



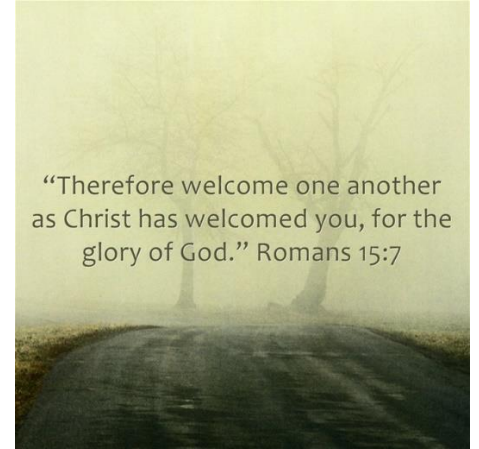
The Messenger

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,

...And this is exactly what our parish family did this past Sunday....

I couldn't have been more proud of what I witnessed this past Sunday following the service. And because of the importance of that experience, what was originally intended for this edition of the Messenger changed. What happened on Sunday here at St. Francis was much more important. And the way we responded as a parish was even more significant. The words from the 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew were placed into action. And as Christians, what was provided on Sunday is exactly what Jesus calls us to do:



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” Matthew 25:35-36

Following the service, we had a family of four appear outside our church walls who were in need. Did they attend the service? No. Were they interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church? No. Were they visitors looking for a parish home? No.

None of that mattered to the members of our parish community and none of these were prerequisites for reaching out to help this family during their time of need. Instead of brushing away this family, you brought them in. You fed them during coffee hour. They were thirsty, and you provided them with beverages to drink. And more than anything else, they were truly welcomed into Christ's home here at St. Francis.

There is a substantial difference when it comes to giving to a stranger in need and welcoming a stranger in need. Countless parishioners introduced themselves and visited with Laura, Laudi, Ronaldo and Ronaldindo. Not out of obligation, but out of the heart. Parishioners who spoke Spanish spoke with them in their native tongue. Their children were introduced to other children. Their stories were shared and many of our stories were shared in return. Christ's presence was made known to the Nicolae family through your hospitality. This family was warmly welcomed by St. Francis. Not as strangers, but as friends.

With the love of Christ,

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, and children's Sunday School in the Sunday School classroom. 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 Classes

Classes are every Monday and Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the Atrium.

St. Francis' Readers

Meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Library.

Women's Bible Study

Meets at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room on Tuesdays.

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 little something 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 Suppers

This month's parish supper is on Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. Plan to bring a covered dish to share and a non-expired food item from your cabinet for Interfaith Ministries Food Bank.

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.

Needle Work Ministry

Meets the second Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

Adult Education

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

Children's Sunday School

Meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Big Classroom.

To find out about AA and other groups, please call the Parish Office at 850-932-2861 weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

AT ST. FRANCIS



ST. FRANCIS CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, June 3, 2017, 9 a.m. to Noon

Come help us with Spring Clean Up Day!
Fun chores inside and out!
Please bring any tools you think you may need.



NEW MEMBER NEWS

Please join us in welcoming our newest members. We are delighted to have them as members of our parish and wanted to share the good news!

Darrell & Harriet Gossett

ST. FRANCIS' GARDEN GUILD



We are excited to announce the reorganization of St. Francis' Garden Guild. We invite you to join us in the planning and implementation of small manageable projects on the church grounds. If you are interested in sharing some time and love of gardening, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. We look forward to brainstorming with you on new ideas.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND SCRIPTURE

