, as it could bring additional financial and emotional burdens. But if we truly believe that all life is sacred, the onus falls on us as Christians to open our doors to the orphaned, and that includes children with special needs. What exactly does "special needs" mean? This could mean physical, mental, emotional, and/or learning delays or disabilities. However, this also includes siblings who wish to stay together, teenagers, and children who have been physically, sexually, or emotionally abused.

Clearly, this is a widely defined group with a lot of differing needs, and maybe your family is uniquely created to welcome one or more of these children. I can hear your objections. Adoption won't work with

your life, because of x, y, and z. You don't feel called to adopt.

True, not everyone is called to be an adoptive parent, special needs or not. But that doesn't mean you can't serve families who do feel called to adopt. Some ways to support adoptive families include: organizing members of your church who want to serve families in your church and community who have chosen adoption, especially special needs adoption; learning about the needs of adoptive parents and families; setting up volunteers who are willing to assist with childcare, transportation, or other practical needs.

Further, in these days of the "nuclear family" young couples often do not have extended family members to readily call upon in times of need. So, these are support services that many parents might need whether or not they are an adoptive family.

Keep your parish pro-life, pro-family.

Excerpted from:

<https://anglicansforlife.org/2019/08/12/take-action-special-needs-adoption/>

DIOCESAN NEWS

- **The Diocesan web page** can be found at <http://www.fwepiscopal.org/>
- Over the next couple of weeks, the Consecration service of our newest Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Ryan S. Reed will be posted on the [Diocese's Communication YouTube Channel](#): Right now, the webcast version is posted. Waiting for the edited version is recommended.
- The next big diocesan event is the annual convention on November 15 and 16 at the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Granbury Convention Center. Frank Hunt is our lay delegate. He and Fr. Len will attend the convention.

ST. FRANCIS SOCIAL MEDIA`

If you are on Facebook or Instagram and are following St. Francis, you undoubtedly will notice the number of postings has increased dramatically. Libby Ibañez volunteered to take over the Instagram posting. She is actually quite handy with making memes for Instagram postings. These, in turn, are posted on our Facebook page. Consider following St. Francis on either or both platforms - you will learn quite a bit about the saints on the diocesan calendar, as well as many other posts.

St. Francis' Facebook is [@StFrancisAustin](#) and Instagram is [@StFrancisAustin](#).

THE SACRAMENTALISTS

By Libby Ibañez

The Sacramentalists is a podcast where the ancient Christian faith is brought to bear on issues prevalent in modern culture. Join them for in-depth discussions on how theology intersects with our daily lives.

Fr. Myles Hixson is the rector at Holy Cross Anglican Church in Knoxville, TN and Fr. Wesley Walker is a curate at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Crownsville, MD. They seek to popularize Anglo-Catholic theology while using it as a starting point to engage on issues prevalent in modern culture. They seek to do this through in-depth conversations, thought-provoking interviews, and exploration into the primary sources of Anglo-Catholicism.

It's a robust podcast that covers theology, current events (both secular and within the church), books, and fantastic interviews. Each episode is about 20min.

To listen to the podcast go to:

<https://anchor.fm/the-sacramentalists> (uses a variety of platforms - Anchor, Spotify, Google podcasts, Podbean, Pocket Casts, Radio Public, Stitcher and Breaker).

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-sacramentalists/id1457082281> (uses iTunes)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

St. Francis has an Intercessory Prayer Group who commits to pray daily for healing and guidance for the names on the prayer list. New prayer requests can be placed in the prayer box at the back of the nave of the church. If you are interested in being a member of the prayer group, contact Fr. Len or Nancy.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

Donations to St. Francis are accepted online. This includes your pledge to the operating fund. Go to <http://stfrancisaustin.org/> and click **Donate** at the top of the page. This link takes you to another page with an explanation of the service charges we incur and where you can donate using PayPal, a Debit or Credit Card.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to make a remembrance, memorial or thank offering, consider donating for the altar flowers. Use an envelope from the back table to enclose your donation. Fill the envelope front out as appropriate and place in the wooden box on the same table.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTIONS

- Receive the newsletter via e-mail with a printable version attached
- Pick up a printed copy on the table at the entrance to the church
- Have a copy mailed to your physical mail box (cost to the church is 50 cents)
- View newsletters on our website.

