

# THE ST. FRANCIS BULLETIN

## FROM THE RECTOR

*Fr. Len Giacalone*

During the month of November there will be two special celebrations of the Eucharist. Friday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. It is listed in our liturgical calendar as a day of obligation. In other words, it is similar to a Sunday in our liturgical calendar. Or to put it another way, it's a big deal. The church provides us with these days during the year as special opportunities to celebrate part of the deposit of faith. We believe that we are all part of a larger church, including those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. This feast not only celebrates those individuals we may not know but nevertheless now enjoy the Beatific Vision, but also the continuity of faith throughout every generation of which we are but a part. It is appropriate that the church honor these men and women who are examples to us who walked by faith and not by sight and are now enjoying the reward of their faithfulness. Our Holy Communion service will be at 12:00 noon.

Secondly, Thanksgiving Day provides us with a special opportunity to give thanks to our God for each and every blessing that He bestows on us every day. Even though every Eucharist is a celebration of thanksgiving, this national holiday focuses our attention on the God who provides. At 10:00 am on the 28th we will celebrate Holy Communion to honor our Lord for His generosity in our lives and to proclaim His goodness.

On Friday, November 15, the opening Eucharist of the annual diocesan convention will take place at Good Shepherd Anglican Church in Granbury, Texas. I believe our new Coadjutor Bishop will be the homilist at the liturgy. This will be followed by a gala dinner at the Granbury Convention Center to celebrate Bishop Iker's retirement as the third bishop of Fort Worth.

Archbishop Robert Duncan, the first Primate of the ACNA and an old friend of Bishop Iker's will be the guest speaker at the dinner. The convention itself will take place on Saturday morning. Aside from a few elections for some diocesan committees I don't believe that there are any major issues for the convention. There may be an update on the status of the lawsuit pending with regard to the diocesan property. However, since the next hearing will be on December 5, there may be nothing new to report.

The installation of Bishop Reed as the fourth bishop of Fort Worth will take place on Sunday, January 5, at 6:00 pm at St. Vincent's Cathedral in Bedford. Originally, the installation was scheduled for Saturday, January 4. I don't know why the change was made.

While I'm on the subject of Bishop Reed, his visit to St. Francis next year is now scheduled for Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. I do not know at this point whether there will be any confirmations, but he will come nevertheless. If anyone wishes to be confirmed when the bishop comes, I need to know that as soon as possible.

As you know, we are continuing our partnership with Operation Christmas Child. For many years we have participated in this endeavor sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. If you can help with buying some gifts for these needy children please do so. Lists of the things we need are available on the table in the narthex.

We are also in the midst of our annual Pledge Drive both for our Operating Fund and the Capital Campaign. Please do your best to have your pledges in by Sunday, December 1. Each of these campaigns is vital for the continued success of our mission here. Please do the very best you can.

We have hired a new Music Director for the parish. She is Betty Lin Gallardo. Betty is a graduate student at UT working on her doctorate in piano. She has been with us for the past few weeks learning the ropes for the new position. She will start on November 1 and begin

playing on Sunday, November 3. Welcome to St. Francis, Betty!

Finally, we lose Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, November 3. Please turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.

## THE POWER OF PRO-LIFE WITNESS

Submitted by Steve McCown

*Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5-8).*

The pro-life movement must strike an unlikely balance. It must be, and generally is, hard-nosed and good-natured. It must speak the truth in love. So, the question becomes, how can the pro-life movement maintain its good-natured character? In the words of the Scripture quoted above, how can the movement continue to reflect faith, virtue, knowledge, steadfastness, self-control, affection, and love?

The answer is profound, surprisingly simple, and answered in the very next verse: For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins (2 Peter 1:9). Our ability to walk in basic goodness depends upon knowing that God is good, and that He has been good to us in Christ. The ability to extend grace depends upon knowing that we need grace, and that we have been granted grace. In other words, the key to effective pro-life witness is humility.

The Christian gospel is very good news—that in Christ one can be both forgiven and cleansed from sin. The sins I commit, either by what I have done or

by what I have left undone, may be different than yours, but we all need God to forgive us and to cleanse us. I may or may not have had an abortion or directly participated in one, but there are plenty of ways I have preferred myself at my neighbor's expense. And therefore I need God to do what I am unable to do—to forgive me and to cleanse me. And, as He does, He teaches me to love. We learn to love by being loved. This accounts for the gladness and the generosity of the pro-life movement, and its humility. Self-righteousness can't exist in a heart that has received grace. It is impossible to look down upon another if one abides in the low place.

