



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

Thursday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints, a day of obligation. There will be a Holy Communion service at 12:00 noon. I realize that there is no universally convenient time for a single service, but I hope that this will allow many of you to attend.

On Tuesday, November 6, I will begin a Confirmation class in the church. If you wish to be confirmed you will need to attend this class. Likewise, if you intend to be confirmed, you will need some proof of your Christian baptism. You do not need to have been baptized in the Episcopal or Anglican church. If you are a baptized Christian that is sufficient. I expect the classes to last about an hour to an hour and a half (I will try to keep them to an hour). I will present an outline of each class at the beginning of the class and I would encourage you to bring something to take some notes. This is for your continued reference. There will not be an exam at the end of the class although I might ask some refresher questions during the class on material we have covered. Please feel free to ask all the questions you wish. Also, as I have said in the past, this class is open to anyone who has already been confirmed but would like to do some brushing up on their knowledge of the faith.

Thursday, November 22, is Thanksgiving Day. We will celebrate Holy Communion at 10:00 am and you are, of course, strongly

encouraged to attend. I don't believe that there is a better way to begin Thanksgiving Day than to participate in the Eucharist, a word which in the Greek means thanksgiving. I do realize that many of you will be entertaining relatives and friends that day, but I would encourage you to do the best you can to start the day off right. There will be no Evening Prayer on this night.

Election Day

By now, all early voting has ended. If you have not voted already, please plan to do so on Tuesday, November 6. The polls will be open from 7:00 in the morning to 7:00 in the evening. Whether you like the choices you have or not, this is a participatory form of government and this is the way we can all participate. Please get out and vote, and as I have reminded you in the past, you have an obligation as a Christian to uphold the Christian faith at all times. Elections in our country provide an opportunity to put your Christian convictions into action. Will your one vote make a difference in the outcome of the election? Perhaps not. But you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you contributed to the spread of the kingdom by voting your faith.

Pledge Drive

You should be receiving a letter in the

mail shortly about our annual pledge drive for the coming year. That letter will contain a pledge card that I ask you to fill out and return to the church no later than Sunday, December 2. As you all know, it is the responsibility of the Vestry to make up a budget for the coming fiscal year. We usually begin this process at the December meeting. Of course this budget is submitted to the parish for approval at the annual parish meeting in February. But we have to know what we will have to work with in the coming year. As I always do, I encourage you to pray about your pledge to God and to the church. The letter will have instructions about getting the pledge card back to the church. Thank you for being part of our Christian community and for your continued support of our endeavors here at St. Francis.

Finally, there will be a memorial service for the late Walter Hutson on Monday, November 5, at 12:00 noon. Walter and his wife, Geneva, were long time parishioners of St. Francis. You are all welcome to attend.

Sunday School News

The Sunday school year began on September 9 under the new leadership of Rebecca Hoard. Classes for our youngest members remain divided into two groups, with the dividing point at a new age: Children in grade 4 and below work with Rebecca, with assistance from Victoria Stults and the older youth who ended up ranging from 5th to 8th grades, meet with Doug Cooper. This fall, the younger class is completing a 12-week unit on Old Testament stories beginning with Moses and ending with the people of Israel reaching the promised land. As in the years past, the order of

of stories and activities are from the **One Room Sunday School** published by Cokesbury which suggests the stories and provides activities for readers and non-readers. A big thank you to Victoria Stults for helping Rebecca out. Plans for November include completing the Old Testament unit, packing the boxes on the 11th and starting a new unit for Advent on the last Sunday of this month.

The older class is continuing on the second year (of six) of the Teach Deep curriculum which is titled The Church. The first unit, Beginnings, gave a quick historical overview of the Church from its beginnings in Acts to its condition today. The students were reminded they (as is everyone else) are a part of God's history which is much bigger than we are, and especially St. Francis. Plans for the next month move on to a unit called Take Aim where the book of the Acts of the Apostles is studied to determine what our mission is as God's people today. The students in the class, along with strong encouragement from their teacher, have decided to take a service project by providing a coffee hour for St. Francis members who attend the 9:30 service. Weather permitting, snacks and drinks will be setup on the sidewalk outside the church. If you attend the 9:30 service, please plan to stay around for a minute and visit with other folks who attend the service.

Sixteen youth from six different families now attend Sunday school at St. Francis, with 2-3 in the nursery. Thanks to all parents who bring and make sure their children are in Sunday school. Your continued prayers are needed for the teachers, students, and their parents as we all grow in faith in God.

Anglicans for Life

There will be a meeting of Anglicans for Life on Sunday, November 18th, after the 11:00 service. This will be our last meeting until January. Everyone is invited to join us and contribute towards Saint Francis' work for the "Right to Life".

Annual Christmas Pageant

Are you hiding a talent of working with children to put on a play? A call is out for anyone keeping such a gift under a bushel to share it with St. Francis. A director for the Annual Christmas Pageant is needed this year. We have wonderful hand made costumes and a plethora of scripts done in the past. Tasks include determining which of the youth will be in town on the day of the pageant (usually the 4th Sunday of Advent, which is Dec. 23rd) and then coming up with (or modifying) a script that uses the reading and pantomime skills of the performers. Rehearsals are held during the Sunday school hour, beginning Dec. 2. Three weeks of rehearsing is all that can be squeezed out of the time period. Please speak up if you are nudged to do this! Contact Rebecca Hoard at rebecca-hoard@hotmail.com if interested.

Altar Guild News

November 10, 9:30 AM, Altar Guild meeting and Fall Church cleaning.

Rector: The Rev. Canon Len Giacalone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell



Birthday

- 3 Mark Rambin
Polly Sowell
- 8 Rory Motl
- 9 Mary Ogden
- 10 Jimmy Parker
- 12 Michael Adams
- 15 Donald St. Martin
- 16 Madeline Phillips
- 17 Martelle Wathen
Kerry Manning Adams
- 22 William Henry Hoard
- 25 Steve McCown
- 27 Rebecca Hunt
- 29 Thomas Pangle
Ian Robert Hoard

Anniversary

- 30 Glenn and Rebecca Hunt



Associate Rector: The Reverend John Stults

Organist: Paula Blaha

**Servers: Ray Merrill, Ed Sandlin,
Arthur Woodgate and James Glomb**

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 | ALL SAINTS DAY,
Holy Communion, 12:00 noon
Evening Prayer, 6pm | 14 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm |
| 2 | Games Night, 6:30pm | 15 | Mothers Prayer Group, 1:30pm
Evening Prayer, 6pm |
| 3 | Austin City Prayer Walk, 9am | 18 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Daniel 12:1-13 Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:31-39 Mark 13:14-23
Sunday School |
| 4 | <u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion</u> ,
9:30 am and 11:00 am
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-16
Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34
Sunday School | 20 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon;
Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm |
| 6 | ELECTION DAY
Anglican Rosary, 12 noon;
Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm | 21 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm |
| 7 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm | 22 | THANKSGIVING DAY,
Holy Communion, 10:00 am
Deut. 8:1-3,6-10,17-20 Psalm 65:9-14
James 1:17-18, 21-27 Matthew 6:25-33 |
| 8 | Evening Prayer, 6pm | 25 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Daniel 7:9-14 Psalm 93
Revelation 1:1-8 John 18:33-37
Sunday School |
| 11 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am
1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
Sunday School | 27 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon;
Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm |
| 12 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm | 28 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm |
| 13 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon;
Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm | 29 | Evening Prayer, 6pm |