May 2017

May 7 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	May 14 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	May 21 <i>Sixth Day of Easter</i>	May 28 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	June 4 <i>Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday</i>
SCRIPTURE				
Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS				
Sarah McCarren Mary Jo Mann	McGee Lorren John Griffing	Nancy Storey David Stratford	Jane Ellis Neil Merrifield	TBD TBD
ACOLYTES				
John Griffing Nancy Storey David Stratford	Lonnie Lorren Catherine Grimley Finn Youberg	Herb Woll Sarah McCarren Averette Culver	John Griffing David Stratford Nancy Storey	TBD TBD TBD
LECTORS / INTERCESSORS				
Pat Rooney John Boden Leo Cyr	Hannah Grimley Jack Grimley Alice Lane	Bob Brownlie Ann Woll Jane Ellis	Brad Wilson Barbara MacNeil McGee Lorren	TBD TBD TBD
USHERS				
Steve Jimenez Sally Weber	Leon Mayberry Leo Cyr	Mike Lane Alice Lane	Jim Arnold Diane Arnold	TBD TBD
OBLATIONERS				
Mike Lane Alice Lane	Peterman Family	Keith Mann Mary Jo Mann	Sally Weber Leo Cyr	TBD TBD
GREETERS				
Herb Woll Ann Woll	Jim Arnold Diane Arnold	Adam Clause Stephanie Clause	Leo Cyr Sally Weber	TBD TBD
NURSERY MINISTRY				
Lindsey Hutto	Sarah Backus	Jay Smith	Alice Davis	Jay Smith
PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY				
Bob Weatherly David Stratford	David Stratford	Bob Weatherly McGee Lorren	Sarah McCarren McGee Lorren	TBD TBD
ALTAR GUILD				
1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	1 st Sunday
HOSPITALITY				
Potluck Sunday	MOTHER'S DAY ST. FRANCIS MEN	HOSTS NEEDED	HOSTS NEEDED	Potluck Sunday

TO VOLUNTEER TO HOST COFFEE HOUR, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE PARISH HALL OR CALL CHRIS MILLER @ 932-2861 OR ROSEMARY SPAIN @ 785-201-2608.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE ~ May 2017

Wednesday, May 3	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One Chalice: John Griffing Lector: Leo Cyr
Sunday, May 7	Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, May 10	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: David Stratford Lector: Kim Grimley
Sunday, May 14	Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, May 17	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Leo Cyr
Sunday, May 21	Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, May 24	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Averette Culver Lector: Kim Grimley
Thursday, May 25	Ascension Day 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, May 28	Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, May 31	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: John Griffing Lector: TBD
Sunday, June 4	Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two

[View Parish Activities by Date Online ~ Go to
calendar.yahoo.com/stfrangb1@bellsouth.net](http://calendar.yahoo.com/stfrangb1@bellsouth.net)

PRAYER LIST

May Birthdays: 5/2: Lita Brown, Lucy Daniel, 5/3: Coley Leavitt, Grace Menzies, 5/6: Bill Lucas, 5/7: Anna Menne, 5/8: Michelle Rooney, 5/9: Allyson Gordon, 5/10: Rob Weber, 5/12: Jackie Menzies, 5/15: Irene Macy, 5/16: Samantha Smith, Sara Peterman, 5/17: Sarah McCarren, Matthew Kenworthy, Penny Immel, 5/18: Chris Miller, 5/20: Tad Brown, Lamar Dixon, 5/21: Jean Gibson, Margaret Shirley, 5/22: Mary Newbill, Mandy Bailey, 5/23: Gayle Crume, Eva Mosley, 5/25: Jackie Manderson, 5/27: Joe Hild, 5/29: Adam Clause

May Anniversaries: 5/15: Don Johnson & D. Thompson, 5/16: Dick Lyon & Martha McMahan

Pray for Healing: Martha Antoun, Bill Baker, Marcia Brownlie, Don Bush, Tom Butterbaugh, Penny Carter, Alice Caruso, Armand Caruso, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Jean Crowe, Doris DeBruyn, Fred Drinkwater, Mary Grace Garner, Gordon Gibson, Scott Green, Josephina Jimenez, Lillian Grace Johnson, Matthew Kenworthy & the Kenworthy family, Patrick LaPort, Carolyn Martin, Liza McKee, Fred Miller, Betty Neville, Barbara Ogden, Anna Mae Penot, Mary Poss, Norman & Marilyn Richards, Amelia Spencer, Sandi Starr, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Ruth Tait, Lori Lee Thompson, Nadyne Thomson, Opal Wallin

Pray for the Departed: Louise Mayberry, James P. Vredenburg



END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PARTY

Join us Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for an "End of the School Year" party at St. Francis. Bring your bathing suit and a change of clothes so we can kick off the summer right. We will be making moon sand as well as other fun projects and burning off as much energy as we can outside. Please **RSVP** to Angie Dufort 352-514-3168 via text, phone call or email eigna70@yahoo.com no later than May 14 so I can prepare for the amount of project materials needed. Looking forward to a fun, messy morning.

