



## The St. Francis Bulletin

### FROM THE RECTOR:

#### Confirmation Classes

I am aware that there may be a number of parishioners who either need to be or would like to be confirmed. Therefore, I will hold Confirmation classes beginning in November and running through early December. I would appreciate it if you would contact me directly if you would like to participate so that we can have the classes at a time that is convenient for us all. Confirmation will likely take place in the spring. Everyone who is not confirmed in the church should be. The sacraments are given to us for our benefit and should be received when they are available. Since this sacrament requires a bishop (at least in this church), special arrangements need to be made. Please take advantage of this opportunity, not only to learn more about your faith, but to receive the strengthening of the Holy Spirit for your life.

While I'm on the subject of sacraments, aside from the so called Dominical sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, the church has other sacraments that are profitable for our spiritual lives. Two of them are readily available to you through the ministry of priests. The first is confession. When I first came to the Anglican Church I was told by an Anglican bishop

that there was an axiom that governed the use of this sacrament in the church. It goes like this: all may, some should, none must. It seems that most people in the Anglican Church follow the last part of this axiom. A few years ago I put out a teaching on individual confession which was, how shall I say it, received tepidly. Even though "none must", I maintain that there is a profit to be had from publicly admitting your sins to a priest and seeking spiritual council and guidance. The object of the spiritual life is holiness, not maintenance. Most people need assistance to progress in the spiritual life. All I'm saying is that even if it is not necessary, might it not be helpful?

The other sacrament readily available to all of you is the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Uncction. There is a biblical exhortation in the Letter of James that one should send for the priests of the church if one is sick so that the priest may lay hands on the sick person and anoint them with oil. Many people seem to think that this applies to only people who are seriously ill or in danger of death. But if you are on medication for some chronic condition, if you are infirm in any way, if there are impediments of any kind in your

### **From the Rector (continued):**

physical, emotional or spiritual well-being, this sacrament is there for you. We pray for healing every Sunday after the 11:00 am Holy Communion service. It takes only a few minutes and it may be of great help to you. A number of people over the years have told me that they have been healed or at least helped by these prayers. I encourage you to take this to heart and if you have a need, address it.

Finally, I would ask you to continue praying for our country and for the elections in November. There will be early voting beginning this month and I would ask that you take your decision about the nominees to the Lord. This is one of our greatest freedoms and therefore, it is one of our greatest responsibilities. You should know who you are voting for, at least to the best of your ability. You should know what they stand for and what they intend for the country, state or whatever office they seek. For the Christian, there should never be a separation of church and state at the ballot box. If you are a Christian, you should vote as a Christian. Morally, you can do nothing else.

### **Anglicans for Life**

There will be a monthly meeting of Anglicans for Life on Sunday, October 21st, after the 11:00 service. We will meet in the Parish Hall and welcome all to join us

### **Altar Guild News**

The next meeting of the St. Francis Anglican Church Altar Guild will be November 10, 2012 at 9:30. After a short business meeting in the Parish Hall we will proceed to the Church for the cleaning of the church to prepare for the Advent Season.

Most of the Altar Guild members are already aware that I, Shirley Ellis, have stepped down as Altar Guild Director and Becky Hunt is now the new Altar Guild Director. I want to thank the Altar Guild Members for their support since I took over in January, 2004. I am now 77 years old and think it is time I take a lesser role in the Altar Guild. I will continue as a member and will support Becky in any way I can, as I am sure all of you will.

I also want to thank the Church Family, of which Ben and I are so fortunate to be a part, for their support. This support includes the beautiful flowers we decorate our church with at Easter and Christmas, new hangings for the altar, and anonymous gifts for communion and credence table vessels. Thanks to all of you.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....**

The Fall meeting of The Women of the Church has been scheduled for Saturday, October 13, at 10:30 a.m. I'm the Parish Hall.

Please join your fellow parishioners to learn of about the ongoing activities and projects of St. Francis Church.

Coffee and Fellowship will be provided, See you there!

*May God Bless you with unspeakable joy, not only in the world to come, but in this world also.*

*May your path be bright and full of light everywhere you go.*

*May God tell darkness that it must flee at your command.*

*And, I pray your feet will never stumble out of God's plan.*

*May the desires of your heart come true. And may you experience Peace in everything you do.*

*May Goodness, Kindness, and Mercy come your way.*

*And, may you gain Wisdom and grow in the Lord every day.  
Amen*



#### **Birthday**

- 5 Kevin Burnette
- 8 Mary Sanders
- 13 Gayle Harrell
- 15 Alexandra Jacobs
- 19 Harriette Scharff
- 25 Carole Martin  
Ed Sandlin
- 27 Suzan Stratton
- 28 David Norris
- 29 Jeanne Davies

#### **Anniversary**

- 1 Rev. Robert and Barbara Rawson
- 3 Len and Nancy Giacolone  
Chris and Tricia Denslow
- 7 Robert and Rory Motl
- 8 Gordon and Carol Lofland
- 12 Robert and Peggy Geiler
- 13 Ed and Katie Sandlin



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

**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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## OCTOBER 2012

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| 2  | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon   | 14 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90<br>Hebrews 3:1-6 Mark 10:17-31<br>Sunday School             |
| 3  | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm   | 16 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon   |
| 4  | Evening Prayer, 6pm  | 17 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm   |
| 5  | Games Night, 6:30pm  | 18 | Mothers Prayer Group, 2:30pm<br>Evening Prayer, 6pm  |
| 6  | Austin City Prayer Walk, 9am   | 21 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br>Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91<br>Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:35-45<br>Sunday School              |
| 7  | <u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion</u> ,<br>9:30 am and 11:00 am<br>Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 128<br>Hebrews 2:1-18 Mark 10:2-9<br>Sunday School | 23 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon   |
| 8  | Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm   | 24 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm   |
| 9  | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon   | 25 | Evening Prayer, 6pm  |
| 10 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm   | 28 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br>Deuteronomy 32:1-4 Psalm 119:89-96<br>Ephesians 2:13-22 John 15:17-27<br>Sunday School |
| 11 | Evening Prayer, 6pm  | 30 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon   |
|    |  | 31 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7pm   |