



## The St. Francis Bulletin

### **FROM THE RECTOR:**

Beginning this month things will start to slow down a little, as they usually do in summer. There will not be a Vestry meeting until September and Anglicans for Life won't meet until the third Sunday in August. I believe that there will be another Bible Study for Women during the summer, but at the present time I don't know the details. Please watch the Sunday pew sheet for more information. Many of you will do some traveling and attendance at church will drop a little. Please be mindful of your pledges during the summer. Our financial needs remain substantially the same over these next few months. So please arrange to continue to send in your pledges even if you are not going to be here.

In June, Evening Prayer will move to Thursday night at 6:00 pm. Hopefully, you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to worship the Lord. Game Night will remain on the first Friday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm.

Recently, we had to do some plumbing work at the church. Tree roots had broken into the pipes and caused the toilets in the church to back up. The front yard had to be torn up and the old pipes removed and replaced. Operations like this are not inexpensive but hopefully there won't be any more problems with this in the future. Thanks to Keith Harrell, our Junior Warden, for taking care of this for us. We'll do what we can to get the yard back in shape as soon as possible.

Further on in this newsletter there will be some information about a going away party for Joe and Marion McIlhaney who are moving to Plano in July. While I'm always good for a party I am personally saddened by their departure.

Joe and Marion have been with us for about six years. This is a good and necessary move for them at this time but I will miss them when they leave. Come and say good-bye to Marion and Joe on June 20.

Liturgically, from now until Advent, we find ourselves in what is known as the time after Trinity. The Roman Catholic Church calls it Ordinary Time. This is a period when there are no major feasts of the church celebrated. And it's a time during which I usually get tired of wearing green vestments and long for a change. But regardless of what you call it, during this period we are exposed to a significant portion of the Gospel according to St. Luke (Cycle C), large sections of many New Testament letters, both of St. Paul and others, and various readings from the Hebrew Scriptures that usually have some reference to the Gospel reading of the day. Luke's Gospel is the first half of a two volume work (Luke-Acts) that places major emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit during the life of Jesus and later on in the life of the early church. Luke's Gospel is also noted for its frequent references to the women who accompanied and assisted Jesus during his life. There are stories in Luke that appear nowhere else in the Gospels. These are often there because of the particular theological point of view that Luke has. The prodigal son, the penitent woman and the parable of the unworthy servant are some of my favorites. I say these things to help you look forward to the season after Trinity. There is much during this time on which to meditate and pray.

Have a happy, healthy and holy summer!  
We'll be back with the newsletter in September.

*Below is a memorial in honor of our son, Robert Roy Ellis. Five years ago on May 30, 2005 he went to his eternal rest in a car accident. We would like to share this memorial with our church family. It was written by Eric Ellis, one of his sons. All of you at St. Francis have been so supportive these last five years and Ben and I thank you.*

### **The Flag of My Father**

Eric Ellis

There sits a flag on top my desk folded tight and on display, it is the flag of my country, folded so the bright white stars line up perfectly on a deep blue field. It is only about a foot wide and about half as high. It sits there on display for all to see adorned with pictures and memorabilia, never moving, never touched. It never makes a sound but it is always understood, to look upon it, it tells a story. This flag on top my desk was given to me by a man in uniform. It was a burial at sea and the ashes were my dad.

It was a warm day on the Red Sea; I stood in dress uniform on the lowered aircraft elevator on the U.S.S Roosevelt, with an honor guard of my peers. We marched out to take our positions, some armed with flags and some with rifles. The preacher started with a prayer, and as he said my father's name a single tear left my eye. The bark of commands filled my ears before the gun shots of a salute rang through the air. A final salute to the fallen as the bugle man played the somber tune of taps, and a cloud of ash floated gently to the sea, the ash that was my dad. As the preacher committed my father to the sea a flag was folded in front of me, a man in uniform then approached me with said flag in his hands, I know this man in front of me, he was my best friend. I gave my friend a salute to thank him for his service, he handed me the flag, and as he gave me this flag he muttered, "I am sorry for your loss", he walked beside me as I marched off, and with this flag that was my dad.

My dad had been a sailor as long as I can remember; he was a strong man with a tough look, but deep inside a kind a gentle man. He had spent twenty years in service of his country, moved around the world for the protection of all. More than that he was my dad, the man that raised me, and a mirror of the man I had become.

Many nights in front of beers two sailors sat and told stories of their trials at sea, those two sailors were my father and me. Many people who would sit and listen would either get lost in translation or just not care, but to these two sailors in front of beers they were the stories that made them who they are.

A simple nylon sheet folded nice and neat, ordained with pictures of a man, that was my dad. This flag that sits on display, this flag that is my dad, is a symbol of many things; it is the symbol of a nation, it is the symbol of one's service, a symbol of a grateful nation, but when I look at this flag the only thing I see, is my dad.

