



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD! This is the theme for the 2012 National Day of Prayer which this year falls on Thursday, May 3. No one can argue that our nation doesn't need prayer. There are both economic and spiritual crises in our country that in the end will only be rectified by God. The National Day of Prayer is but one avenue (an important one) to address the needs we have before God. I encourage you to go to www.ndpaustin.org to see what will be taking place in the area on the 2nd and 3rd of May, and to become part of the prayer in whatever way you can. There are several events around Austin that you might be able to attend

A TIME FOR GIVING

During the month of May there will be a number of opportunities to help others in need and to extend our mission in the Austin area. I have already announced that we will have a food drive in May for the benefit of the Storehouse in Pflugerville. There is always a need for food at our area food banks and the need is even greater now with economic conditions what they are. The reason that the Storehouse is such an attractive option for us is that, unlike other facilities that simply hand out food, workers at

the Storehouse pray with clients and witness the Gospel to them as well. There is no pressure and no one is forced to do anything. But this is a Christian operation and they have no fear of actually proclaiming Jesus Christ to their clients. Grocery bags will be provided at the rear of church beginning on the first Sunday of May. Please bring non-perishable items to the parish hall during the month. The items will then be taken to The Storehouse at the end of May.

The Episcopal Missionary Church is officially a pro-life church. To my knowledge we are the only continuing church that is. In the past we have participated in a number of pro-life activities sponsored by other organizations and as long as I am Rector here we will continue to do so. The Texas Alliance for Life is holding its annual Walk for Life on June 2 at a number of locations throughout the Austin area. Robert Pigg and his wife, Burt, have once again graciously agreed to represent St. Francis for this walk. Beginning in May, Bob will start asking you to support him in this walk by pledging an amount of your choice. You may either give your donation to Bob or simply make a pledge and TAL will contact you

for your donation. The Texas Alliance for Life does most of its work at the state capitol sponsoring and supporting pro-life legislation like the sonogram bill and the pro-life license plate act. If you can support Bob and Burt, I encourage you to do so.

Along the same lines, the Austin Pregnancy Resource Center is sponsoring a Baby Bottle campaign to raise money for its work in Austin. The center provides, free of charge, pregnancy confirmation, limited sonogram, classes on healthy relationship/abstinence, parenting and life skills, and, as available, cribs, car seats, baby clothes, diapers, formula, bottles, etc. Please take home one bottle per family and fill it with coins, cash or checks and return it to the church. The campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Our Anglicans for Life group voted to give you the opportunity to participate in this wonderful campaign. If you need additional information about this, please contact either Nancy or me. Thank you for your wonderful kindness and generosity with all these projects during May.

Ascension Day

Thursday, May 17, is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a day of obligation. We will have the Holy Communion at 12 noon. You are encouraged to attend.

Pentecost Party

Saint Polycarp's Guild will once again host the annual fire and food fest to celebrate this year's Pentecost season. The men will provide a variety of meat. The rest of us should contribute something green or sweet. Pentecost Sunday dinner will be May 27 after the 11 o'clock service. We hope you will join us!

Anglicans for Life

The Saint Francis Chapter of Anglicans For Life has sent copies of Joe McIlhaney's new book, *Girls Uncovered*, to all of the members of the Texas State Board of Education. They also voted to participate in the Austin Pregnancy Resource Center's BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN in May. The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 20th, after the 11:00 service in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to join us.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saint Francis will be producing a new pictorial Church Directory this fall. Life-touch/Olan Mills will be here on Friday, September 7th and Saturday, September 8th to take pictures of our congregation. Please mark your calendar to be sure you are included. We will let you know when it is time to make reservations. If you would like to help organize this, please contact Phoebe Hughes, 476-6216, or phoebehughes@hotmail.com.

Games Night

Mark your calendar, on the first Friday of every month, Games Nights is held at the parish house. Lest you think that that such social events have little redeeming value, remember that the world is in spiritual chaos. Developing and nurturing social relationships with other church members can provide the strength and courage needed to be the voice for our Lord out in the world.

Each evening begins with a light and always interesting potluck dinner at 6:30 followed by an hour and a half of games. Sometimes one game is played by all, other times we have 3 or 4 games going. Come try us out!

Coffee Hour Sign-up

There are several open dates on our sign-up calendar. Don't worry if you have never hosted before...it is very easy and a great way to serve your parish family. Simple snacks are welcome and we'll even set up the coffee station for you. Would love to see some new names up there along with all of our regular members. Consider joining up with a friend and hosting together! Questions? Contact David & Kim Norris at tel. (281) 923-9028.

High School Graduate

Philip Crandell is our only known graduate this year. He will be our honored guest at the annual Pentecost Sunday dinner on May 27th. Please come and help us celebrate Philip's milestone. **Congratulations Philip!**

Rector: The Rev. Canon Len Giacalone
Senior Warden: Mark Rambin
Junior Warden: Keith Harrell



Birthday

- 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
Servers: Ray Merrill and Arthur Woodgate
Ed Sandlin and Philip Crandell

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 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 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon | 17 | <u>Ascension Day</u>
<u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am</u>
Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:49-53 |
| 2 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm | | |
| 3 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church | | |
| 5 | Austin City Prayer Walk | 20 | <u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am</u>
Acts 1:15-26 Psalm 471
John 5:9-15 John 17:11b-19
Sunday School for Children and Youth, 9:30 |
| 6 | <u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am</u>
Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 66:1-11
1 John 3:14-24 John 14:15-21
Sunday School for Children and Youth, 9:30 | 21 | Mother's Prayer Group, 11am |
| 8 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon | 22 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 9 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm | 23 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm |
| 11 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church | 24 | Evening Prayer |
| 13 | Mother's Day
<u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am</u>
Acts 11:19-30 Psalm 331
John 4:7-21 John 15:9-17
Sunday School for Children and Youth, 9:30 | 27 | <u>Pentecost</u>
<u>Holy Communion, 12 noon</u>
Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:24-361
Cor. 12:4-13 John 20:19-23 |
| 14 | Vestry meeting, 5:30 pm | 29 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 15 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon | 30 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm |
| 16 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm | 31 | Evening Prayer |
| 17 | Evening Prayer, 6pm Church | | |