



The Messenger

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

LENTON SUPPER SERIES



Living as a Christian in the Year 2020

Wednesday evenings

5:30-7:15pm

March 4th – April 1st

We begin our time together at 5:30pm with evening prayer followed by soup, salad, & program.

There will not be a Lenten series during Holy Week before Easter.

Topic for Lenten Supper Series:

Signs of Life - Why Church Matters

Light

Water

Food

Shelter

Community

The Society of Saint John the Evangelist | Virginia Theological Seminary | The Way of Love

Worship engages what we most deeply value and need, and has the power to transform our lives. Facilitated by Fr. Tim, join the Brothers of Saint John the Evangelist through a video-based program that invites us into conversation with the brothers as they reflect on the “signs” of Christian calling that we see in our church buildings, liturgies, and our own lives. Following the weekly video, we will join in small group conversation as we explore the signs and symbols at the heart of Christian worship: Light, Water, Food, Shelter, and Community.

In addition to the videos, there is an accompanying daily [calendar](#) that connects the Signs to “**The Way of Love**” and a “reader” companion developed through Virginia Theological Seminary on each of the five signs. Participants will receive a copy of each as desired. If you are unable to attend the Wednesday evening programs, please inform Fr. Tim to receive the accompanying material as this course can also be followed at home and on your own time. If you would like to attend and would benefit from transportation due to evening driving hours or whatever the reason, please contact Fr. Tim in the office.

For additional information or background material, please visit www.signsoflife.org for: Daily Practice. Weekly Video. Small Group Guide. Weekly Forum. Podcast.

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

Tai Chi is offered free to senior citizens on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Atrium.

St. Francis' Readers

Meet the third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.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 be no parish suppers until after Lent. The next supper is on April 22. The program is 156 Years on Sprague's Historic Farms and will be presented by our very own Flash Gordon Sprague.

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 Friday with the Father

Meets the first Friday each month at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Youth Room.

(in conjunction with Senior Moment Café,)

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

This month's meeting is on March 14 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendars.

Prayer Shawl Guild

Meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the Great Room. This month's meeting is on March 5.

Adult Christian Education

Meets at 9 a.m. on Sundays in the Parish Hall.

Children's Christian Education (K-5)

The children follow a junior acolyte from the service on Sunday before the Sequence Hymn (approx. 10:15 a.m.) and return before Communion.

AT ST. FRANCIS



WITH FATHER TIM

Fr. Tim has dedicated office hours every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please call Chris in the parish office if you wish to schedule an appointment during one of these times. Walk-ins also accepted on a first-come basis.

This does not mean you cannot schedule appointments with Fr. Tim on other days. It means he will always be available at the office during these designated times except in an emergency, out of town or other necessary scheduled events. For appointments outside of these hours, please schedule directly with Fr. Tim as normal. These office hours are meant to be a consistent addition to what is already offered.



Holy Week Schedule 2020

10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 5

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

12:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday in Holy Week ~ Holy Eucharist Rite One

6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 9

Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 9 – 8 a.m. Friday, April 10

Night Watch at the Altar of Repose

12:00 p.m. Friday, April 10

Good Friday with the Reserved Sacrament

10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 12

Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Day ~ Holy Eucharist Rite Two



NOAH'S NURSERY



Birth-Kindergarten (age 0-5) meets in the nursery during the church service (9:45 a.m. until Communion). "Busy Bags" are in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those children attending church.



NEW NURSERY ASSISTANTS

Stop by the nursery and welcome Erin Johnson and Sarah Marks. Erin is a senior at Gulf Breeze High School. She has been working in childcare for several years now. One of her favorite jobs was working with the ESE students at Gulf Breeze Middle School. She loves to fish, boat, scuba dive and travel. She hopes to attend Louisiana State University as a biology major and one day pursue a career in neonatology or dermatology. Sarah Marks is a sophomore at Gulf Breeze High School and has lived in Gulf Breeze for 13 years. In her free time, she enjoys painting and spending time with her two sisters and three dogs. She is very excited to work in the nursery at St. Francis.



