



**The St. Francis Bulletin**

**FROM THE RECTOR:**

First of all I want to thank everyone who participated in the planning and execution of the Holy Week and Easter services. I know that lots of folks spent lots of time working to make things beautiful for the Lord and I am deeply appreciative.

We will be in the Easter season for the next several weeks and it is my hope the joy and enthusiasm with which we celebrate Easter can continue in our celebrations but also in our lives as well. I know that it is not easy to keep that “high” going and I am not suggesting that being on that high is always necessary. But the early Christians greeted each other with the phrase “He is risen.” These words said it all for them. It meant not only His life but theirs was changed forever. Let’s keep the joy of the Lord’s resurrection going in our parish and in everything we do.

Sunday, May 8, is Mother’s Day. Whatever this was intended to be

when it began, like most other things it has become rather commercial, a boon for card companies, purveyors of gifts of all kinds, and restaurants. I don’t want to knock any of these things. Mothers deserve whatever honor we can give them. But it is the honor that is the important part of it, not the gifts, however wonderful. The Lord had it right in the commandment. Our parents stand in His stead in raising us and showing Him to us. Obviously, they are all imperfect copies of the model. Yet, God demanded that these imperfect copies be respected and honored above everyone and everything else in this life except for Him.

Almost all eastern cultures revere parenthood and the elders of the family. It is only our western culture that has replaced this reverence for age and wisdom with an anxiety for eternal youth. Scripture tells us that the fifth commandment is the

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only one that contains a promise (Eph. 6:2). “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you” (Ex. 20:12).

I know that many of us no longer have our parents with us. My mother left this world thirty years ago and my father almost eight. I have fond memories of them and know that I will see them again. For those of you who still have your parents with you, I ask that you do whatever you can to show them the respect and honor they deserve as God’s gracious gift to you. God’s blessings for you depend on it.

## **FOOD DRIVE**

We are all aware of the current economy and the negative impact it is having on many lives. Almost daily there are reports of job losses, loss of one’s home, and severe reductions in personal finances. All of this has resulted in a greater need for contributions of food to food banks and food pantries. Therefore, for those of us who still have the resources to give, there will be a food drive at St. Francis during the month of May to assist those who are in need of the very basics in life. The food that is collected

during May will be delivered at the end of May to *The Storehouse* in Pflugerville. *The Storehouse* is a Christian organization that distributes food daily to those in need. Items needed are canned goods, boxed food items such as pasta, dried foods such as rice and beans. Please do what you can to make the food drive very successful keeping in mind the words of Jesus: “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” Matthew 25:35. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Giacolone at 243-8787.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck** **May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Our men’s group, Saint Polycarp of Smyrna, will be hosting this month’s potluck to honor our two high school graduates, James Rambin and Wes Stults.

The men’s group will be cooking a variety of meats and they request that the rest of the congregation supply the vegetables. All men are invited to join the Saint Polycarp’s men’s guild. Please contact Victor Carsrud for the grilling day information: 512-825-8656.

## **Anglicans for Life**

Anglicans for Life will have their regular meeting on Sunday, May 15. They will meet after the 11:00 service in the Parish Hall. This will be the last meeting until Sunday, August 21st. Everyone is invited to come.

## **St. Francis Nursery**

*(note new contact info)*

A nursery is available for young children during the 11:00 service year round and during the 9:30 service when there is Sunday school. Please contact Rebecca Hoard at 301-0410 if you can help out.

## **The Anglican Rosary**

The Anglican Rosary is recited each Tuesday at noon in the church. This is a method of praying using beads that can be very meaningful. Beads are provided as is the order used to pray. Contact Becky Hunt for more information at 512-442-4404.

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

**Senior Warden: Mark Rambin**

**Junior Warden: Keith Harrell**



## **Birthdays**

- 1 Amy Crandell
- 8 Gabrielle Wathen
- 10 Michael Presley
- 11 Elizabeth Hicks
- 21 William Edward (Wes) Stults
- 24 Lisa Bordelon
- 26 C. J. Wright

## **Anniversary**

- 18 Brian & Rebecca Hoard
- 23 Chaille and Melissa Bernard
- 31 Keith and Gayle Harrell  
Ben and Shirley Ellis



**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). If received by the 20th, it will appear in next month's newsletter.

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| 1  | <u><i>Holy Communion</i></u> , 9:30 am,<br><u><i>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion</i></u> , 11:00 am,<br>Acts 2:14a, 22-32<br>Psalm 111<br>1 Peter 1:3-9<br>John 20:19-31<br>Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 15 | <u><i>Holy Communion</i></u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,<br>Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60<br>Psalm 23<br>1 Peter 2:19-25<br>John 10:1-10<br>Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am<br>ANGLICANS for LIFE MEETING |
| 3  | Anglican Rosary 12 noon.  | 16 | Mothers' Prayer Group, 11am   |
| 4  | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm  | 17 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon   |
| 5  | Evening Prayer, 6 pm 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 | <u><i>Holy Communion</i></u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,<br>Acts 17:1-15<br>Psalm 66:1-11<br>1 Peter 2:1-10<br>John 14:1-14<br>Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am                                      |
| 8  | MOTHER'S DAY<br><u><i>Holy Communion</i></u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,<br>Acts 2:14a. 36-47<br>Psalm 116<br>1 Peter 1:17-23<br>Luke 24:13-35<br>Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am                                 | 24 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon   |
| 9  | Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm  | 25 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm.   |
| 10 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon   | 26 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church  |
| 11 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm  | 29 | Pot Luck Lunch  |
| 12 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church  | 30 | MEMORIAL DAY  |
|    |   | 31 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon  |