To change how you receive the newsletter, contact Amy Crandell in person or via [e-mail](#).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school classes for youth began September 8th. Due to new families and existing children aging in, we have a dozen youth - 6 in each of the classes! All classes are held during the 9:30 service. Missy Bernard teaches the younger class (kindergarten through 5th grade) and Doug Cooper teaches the older class (sixth grade and up). Libby Ibañez is the substitute. Sunday school students attend the beginning of the service for the readings, and move upstairs to the classrooms during the announcements. Missy Bernard is available for questions at nelson440@gmail.com.

HOME GROUPS

St. Francis has three active home groups involving more than two dozen St. Francis members and friends. Each of the three groups meets at the host's home on the 2nd and 4th week of the month. If you are interested in attending one of these groups to see what they do or if you have any questions, please speak to hosts of the groups: Amy Crandell (Monday Oct 14 and 28 - located in Central Austin), Doug Cooper (Tuesday Oct 8 and 22 - located in Central Austin), or Steve & Angie McCown (Friday Oct 11 and 25 - located in south Austin).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

OCTOBER 10 - ADOPT A DAY

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct 19. St. Francis has adopted the day at the Whole Women's Clinic at 4100 Duval. Come out to pray in front of the clinic any time during the day between 7 am and 7 pm. Amy Crandell will lead organized prayers on the hour the whole day - the Anglican Rosary, the Litany and other prayers. There will be a sign-up list on the bulletin board in the narthex. This is a great way to visibly show our support for life without making a weekly commitment.

WEEKLY PRAYER VIGIL

The fall Prayer Vigil is now ongoing until Nov. 3. There are six St. Francis members who signed up to pray at one of the abortion clinics here in Austin, with another member volunteering as a sidewalk counselor! Even though the vigil has started, people are needed to pray. It is one hour a week for the duration of the vigil. If you would like to pray with another St. Francis member, consider going these hours:

- **Whole Women's clinic, 4100 Duval**
 - Mondays, 7 am or 3 pm
 - Thursdays, 10 am
- **Planned Parenthood, 201 East Ben White**
 - Mondays, 9 am
 - Wednesdays 11 am and 4 pm
 - Fridays 11 am and noon

If you are volunteering and are not listed above, let Amy or Jim Crandell know.

MOBILE LOAVES AND FISHES

By Amy Crandell

A number of years ago, St. Francis started to financially support the efforts of the Mobile Loaves and Fishes organization. This is a social outreach ministry to the homeless and working poor. One of the many ministries is the Food truck: meals, clothing, blankets, and toiletry items are distributed from the MLF truck to the working poor and those who live on the streets. "Make Ready" teams are responsible for assembling sandwiches and stocking the truck for the evening's run. The "Crew" teams are responsible for taking the truck on various runs, using the website to create an itinerary and handing out items stocked in the truck as they help the homeless and the hungry in Austin.

St. Louis Catholic church is one of 9 Austin organizations who have the infrastructure in place

to support a food truck ministry. As it is close to my house, I completed the application process and joined the 4th Friday "Faithful Fishes" crew team last fall. As happens with many things I volunteer with, over the course of the year, I ended up being in charge of this crew. I create an itinerary of 2-3 places we will go (the website has suggested locations) and be sure we have enough people on the crew. Jim has gone with me once, and now Champ Cooper has committed to being on the team with another volunteer. The truck is already stocked with donations from area businesses and clothing items. We drive to the locations on the itinerary, beep the horn, and people come over to the truck to get their meal. In the daylight hours, we are done in an hour. The people are very grateful for the food and clothing we give out.

