



The Messenger

A place for worship and Christian growth in the knowledge and love of God

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

As we enter the season of Lent beginning March 6 on Ash Wednesday, we enter a season of intentional preparation and reflection of our own personal lives and our walk and relationship with Christ.

This Lenten season, St. Francis is offering a wide range of worship opportunities, events, and various educational and spiritual classes designed to help strengthen your experience as we journey through these 40 days with Christ. I encourage you to explore and participate in new experiences, whether it be our weekly Stations of the Cross or Taizé services, or several of the various educational programs offered that you can find throughout the Messenger and Sunday bulletins.



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The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life. I would like to particularly highlight our evening Lenten Supper program as we explore the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement as our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry is often quoted. The program will be centered on what is known as “The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life.” Throughout this Lenten Series on Wednesday evenings, together, we will ‘...grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world’ (www.episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove).

By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around practical ways we will explore throughout this study, as our Presiding Bishop mentions in his description of this program, ‘...we can enter into a new church community by following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus; who has the power to change our lives and to change this world.’

Throughout this offering, we will have special guest speakers from all 4 walks of ministry: lay, diaconate, priesthood, and episcopate (bishop); which includes Deacon Clara Hewis and our Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick, who will be with us to lead one of the programs.

May this be a holy, intentional Season of Lent for you; both individually and collectively as the Body of Christ, through Jesus Christ our Lord who is the true vine we are called to abide in as Jesus abides in us.

Fr. Tim +

AT ST. FRANCIS

At St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, our Sunday mornings begin at 9 a.m. with Christian formation for adults in the conference room. Worship is at 10 a.m. with nursery provided. We utilize both Rite One and Rite Two Holy Eucharist, with organ and choir. Refreshments and conversation take place after the service in the Parish Hall. The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated at Noon every Wednesday.



ST. FRANCIS ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi for Seniors

No Tai Chi first week of March. Resumes March 11.
Free Tai Chi classes for Seniors is offered in the Atrium Monday and Wednesday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

St. Francis' Readers

Meet the third Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Library.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

All women are invited on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Women of St. Francis (WOSF) Luncheon

Takes place the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. All ladies are invited. Please bring a lunch item to share.

Hospice Card Crafters

Meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room. No experience needed.

Monthly Parish Supper

There will not be a parish supper this month due to the Lenten Supper Programs. The next supper is on April 24.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Choir Loft.

Senior Moment Café

Meets Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Great Room.

First Fridays with the Father

Meets 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Great Room (in conjunction with Senior Moment Café)

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

ECW meets the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This month's meeting is on February 9. Light refreshments will be served.

Prayer Shawl Guild

Meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

Adult Education

Meets at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room on Sundays.

Children's Education (Sunday School)

Resumes March 10!
Details on next page.

AT ST. FRANCIS



SHROVE TUESDAY/MARDI GRAS AT ST. FRANCIS

Shrove Tuesday is the day before the beginning of the season of Lent. Popular practices such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations.

Laissez les bons temps rouler (lazay-lay bon-tom rulay) and come on down to St. Francis' Parish Hall to pass a good time on Tuesday, March 5 at 6 p.m.! Bring your favorite Cajun or Creole dish to share.

Mardi Gras beads and costumes are encouraged!



Begin your Journey to the Resurrection with the observance of Ash Wednesday on March 6 during one of our three

Ash Wednesday Services:
7 a.m., Noon and 6 p.m.



CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Invite you to their Annual Invitational Luncheon
Speaker: The Right Reverend Russell Kendrick
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

18 W. Wright Street • Pensacola, Florida
Cost is \$15.00

To register please contact Beth Cyr @ 850-449-1444
Pre-register by March 18, 2019

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND SCRIPTURE March 2019

March 3
Last Sunday
After Epiphany

March 10
First Sunday
In Lent

March 17
Second Sunday
In Lent

March 24
Third Sunday
In Lent

March 31
Fourth Sunday
In Lent

SCRIPTURE

Exodus
34:29-35
Psalm
99
2 Corinthians
3:12-42
Luke
9:28-36(37-43a)

Deuteronomy
26:1-11
Psalm
91:1-2, 9-16
Romans
10:8b-13
Luke
4:1-13

Genesis
15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm
27
Philippians
3:17-4:1
Luke
13:31-35

Exodus
3:1-15
Psalm
63:1-8
1 Corinthians
10:1-13
Luke
13:1-19

Joshua
5:9-12
Psalm
32
2 Corinthians
5:15-21
Luke
15:1-3, 3, 11b-32

John Boden
Diane Petoskey

John Griffing
Mary Jo Mann

Diane Petoskey
Neil Merrifield

Jane Ellis
John Boden

John Boden
Diane Petoskey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

David Stratford
Barbara MacNeil
Nancy Storey

David Stratford
Nathan Lucas
Averette Culver

Lonnie Lorren
Leon Mayberry
Amy Reyes

John Griffing
Barbara MacNeil
Averette Culver

Finn Youberg
Mark MacNeil
Nancy Storey

ACOLYTES

Ann Woll
Tricia Briska
Alice Lane

Virginia MacKinnon
Barbara MacNeil
Flash Gordon

Hannah Grimley
Jack Grimley
Kim Grimley

Kim Grimley
Brad Wilson
Susan Drinkwater

Bob Brownlie
Tricia Briska
Cathy Griffing

LECTORS / INTERCESSORS

Jim Arnold
Diane Arnold

Mike Lane
Alice Lane

Leo Cyr
Sally Weber

Herb Woll
Ann Woll

Leon Mayberry
Sally Weber

USHERS/GREETERS

Patsy May
Tricia Briska

Rosemary Spain
Lucy Daniel

Janet Penniman
Ann Merrifield

Betty Neville
Carol Stark

Patsy May
Tricia Briska

OBLATIONERS

Erin Currie

Sarah Slay

Dana Miller

Alice Davis

Lindsey Hutto

NURSERY MINISTRY

1st Sunday

2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

5th Sunday

ALTAR GUILD

COFFEE HOUR

Team 10
H. Gossett,
L. Hutto,
B. & J. MacNeil,
D. Petoskey,

Team 7
B. Cyr, C. Griffing
J. Griffing,
M. Mann, S. Weber

Team 6
S. Drinkwater,
K. Grimley,
H. Laucella,
D. Warnock

Team 8
A. Culver
K. Girylyuk
M. Lorren, J. Young
D. Thompson

Team 9
D. Gilleran,
V. Mackinnon
M. Newbill,
J. Petoskey,
A. Reyes

Thank you Coffee Hour Teams for participating in our Hospitality Ministry!

We are happy to reimburse Coffee Hour expenses.

**Please submit your receipts to the office for reimbursement
or we can apply to your account as a non-cash, tax-deductible contribution.**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE ~ March 2019

Sunday, March 3	Last Sunday After Epiphany 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, March 6	Distribution of Ashes & Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Averette Culver Lector: Kim Grimley Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Don Johnson Chalice: John Griffing Lector: Bob Menzer
Sunday, March 10	First Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, March 13	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: David Stratford Lector: Bob Menzer
Sunday, March 17	Second Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, March 20	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: John Griffing Lector: Kim Grimley
Sunday, March 24	Third Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, March 27	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Bob Menzer
Sunday, March 31	Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two

PRAYER LIST

March Birthdays: 3/1 Chip Wood, 3/10 Jay Smith, 3/13 Bud Newbill, 3/19 Mary Jo Mann, Libbi Crowe, 3/21 Kathy Cannon, 3/23 Diane Arnold, 3/27 Wright Currie, 3/28 Alice Davis, 3/29 Ron Gilleran, Tim Backus