NOAH'S NURSERY



Birth-Kindergarten meets in the nursery during the church service. "Busy Bags" are in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those children attending church. The nursery is available for children ages birth to five years during the Sunday service.

May Nursery Assistants

9:45 a.m. til Communion

May 7	Lindsey Hutto
May 14	Sarah Backus
May 21	Jay Smith
May 28	Alice Davis
June 4	Jay Smith



RELAY FOR LIFE 2017

Relay for Life is underway for the next Gulf Breeze event on May 12, 2017. Our relay team is set up online. If you would like to make a donation for this tax year you can donate at:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17FL?px=38799950&pg=personal&fr_id=81728

Click on donation to make an online donation or drop off a check at the church office made out to Relay for Life. Our goal again this year is \$1,600. Together we can make a difference. Thank you!!

Jodi Kenworthy



Dear St. Francis,

Words do not seem adequate to express my immense gratitude for the loving care, prayers, meals, flowers, cards, calls and more that I have received from our parish family. Your thoughtfulness has warmed my heart and reminded me of how fortunate and how grateful I am to have each of you in my life. You are all special and share in the ongoing recovery I am experiencing.

Some days are better than others, but the good days are getting longer and closer together. Thanks be to God and to each of you.

God's peace and my hugs,
Averette



St. Francis Reading Camp will return this summer July 24-28. We will continue the outreach program begun by Dottie Kilpatrick with a few changes. The St. Francis Reading Enrichment Camp will now be only in the morning and will include children entering third through fifth grades with various reading levels; not just struggling readers.

The goal is to show kids that reading is fun. The theme for the week is the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

If you want to be part of a fun and rewarding week, join us Saturday, May 6, at 9:00 am at the church to plan the first St. Francis Reading Camp for Kids. Whether you have volunteered in the past or not, we need your help as we share ideas for activities. If you are unable to attend the meeting but think you can volunteer the week of the camp (July 24-28), please let me know or reach me at Helen88888@aol.com.

Everyone is welcome and no Golden Ticket required!

Helen Laucella



SERVICE OF THE ASCENSION: THURSDAY, MAY 25 AT 6 P.M.

On this special occasion, we commemorate Jesus' Ascent into Heaven following his forty days on earth. Ascension Day marks the close of the Post-Resurrection (Acts 1:1-9). We will celebrate with a special service of the Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 25. This feast day is celebrated on Thursday of the sixth week following Easter which is forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

When we think of the season of Easter, what quickly comes to mind is the Resurrection of Christ and his appearance to his followers after being raised from the dead. What is often not celebrated on our church calendar is Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, when Jesus "...was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). This happened on the fortieth day after his resurrection and immediately followed the moment when Jesus informed his apostles that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit and named the Mission of the Church – To be his witnesses to the ends of the Earth (Acts 1:1-9). All are invited and encouraged to attend this special service.



MOTHER'S DAY

On Mother's Day, we will hold our first 'Youth Sunday' during the service. The service will be similar to all Sunday services except for the involvement of even more youth/children, including behind the pulpit! Come and support the youth and children of the church on this special day. Any questions or interest, please contact the church office. John Griffing is coordinating Mother's Day brunch, so please be in touch with him to see what is needed. Thank you!

ST. FRANCIS 2017 PARISH DIRECTORY

Lifetouch professional photographers will be at St. Francis to take parishioner Directory portraits on May 12, 13 and 14. All photographs will be taken in the Conference Room at St. Francis. To expedite the process and keep waiting time to a minimum, every family must have an appointment. You can access our computerized reservation program by going on-line at:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/gr6yhvdo/>

and select your own day and time. If you do not have Internet access, you can see Leo on Sundays in the Lifetouch booth in the Atrium before and after services.



WHY I COME TO THE ALTAR OF GOD

I come, not because I am worthy, but because I have sinned and fallen short of what, by God's help, I might have been.