The character of pro-life witness is not incidental to the cause of defending children and serving their mothers and fathers. Rather, it is the power behind that witness. Abortion won't be eradicated through laws or courts, as important as it is to engage on those fronts. As many have said in various ways, real progress will be made when abortion becomes not illegal but unthinkable. And that will happen through a glad and humble people that love their neighbors—the unborn and their parents, as well as those who oppose them by holding signs and chanting slogans and passing laws intended to silence their gracious witness.

*Written by the Rev. Dr. W. Ross Blackburn. Rev. Blackburn is the Rector of Christ the King, an Anglican Fellowship in Boone, NC and an Anglicans for Life's Board Member.*

<https://anglicansforlife.org/2019/08/19/the-power-of-pro-life-witness/>

## DIOCESAN NEWS

- **The Diocesan web page** can be found at <http://www.fwepiscopal.org>
- We now have blog posts from [Bishop Iker](#) and [Bishop Reed](#). Go to <http://www.fwepiscopal.org> and click on the links on the upper left corner.

## **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](#).

## **PRAYERS FOR THE NATION**

On the first Saturday of each month, the Prayers for the Nation group gathers in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. Songs and prayers are lifted up for our Government, the Military, the Media, Business, Education, the Church, and the Family in our nation. Prayers are written with most being collects from the prayer book - as well as extemporaneous prayers. Contact Amy or Jim Crandell for more information.

## **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 Nov. 11 and 25 - located in Central Austin), Doug Cooper (Tuesday Nov., 12 and 26 - located in Central Austin), or Steve & Angie McCown (Nov. 8 in south Austin). On Nov. 22, the South group will say Evening Prayer in the Community Room at the Western Trails Apartments 2422 Western Trails Blvd, Austin, TX 78745.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

### **OCT. 19 - ADOPT A DAY NEWS**

This was the first year that St. Francis adopted a day at one of the abortion clinics. During the course of the day on October 19, eight St. Francis members prayed on the right of way in front of the Whole Women's Clinic at 4100 Duval. Someone from the parish was there from 7 am to 7 pm.

### **HOW DID WE DO?**

Amy Crandell

I know that prayer in front of abortion clinics works. Clinic directors hate it when a 40 Days for Life campaign starts, as business goes down. Women see people praying and turn around - sometimes they tell the prayer volunteers in front of the clinic. Others see the people praying as they drive by and God changes their heart.

When Jim and I agreed to take on this activity of the Anglicans for Life group, we were discouraged when we found out that only 3 people from St. Francis prayed during the past two prayer campaigns. I am delighted to report, that this time participation increased! We had 8 people who committed to praying an hour for each week and 2 who were able to come for a few of the weeks. An additional two people came to the Saturday event. From 3 to 12 is a big increase. Thanks to everyone who participated as they could.

The next prayer campaign will be during Lent in 2020. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and goes through Palm Sunday. We cannot let up on the prayer!

## **MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES**

By Amy Crandell

Are you interested in volunteering with Mobile Loaves and Fishes? As I have been volunteering with the program at St. Louis Church. I let the Social Ministry Director, Bea Dela Rosa know that several of our members were interested in participating. She let me know there is a need for help with the Food Truck Ministry and Make Ready Teams. She also has a variety of other ways someone can help out beyond these two. She asked that those who are interested in volunteering to contact her via email at [bea.delarosa@st-louis.org](mailto:bea.delarosa@st-louis.org) or calling 512-454-0384 ext. 265.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Each year, the children in the Sunday School classes participate in the packing the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Members of the congregation are asked to donate items to go in the boxes and/or make a donation to defer the shipping charges. There is a table in the narthex set up for the donations. Check out the gift suggestions.

Contact Missy Bernard at [nelson44@gmail.com](mailto:nelson44@gmail.com) with any questions to help defray the shipping costs. Items are being collected until 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 17.

### GIFT SUGGESTIONS

#### ALL AGES

**TOYS!** Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated soccer ball with pump, or a plush stuffed animal. Then add quality items like cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** such as toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

**ACCESSORIES** such as socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, sunglasses, etc.

**A PERSONAL NOTE** and photo of you and your family/group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

#### YOUNGER CHILDREN:

Blankets, sticker and picture books, blocks, finger puppets, pages of colorful stickers.

#### OLDER CHILDREN:

Small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, etc; deflated balls with pumps and needles; solar calculators, rulers, scissors; jewelry; deodorant

## TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your clock back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 2. Standard time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. We get back that hour we lost in March.

## OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

By Betty Lin Gallardo

I would like to introduce myself as the new St. Francis Music Director. Of Dominican and Taiwanese heritage, I grew up in Taiwan but received my undergraduate degree in piano performance in Spain. After 6 years there, I moved to Memphis, TN for graduate school where I completed a master's in piano performance. Last year, my husband and I moved to Austin where I am a teaching assistant while working on my DMA in collaborative piano - i.e. partnering on piano with soloists and chamber musicians. While I was in Memphis, I taught myself to play the organ and held an organist position at St. Mary's Catholic Church for 3 years. I enjoyed playing organ in the church - music is a wonderful part of the service - and am looking to doing the same here at St. Francis.

## EVENING PRAYER AT ST. FRANCIS

Each Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Evening Prayer is held at St. Francis. This half hour service includes an opening and closing hymn, often with instrumental accompaniment with the Order for Evening Prayer in-between. The canticles are sung a cappella and lessons are from the prayer book for the appointed Sunday. Attendance has increased lately, with up to 16 St. Francis members regularly attending and a guest or two every now then. This is yet another way to praise and worship our Lord. All are welcome to attend.

## HOSTS NEEDED

Hosts are needed to provide something tasty to eat after the 11:00 service. It is not hard at all when you team up with someone. A group of three families with each bringing one food item is not hard for each family to do and provides plenty of food. Plenty of spaces are left for more to volunteer.

## NOVEMBER SUNDAY READINGS

### **11/1 All Saints** ([link](#))

- Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14
- Psalm 149
- Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17
- Matthew 5:1-12

### **11/3 20 after Trinity** ([link](#))

- Isaiah 1:10-20
- Psalm 32:1-8
- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
- Luke 19:1-10

### **11/10 21 after Trinity** ([link](#))

- Job 19:23-27a
- Psalm 17:1-8
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
- Luke 20:27-38

### **11/17 22 after Trinity** ([link](#))

- Malachi 3:13-4:2a, 5-6
- Psalm 98
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- Luke 21:5-19

### **11/24 Christ the King** ([link](#))

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Psalm 46
- Colossians 1:11-20
- Luke 23:35-43

### **11/28 Thanksgiving Day** ([link](#))

- Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10
- Psalm 65:9-14
- James 1:17-18, 21-27
- Matthew 6:25-33

Notes on the readings:

- St. Francis follows the [1979 BCP Lectionary for the lessons](#) (We are at the end of 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.

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

### **Sundays**

9:30 a.m. Said Holy Communion

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, the service is Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*

### **Thursdays**

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (except on Thanksgiving)

### **Nov. 1, All Saints' Day**

Noon Holy Communion with homily

### **1st Friday, Nov. 1**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Games Night

### **1st Saturday, Nov. 2**

9:00 a.m. Prayer Service for our Nation

### **1st Sunday, Nov. 3**

~12:30 p.m. Anglicans for Life Meeting

### **2nd Sunday, Nov. 10**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Worship and Hymn at the Retirement and Nursing Center 6909 Burnet Lane.

### **2nd Monday, Nov. 11**

6:00 p.m. Vestry meeting

### **3rd Friday, Nov. 15**

Noon Mothers' Prayer Group

### **Friday - Saturday, Nov. 15 - 16**

Diocesan Convention at Granbury, Texas

### **3rd Sunday, Nov. 17**

12:30 p.m. Anglicans for Life Meeting

### **3rd Monday, Nov. 18**

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Readers of First Things group meeting

### **Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day**

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

22 David & Adriane Kristo-Reinking  
30 Glenn and Becky Hunt

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Mark Rabin  
10 Jimmy Parker  
11 Katya Kristo-Reinking  
12 Michael Adams  
14 Bev Scheer  
15 Don St.Martin  
17 Kerry Manning Adams  
25 Steve McCown, Mary Boswell  
27 Becky Hunt



ANGLICAN CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

## ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTIN

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**Bishop Coadjutor:** The Rt. Rev'd Ryan Reed

**Rector:** The Rev. Canon Len Giacolone

**Music Director:** Betty Lin Gallardo

**Parish Administrator:** Mark Rambin

### **Vestry Officers**

**Senior Warden**      **Junior Warden**

*Donna Hunt*

*Jim Britt*

**Secretary**

*Dinah Arce*

**Treasurer**

*Grady Collins*

### **Vestry Members**

Missy Bernard, Dinah Arce

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Doug Cooper, Jim Crandell, Michael Ready

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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.