See me if you would like to serve on the fourth Friday Faithful Fishes Mobile Loaves and Fishes food truck crew.

NEWSLETTER OR SERVICE BULLETIN EDITOR

By Amy Crandell

Are you handy with Microsoft Word or some other word processing program? Do you have a few extra hours each week that you could volunteer with St. Francis? I have volunteered to make the bulletins for every service since 2008 and each newsletter since 2014. I would love for someone else to take over one or both of these duties. Email or talk to me if you are interested: info@stfrancisaustin.org or 512.970.4882.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

By Charlotte Ready

I want to sincerely thank all those who have made this possible...those who have donated their time and talent to knit and crochet, and those who have donated funds for supplies. To date, this year alone, we have given out 10 shawls to those in physical and spiritual need. These shawls that are prayed over as they are created and then blessed before being handed out, have brought peace and comfort to the recipients. I have been blessed by so many who relate to me the impact receiving the shawl has meant. Such as a note from the spouse of a recipient writing "This was such a beautiful surprise. It brought tears to our eyes. I can't thank you enough. You are truly special. Thanks".

Although a "quiet" ministry, we impact so many lives. Thank you to all who volunteer or contribute.

OCTOBER SUNDAY READINGS

10/6 - 16th Sunday after Trinity ([link](#))

- Habakkuk 1:1-6,7-13; 2:1-4
- Psalm 37:3-10
- 2 Timothy 1:1-5
- Luke 17:5-10

10/13 - 17th Sunday after Trinity ([link](#))

- Ruth 1:1-19a
- Psalm 113
- 2 Timothy 2:3-15
- Luke 17:11-19

10/20 - 18th Sunday after Trinity ([link](#))

- Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30
- Psalm 121
- 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
- Luke 18:1-8a

10/27 - 19th Sunday after Trinity ([link](#))

- Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
- Psalm 84
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
- Luke 18:9-14

Notes on the readings:

- St. Francis follows the [1979 BCP Lectionary for the lessons](#) (We are in Year C) with the text read from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- Each of the listed Sunday's readings is linked to the corresponding page on [LectionaryPage.net](#).
- The Sunday collects and text of the psalms are from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- On the second and fourth Sundays, the psalm is chanted at the 11:00 service. The psalm pointing is based on the Cathedral Psalter and is a part of the [St. Francis Psalter](#) posted on our web site.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sundays

[9:30 a.m.](#) Said Holy Communion

[9:30 a.m.](#) Sunday School for Youth

[10:00 a.m.](#) Choir Rehearsal

[11:00 a.m.](#) Holy Communion with music - on the first Sunday of each month, Morning Prayer is held, followed by Holy Communion.

Thursdays

[7:00 p.m.](#) Evening Prayer

Friday, October 4

[7:00 - 9:00 p.m.](#) Games Night

Saturday, October 5

[9:00 a.m.](#) Prayer Service for our Nation

Sunday, October 13

[3:30 -4:30 p.m.](#) Hymn Sing at the Retirement and Nursing Center, 6909 Burnet Lane

Monday, October 14

[6:00 p.m.](#) Vestry Meeting

Friday, September 18

[Noon](#) Mothers' Prayer Group

Monday, October 21

[7:00 - 8:30 p.m.](#) Readers of First Things group meeting

Friday, October 25

[~6:00 pm.](#) Mobile Loaves and Fishes Food Truck Run at St. Louis Catholic Church

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5 Kevin Burnette

6 Gideon Hatley

7 Mary Sanders

13 Ella Collins

15 Alexandra (Sasha) Jacobs

18 Rudy Montalvo

19 Jamie Ibañez

28 David Norris

29 Kerry Glenn

30 John Hatley

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 John and Christina Hatley

3 Len and Nancy Giacalone

30 Timothy and Morgan McCormick



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ST. FRANCIS' MISSION STATEMENT

- We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.
- We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.
- We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.
- St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.
- As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.