March Anniversaries: 3/5 Mike & Penny Immel, 3/27 Jim & Diane Arnold

Pray for Healing: Jeff Backus, Lonnie Barlow, Stephen Barona, Barry Beroset, Katherine Bishop, Alan Bunt, Martha Bunt, Tammy Cantrell, Penny Carter, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Paul Considine, Sky Currie, Shirley Fisher, Ed Gilchrist, Bob Gomolka, Phyllis Ham, Jennifer Henderson, Clauzell Holloway, Mary Howard, Josephina Jimenez, Olivia Keene, Nicole Kostic, Liza McKee, Nathan & Noah, Bob Ogden, Jessica Ogden, K.K. Owen, Lynn & Sue Parker, Ella Rasmussen, Mary Stine, Carol Trimble, Josh Wiggins, Pat Wilson, Jay Wyrosdick

Pray for the Departed: Bill Ashcroft, Marion Cowen, Jeffrey Jacks

Pray for Active Duty Military: Martin Bunt, Michael Christiansen, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Daniel Lane, Bryan Lucas, Kenneth Marshall, Tyler Mathews, Shane Murtha, Anthony Olson, Josh Payne, Dylan Price, Jason Pritchett, Ryan Schuler, Karri Styron, T.J. Teicher, Kevin Walsh, Nicolas Zbikowski

NOAH'S NURSERY



Birth-Kindergarten (age 0-5) meets in the nursery during the church service. "Busy Bags" are in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those children attending church.

March Nursery Assistants

	<u>9:45 a.m. til Communion</u>
March 3	Erin Currie
March 10	Sarah Slay
March 17	Dana Miller
March 24	Alice Davis
April 3	Lindsey Hutto



LENTEN SUPPER AND PROGRAM:

Every Wednesday, March 13 – April 10
5:30 Evening prayer, 6 p.m. Light Supper,
6:30 p.m. Speaker Begins

Presiding Bishop Curry has invited and challenged us to be a part of the Episcopal Church's branch of the Jesus movement. He cites the Gospel of John where Jesus said to his disciples: I am the vine, you are the branches. Abide in me and I in you, for apart from me you can do nothing. But abide in me and you will bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

Come to our Wednesday evening program during Lent and you will learn how we can abide in Christ and live the way of His love.

How can we can abide in Christ and invite him into our hearts and lives? Bishop Curry has a plan for us! He outlines a way of life practiced for centuries and promises revolutionary results in our individual lives, in our lives as a Christian community, and in the life of the world.

The presenters will represent all orders of ministry within the Church: Lay person (Lita Brown), Deaconate (Deacon Clara Hewis) Priest (Fr. Tim Backus), Bishop (The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick) and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry through video clips. Each evening will end with one of Bishop Curry's favorite Gospel hymns and Jack Grimley accompanying on the piano.

If you would like to learn more now, read Bishop Curry's book THE POWER OF LOVE. Or you can go online to our church's website: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love> where you will find a wealth of resources. You can also search for Bishop Curry on the internet where you can see and hear him delivering many sermons and words of inspiration.



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION RESUMES MARCH 10

All K-5th grade children who wish to participate in children's education will follow a second crucifer (Hannah Grimley) from the church to children's ed. This will happen during the sequence hymn before the reading from the Gospel. Children will return to the church service at communion as normal.

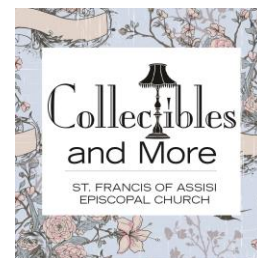


UTO (United Thank Offering) is a yearly campaign that seeks to gather money in small sums from Episcopalians throughout the church to create grants for parishes.

This year, our campaign to fill the "little blue boxes" begins March 10 and end March 31). Please take your "little blue box" and fill it with coins or cash as a sign of your sacrifice. Checks are always appreciated too.

Let this be part of your Lenten sacrifice. I am hopeful that you will examine the many blessings of your life, as will I, and see great hope for the future. I pray we will all be very generous again this year.