IN 2019, ST. FRANCIS' PRAYER SHAWL GUILD MADE:

10 prayers shawls,
10 adult scarfs,
6 adult scarfs and hat sets and
60 hats and caps for infants and youth fighting cancer.

CALL FOR TREASURER

MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER

I have served as your Treasurer since January 2016, and at the end of December 2020, my fifth year, pursuant to the Diocesan Canons, I can no longer serve.

I am asking if anyone is interested in becoming the new Treasurer for St. Francis. The skills and requirements are simple. You need to be able to communicate and get along with the Vestry. Parish Administrator and Rector. You also need to be able to handle figures (add, subtract, multiply and divide), and have a general knowledge of budgeting. If you decide to accept the position, I will train you and show you the ropes. Should you be interested, please contact me at 850-602-2599 or Fr. Tim at 336-970-3732.

Leon Mayberry
St. Francis Treasurer

Name: _____

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Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND SCRIPTURE

March 2020

March 1

First Sunday
in Lent

Genesis
2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm
32
Romans
5:12-19
Matthew
4:1-1

David Stratford
John Griffing

Finn Youberg
Nancy Storey
Leon Mayberry

Alice Lane
Barbara MacNeil
Alice Lane

Mike Lane
Alice Lane

Lucy Daniel
Patsy May

Erin Johnson
Sarah Marks

1st Sunday

March 8

Second Sunday
in Lent

Genesis
12:1-4a
Psalm
121
Romans
4:1-5, 13-17
John
3:1-17

John Boden
David Stratford

Harriet Gossett
Darrell Gossett
Nancy Storey

Pat Rooney
Tricia Briska
Flash Gordon

Chip Wood
Janet Wood

Ron Gilleran
Debbie Gilleran

Erin Johnson

2nd Sunday

March 15

Third Sunday
in Lent

Exodus
17:1-7
Psalm
95
Romans
5:1-11
John
4:5-42

Averette Culver
John Boden

John Griffing
Barbara MacNeil
Darrell Gossett

Bob Brownlie
Karilyn Butler
Brad Wilson

USHERS/GREETERS

Freida Palmer
Carol Stark

OBLATIONERS

Finley Holmes
Judy Holmes

NURSERY MINISTRY

Erin Johnson
Sarah Marks

ALTAR GUILD

3rd Sunday

COFFEE HOUR

Team 3

Dan & Nancy Geiger
Patsy May
Sara Lee Menzer
Margaret Murray
Nancy Storey

March 22

Fourth Sunday
in Lent

1 Samuel
16:1-13
Psalm
23
Ephesians
5:8-14
John
9:1-41

John Griffing
John Boden

Averette Culver
Leon Mayberry
Nancy Storey

Kim Ward
Hannah Grimley
Jack Grimley

Flash Gordon
Sally Weber

Tom Smith
Jennie Smith

Erin Johnson

4th Sunday

Team 4

Betty Allen
Diane Arnold
Lita Brown
Jean Gibson
Carol Stark

March 29

Fifth Sunday
in Lent

Ezekiel
37:1-14
Psalm
130
Romans
8:6-11
John
11:1-45

Averette Culver
John Griffing

Finn Youberg
Darrell Gossett
Nancy Storey

Diane Arnold
Jim Arnold
Cathy Griffing

Mike Lane
Alice lane

Linda Youberg
John Youberg

Erin Johnson
Sarah Marks

5th Sunday

Team 5

Sarah Backus
Irene Macy
Cathy Peterman
Rosemary Spain
Bette Sprague
Elise Stratford

Please submit receipts to the parish office for reimbursement.