I come, not that there is any magic in partaking of Christ's body and blood, but because the Lord's command, "Do this for the remembrance."

I come because Christ bids me come. It is His table and He invites me.

I come because here is portrayed the sacrifice of my Lord who gave Himself for me.

I come, because I find myself drawn closer to God, the Christ of Calvary, and to those who kneel with me at the Holy Communion. Yes, I am made to feel my kinship to all those everywhere who proclaim Christ as Savior.

I come, because I rise from the Lord's Table with a new strength, courage, and power to live for Him who died for me.

Author unknown

The service of the Holy Eucharist is celebrated two times every week – Sunday mornings at 10am and Wednesdays at noon. The Wednesday Eucharist is a wonderful, intimate opportunity to refill our spiritual



ST. FRANCIS CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN IN JUNE

Father Tim and John Griffing will be leading confirmation classes beginning in June and continuing through mid-July. The classes are for adults and youth above the age of 12 who have not been confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Aspirants who complete the classes will be confirmed or received by Bishop Kendrick during his visit Sunday, August 13.

Classes will be held following Coffee Hour in the library on Sundays and will last approximately one hour.

If you would like to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church and want to attend these classes, please contact Chris in the Parish Office or call Father Tim or John Griffing, 850 450 5126.



SAVE THE DATE!

Call Chris, 850-932-2861 in the parish office to reserve your table.
Call Julie, 850-501-5851 with questions!

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2017

	<u>3/17</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>JAN-MAR</u>	
			<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Pledged Offerings	\$17,614	\$70,268	\$59,459	\$237,835
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 2,442	\$ 6,395	\$ 5,751	\$ 23,004
Previous Year Pledge		\$ 388		
Other Income	\$ 956	\$ 3,031	\$ 4,550	\$ 18,200
Total Income	\$21,012	\$80,082	\$69,760	\$279,035
Expenses	\$24,669	\$69,554	\$72,180	\$288,722
Net Ordinary Income	(\$3,659)	\$10,528	(\$2,420)	\$(9,687)
Non-budgeted Income	\$ 100	\$ 470	\$ 1,125	\$ 4,500
Non-budgeted Expense	\$ 131	(\$ 499)	(\$ 750)	(\$ 3,000)
Net Other Income	(\$ 31)	(\$ 29)	\$ 375	\$ 1,500
Total Net Income	(\$3,690)	\$10,499	(\$2,047)	(\$ 8,187)
Money Market-Gifts & Memorials		\$18,686		
Endowment Fund Statement Balance		\$212,841.98		

March's net income was a negative \$3,690 but a positive \$10,499 for the first three months of the year. The negative net income was due to the \$3,621 quarterly insurance payment and pledges being under budget by \$2,206.

For the first three months of the year, pledged offerings are \$10,809 over budget, open plate offerings are \$644 over budget and expenses are \$2,626 under budget. The March financial statements are posted on the bulletin board for your review. Let me know if you have questions, and let Chris know if you would like a copy of the financials.

Leon J. Mayberry,
Treasurer

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YOUR 2017 VESTRY

Jim Arnold, Sr. Warden

Averette Culver, Jr. Warden

Leon Mayberry, Treasurer

Sally Weber, Clerk

Leo Cyr

Helen Laucella

Jamieson Peterman

Rosemary Spain

Nancy Storey

Vestry Support

Phyllis Ham, Asst. Treasurer

McGee Lorren, Financial Consultant

St. Francis' Staff

The Rev. Tim Backus, Rector

Angie Dufort, Children's Sunday School Teacher

Cathy Griffing, Organist and Choirmaster

Bill Lucas, Sexton

Chris Miller, Parish Secretary



Would you like to be involved? Do you have an interest in one of the following ministries? Mission & Outreach; Pastoral Care; Parish Life; Children, Youth and Family Ministries; Liturgy and Worship; Christian Education and Formation? If you have a desire to serve on a team with other parishioners and staff to collaborate and strengthen one (or more) of the ministries mentioned, please contact the parish office for further information.

These collaborative teams are not to replace what is currently being provided through the various St. Francis ministries, but to enhance, strengthen, and further develop the following ministries in a more organized and collaborative fashion.