Thank you, Carol Stark



The ECW is pleased to announce the third annual 2019 Collectibles & More Sale August 16,17 and 18. Your support has enabled us to have two successful sales in 2017 and 2018. We have already started col-lecting items for the sale and welcome your donations. Please drop your items at the Collectibles and More room at the church.

Call Beth Cyr at 850-449-1444 with questions.

DO YOU KNOW GAY MCDANIEL?



In the south it is not unusual to ask someone, "And who are your people?"

On my mother's side our people are the Roberts. They had come over from the Bahamas in the 1800s and settled in Key West. There are still 5 original Roberts' homes in Old Town. Eventually some settled in other parts of Florida. We are true conchs.

I grew up in Gainesville, Florida but lived four years in St. Petersburg. Even living in Gainesville we were never far from a beach. I feel most at home when I can see the water.

I lived next door to my grandparents in Gainesville. We lived out in the country and some of my best memories are of her rose garden, her cutting garden, and "dinner" at noon on her back porch. Oh, and all the beautiful and varied types of butterflies in her yard.

I graduated from Gainesville High School with the same kids I had gone to kindergarten with at J.J. Finley. There are sixteen of us "girls" who still meet once a year, usually at a beach in Florida. We come from all over the U.S. to be together for the week.

After high school I went to The University of Florida. I met Johnny McDaniel on a blind date, and we've been married 56 years. We have three adult children and three perfect grandchildren.

Johnny's career allowed us to move many times. I always enjoyed moving and meeting new people.

When we lived in Atlanta I sold real estate. It allowed me the flexibility to work and be home with our children. This was important to me because Johnny's job required a great deal of travel.

When we were living in Athens, Georgia I again sold real estate, went back to college at the University of Georgia and got a degree in psychology, and wrote for Athens Magazine.

It was when we were living in the San Francisco area that we found out we were going to be grandparents for the first time. We were very happy there but...our granddaughter would be living in Pensacola. So obviously we arranged to move here to be near her.

Now all three of our children and our three grandchildren live here.

We live at the beach and all around us is water. The conch in me is happy.

And now I hope I am making sweet memories for my grandchildren.

Because these are my people.



SPRING CLEAN UP MARCH 23, 8 A.M. TO NOON

On March 23, we will be meeting from 9 a.m. to noon to spruce up the church. Come for an hour or the whole morning if you can. Please bring yard tools. Many hands make light work; please join us!

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN TRUTH AND FORGIVENESS

A free six-week discussion
Led by Anna Garcia-Lucas

Anna, a retired USAF veteran, mom and wife, is currently pursuing a Masters of Divinity at Bexley Seabury Seminary. Anna, her husband, Bryan, and children are members of St. Francis Church.

The discussions will be held in the conference room at:

St. Francis Episcopal Church
1 St. Francis Dr.
Gulf Breeze, Florida

On the Saturdays shown below from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Light lunch will be served

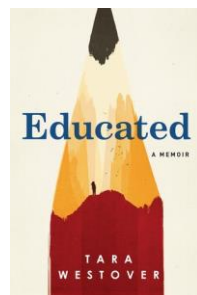
The discussions will center on the following topics:

March 9	Human Nature
March 16	Hate Is A Figment of Imagination
March 23	Angry At The World versus Personal Anger
April 6	Movie and Discussion
April 13	Why Doesn't God Just Wipe The Slate Clean of Humans?
April 20	God's Silence

"How do I even begin to forgive...?" These guided discussions are open to all denominations regardless of affiliation and spiritual level. We will discuss truth and forgiveness along with spirituality and religion in a non-threatening atmosphere. All discussions will be respectful and within safe boundaries.

If you have certain dietary needs, please let Anna know when you RSVP. Looking forward to our impactful discussions! Please RSVP to Anna Garcia-Lucas, aglucas66@gmail.com, 575-430-2852.

ST. FRANCIS READERS



EDUCATED: A MEMOIR

by Tara Westover
(Book for March)

Those who have already read it could not put it down.