Your expenses can also be applied to your account as a non-cash, tax-deductible contribution.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE ~ March 2020

Sunday, March 1	10:00 a.m.	First Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, March 4	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Brenda Lawrence
Sunday, March 8	10:00 a.m.	Second Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, March 11	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Sara Lee Menzer
Sunday, March 15	10:00 a.m.	Third Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, March 18	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Averette Culver Lector: Bob Menzer
Sunday, March 22	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, March 25	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Sara Lee Menzer
Sunday, March 29	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent 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, 3/19 Mark & Barbara MacNeil, 3/27 Jim & Diane Arnold

Pray for the Departed: Dr. Charles Roth, John Youtis, Maidye Strickland, Maria Samary Twaalfhoven, Debbie Atwood, David Freeman, Rev. Glenn Rohrer

Pray for healing: Sally Berveiler, Carol Boden, Barry Bisbee, Mary Brigman, Alan Bunt, Stephen Crume, Jane Ellis, Marzell Ellis, Terri, Elizabeth & Aiden Carroll, Penny Carter, Anna Clausen, Matt Collins, Stephen Currie, Rick Dennis & Family, Cindy Fell, Shirley Fisher, Brandee Gann, Hank Guess, Phyllis Ham, Sunne Joy Huebach, Josephina Jimenez, Nicole Kostic, Bill Kuehl, Jim Lewis, Lonnie Lorren, Brian Lowman, Carolyn Martin, Scott Martin, Liza McKee, Martha McMahan, Brian & Karen Noa, Barbara Ogden, Michael Owen, Caleb Patterson, Michael & Lisa Patterson, Cathy Peterman, Michael Rowan, Calvin Rushing, Farah & John Schmitt, Beth Schurger, Sheldon Soble, Bette Sprague, Bob Stine, Elise Stratford, Jason Thompson, Jim Tringus, Abigail Watson, Eddie Williams, Jason Wilson, Pat Wilson

DO YOU KNOW JOHN MCDANIEL?



Dad was a Marine whose life embodied duty, honor, self-discipline, loyalty and hard work. Mother was beautiful, smart, funny, social, warm and compassionate. As a Marine family we moved a lot - 11 schools in 12 years. I enrolled at University of Florida in 1960.

In my sophomore year I met Gay and fell madly and totally in love. Gay and I married before I graduated. She put her degree on hold and worked to help pay for mine. Mary was born before we graduated. We left Gainesville and moved to Pittsburg to begin my career with Westinghouse in 1964.

We spent the next 38 years building our life together. We had twins, John and Amie. Gay finished her degree and began a career in real estate. We lived in New Orleans, Jackson MS, Tampa, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Athens GA and the San Francisco Area.

I traveled a great deal, leaving Gay on her own. Gay was and is very capable and handled things at home. She is the foundation of our family and the best wife, mother, grandmother, and friend one could wish. She gave me the freedom to have a good career. I could not have a better partner.

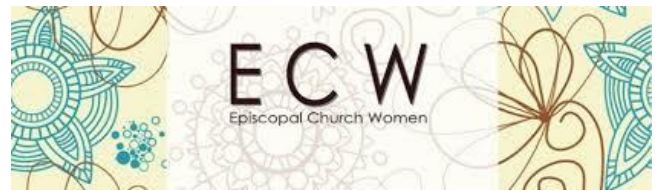
When our first grandchild was born, I arranged a job transfer and we moved to Gulf Breeze in 2001. Our other two children eventually followed. We spend 15 years in our home on Deerpoint and have wonderful memories of beach weekends with the children, grandchildren and friends.

In retirement I treasure having time for lunches, dinners and travel with Gay. I love being home at night. I love living at the beach and watching the sunsets. I love that our children and grandchildren all live here and that we see them regularly and celebrate birthdays and holidays together. I cherish our friends, particularly Tom and Jennie Smith, besties for years who introduced us to St. Francis.

I enjoy playing tennis and guitar. My reading tastes are eclectic – neuroscience, politics, social science, behavior and lots of novels. I journal daily for perspective and focus. I go to OJ Semmes twice a week to help second graders build reading skills and to let them know there is one old dude who likes them and thinks they are pretty cool.