### **Christian Education for Youth News**

The last class for the 2009-2010 school year was May 23rd. Thanks to those who participated with Sunday school this year:

\*Ellen Stults and Mike Ready who taught the youth class by studying the book of James and Romans.

\*Elaine Williams for organizing a nursery caretaker during Sunday school. Thanks to Wanda Stults, Susan Rambin, Missy Bernard and Elaine for being there each Sunday.

\*Martelle Wathen and Paula Blaha for helping with the Christmas pageant.

\*The Bernard, Stults, Rambin, Wathen, LaRoux, Hoard, and Pangle families for assuring their children attended Sunday school classes. We can't have a program without parents willing to ensure their children attend.

\*Fr. Len who met with me periodically to discuss the lesson taught in the younger class.

We are ending the year with a hamburger/swim party on June 6th for all children, youth and their families, as well as adults who work with the youth.

Of course my mind is whirling with ideas for next year. The youth may have a unit on heresies that are currently active in our society next year. The younger class has many lessons from the Bible that have never been discussed before. I have a new tune to learn to help me remember the books of the Bible, as well as the 10 Commandments for next year.

### Anglicans for Life

Anglicans for Life will not have meetings in June or July. We will take time this summer to reflect on what we have done this past year and where we would like to go in the future. We will meet again the third Sunday of August. We would love to have you join us.

### June Prayer Walk

Join us on Saturday, June 5th. Meet at the Parish Hall at 9 am for coffee and opening prayer. We will then drive downtown to walk and pray on 6th Street. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and come with a heart to pray for the lost in Austin. Any questions, see David and Kim Norris or email [austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com](mailto:austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com).

### McIlhaney's Going Away Party

Marion and I are moving July 13. We would like to give back a tiny bit to St Francis for all the friendships, blessings and kindnesses the church has so generously given us during the years we have been here. So we are going to provide Rudy's BBQ for the entire church body following the service on June 20 in the Parish Hall. We would be so honored for everyone who can to come and enjoy the going away party.

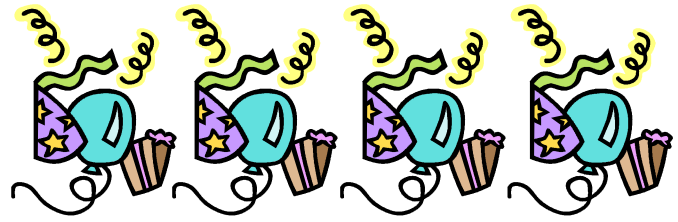
### Choir News

The choir will be taking a bit of a break for a couple of months, while our organist is out of the country for part of the time. We will begin rehearsing again in mid July. The goal this year was to sing every third week or so and on all the major feast days. Other than not singing on Palm Sunday, we pretty much achieved this goal. The choir could always use more members, especially men. Please consider prayerfully joining us.

**Rector: The Reverend Len Giacolone**

**Senior Warden: Mark Rambin**

**Junior Warden: Keith Harrell**



### Birthdays:

3	Joe McIlhaney
5	Rev. Len Giacolone
9	Alek Denslow
10	Cassandra Watkins
15	Charlotte Ready
18	Nancy Jones
	RobinRuth Alexander
	Carleton Wilkes
27	Anna Burnette
30	Sylvia Kelley

### Anniversaries:

1	Jace and Cindy Phillips
9	Joe and Marion McIlhaney
	Thomas and Lorraine Pangle
	Mike and Charlotte Ready
28	Thomas and Laura O'Conner



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

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| 2  | Transformation Prayer, 7:00 pm   | 16 | Transformation Prayer, 7:00 pm  |
| 3  | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm  | 17 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm   |
| 4  | Games Night, 6:30 pm   | 20 | FATHER'S DAY<br><b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 9:30 am and<br>11:00 am,<br>Zechariah 12:8-10; 13:1<br>Psalm 63:1-8<br>Galatians 3:23-29<br>Luke 9:18-24 |
| 5  | Prayer Walk, 9:00 am   | 23 | Transformation Prayer, 7:00 pm  |
| 6  | <b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 9:30 am,<br><b><u>Morning Prayer and</u></b><br><b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 11:00 am,<br>1 Kings 17:17-24<br>Psalm 30<br>Galatians 1-11-24<br>Luke 7:11-17 | 24 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm   |
| 9  | Transformation Prayer, 7:00 pm   | 27 | <b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 9:30 am and<br>11:00 am,<br>1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21<br>Psalm 16<br>Galatians 5:1, 13-25<br>Luke 9:51-62                  |
| 10 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm  | 30 | Transformation Prayer, 7:00 pm  |
| 13 | <b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 9:30 am and<br>11:00 am,<br>2 Sam. 11:26-12:10, 13-15<br>Psalm 32<br>Galatians 2:11-21<br>Luke 7:36-50  |    |   |