We will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish library Monday, March 18.
All are welcome!



2019 TAIZÉ IN THE ATRIUM LENTEN SERIES

For the sixth consecutive year, the St. Francis Taizé Ensemble will present a Taizé service during Lent. The services will be held in the Atrium at 5 p.m. on Saturday evenings: March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13. Taizé is a form of worship that encourages contemplative thought by alternating brief interludes of music, repetitive prayer, silence and meditation. Taizé is intended to be brief (30 minutes) and deeply inspirational.

The service draws its strength from the simple, powerful phrases used to aid in meditation. The music is unpretentious. The songs resemble chants more than complex songs. This simplicity allows participants to focus on the spiritual meaning of the music. The services will feature the St. Francis Taizé Ensemble led by Cathy Griffing and guest musicians from our parish and the community.

Taizé is held in the church Atrium which looks out on the serenely beautiful Gardens of St. Clare, which enhance the spiritual effect of the service. When the service ends, attendees leave with a sense renewal and revitalization.



Please join us on Friday's during Lent (March 8 – April 12) at 5:30pm as we "walk" the stations of the cross in the church with meditation, reflection, readings and prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2018

	1/19	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Pledged Offerings	\$23,951	\$23,951	\$ 18,961	\$227,532
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 2,230	\$ 2,230	\$ 2,150	\$ 25,800
Previous Year Pledge	\$ 600	\$ 600	-0-	-0-
Other Income	<u>\$ 671</u>	<u>\$ 671</u>	<u>\$ 1,496</u>	<u>17,950</u>
Total Income	\$27,452	\$27,452	\$ 22,607	\$271,282
Expenses	\$20,280	\$ 20,280	\$ 23,010	\$276,126
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 7,172	\$ 7,172	\$ (404)	(\$ 4,844)
Non-budgeted Income/Expense	\$ 457	\$ 457	\$ 775	\$ 9,300
Total Net Income	\$ 7,629	\$ 7,629	(\$ 37)	(\$ 444)

Checking/Savings/Investments \$38,220 (Includes \$18,580 ECW Funds)
 Endowment Fund (Statement Balance \$214,199.23 as of 01/31/19

January's total income is \$27,452 and Expenses are \$20,280 resulting in \$7,172 net income.

January's pledge offerings are \$23,951, which is \$4,990 over budget and open plate offerings are \$2,230 which is \$80 over budget. Expenses are \$20,280, which is \$2,650 under budget.

The January financial statements are posted on the bulletin board for your review. If you would like a copy, please ask Chris in the office.

Leon J. Mayberry, Treasurer



FRANCIS THE BUNNY AKA KEATING

Dini Warnock heard that Francis (found in St. Francis' gardens with cross on his furry back) had died and reached out to his caretaker. This is Ms. Palmer's response to Dini.

Thank you for asking about Keating, he was our much loved and now our deeply missed rabbit-child and we think about him every day.

He lived with us for 8 years and he was a joy. We grew a greens garden just for him, took him on camping trips, gave him free reign of the house and yard, and pretty much made him the center of our homelife. I blogged about him, tweeted about him, and he was internationally known on Facebook, he even had his own page. The last year of his life he was beset by multiple health problems. We took him to the exotic vet in New Orleans many times and thought we had finally got him back to health. Sadly, he began to slow down and finally left us just before Thanksgiving.

*Sincerely,
Paula Palmer*

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

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YOUR 2019 VESTRY

Leon Mayberry, Sr. Warden & Treasurer

Helen Laucella, Jr. Warden

Amy Guidry, Clerk

John Boden

Kim Giryluk

Kim Grimley

John Petoskey

Rosemary Spain

Carol Stark

Vestry Support

McGee Lorren, Financial Consultant

St. Francis' Staff

The Rev. Tim Backus, Rector

Cathy Griffing, Organist and Choirmaster

Bill Lucas, Sexton

Chris Miller, Parish Administrator