Next week, I am going to my 60th high school reunion. We'll see what happens after that.

Life is good.



MARCH ECW MEETING

This month's meeting is on Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All women are invited; the more the merrier! We will be discussing St. Francis Day and Sock Pops, which the ECW women will make to be sold on St. Francis Day. Light refreshments will be served.



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 1 and ends March 29. 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



MARCH PANTRY NEEDS

Hot dogs, one-pound packages of ground beef, pork butts, pork chops, liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, bleach, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates and toothpaste. At the present time, **canned goods are not needed.**

Please bring donations to the church. We have a basket for dry foods. Put perishable donations in the refrigerator or freezer and let Chris Miller, in the parish office, know so they can be delivered to Interfaith in a timely manner.



2020 TAIZÉ IN THE ATRIUM LENTEN SERIES

For the seventh 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 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4. 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 of renewal and revitalization.



We will not have lay persons leading Stations of the Cross this year.

However, if you wish to “Walk the Way of the Cross” individually or as a group, please stop by the office and pick up our illustrated Stations of the Cross booklet to assist you on your journey from station to station in the church.

TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2020

	CURRENT MONTH	YTD MONTHLY	YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
Pledged Offerings	\$34,017	\$34,017	\$ 19,083	\$ 229,000
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 843	\$ 843	\$ 2,150	\$ 25,800
Previous Year Pledge	\$ 675	\$ 675	-0-	-0-
Other Income	\$ 481	\$ 481	\$ 1,537	\$ 18,450
Total Income	\$36,016	\$36,016	\$ 22,770	\$ 273,250
Expenses	\$23,601	\$23,601	\$ 22,985	\$ 275,820
Net Ordinary Income	\$12,415	\$12,415	\$ - 215	\$ - 2,495
Non-budgeted Income/Expense	\$ 327	\$ 327	\$ 350	\$ 3,000
Total Net Income	\$12,742	\$12,742	\$ 42	\$ 505
Support of Diocese	\$ 3,198	\$ 3,198	\$1,911	\$ 22,930

Checking/Savings/Investments are \$55,868, which includes ECW Funds \$12,153, Episcopal Youth Club Funds \$7,190 and \$16,937 in Gifts and Memorials.

Endowment Fund (Statement Balance as of 01/31/20 was \$217,670.51, up \$426.53 from December but still down \$12,633.57 from November 2019.

For the month of JANUARY, Pledge Offerings are \$34,017, \$14,934 over budget for the month/year. Open Plate Offerings are \$843, \$1307 under budget for the month/year. Expenses are \$23,601, which is \$616 over budget for the month/year. JANUARY’S Total Income is \$36,016 and as previously stated Expenses are \$23,601 resulting in positive net ordinary income of \$12,742 for the month.

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

Leon J. Mayberry, Treasurer



INFORMATIVE INFORMATION

To watch interesting and informative videos about Murray House and Wilmer Hall, two of our outreach organizations, and the CDF Freedom School:

Go to www.cgc.org.

Click on Website

Scroll down to “2020 Convention Wrap-Up”

Scroll down to “Saturday”

You will see listed: Murray House Video, Wilmer Hall Video, CDF Freedom Schools

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YOUR 2020 VESTRY

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Kim Giryluk (Junior Warden & Pastoral Care)

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Judy Holmes (Church Grounds & Gardens)

Amy Reyes (Clerk)

Bette Sprague (Hospitality & Receptions)

Carol Stark (Mission & Outreach)

Kim Ward (Youth Christian Education)

John Youberg (Church Building & Facilities)

Vestry Support

McGee Lorren, Financial Consultant

Leon Mayberry, Treasurer

St. Francis' Staff

The Rev. Tim Backus, Rector

Cathy Griffing, Organist and Choirmaster

Bill Lucas, Sexton

Chris Miller, Parish Administrator