



The Messenger

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

SPENDING TIME WITH YOUR CREATOR...

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

Earlier this week, I found myself in deep contemplation over one of the daily devotionals I often use to begin my morning routine. The morning of August 27, I found myself using one of my favorite devotionals, "Jesus Calling." If you are not familiar with this resource and are looking for a spiritual practice to begin your day, I highly recommend this daily devotional: "Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence," by Sarah Young.

Though not of significant importance, this devotional remains the #1 best seller in 'Inspiration and Spirituality' through Amazon...by far. Out of so many wonderful devotionals that come out each year, this devotional, originally published in 2004, continues to be the most widely used. Why?

I imagine it is not because the focus of the devotion is centered on theological doctrine or meaning from a specific perspective or denomination, but because of the enormous net the author uses to speak to a much larger audience; simply being connected with Christ. Some would consider this approach insignificant. Others would argue that it is too simplistic. While I understand the perspective others may have related to this resource, I challenge by arguing that this resource is masterful because it is simple. Sometimes we tend to take God and turn Christ into something much more than it is. Christ is the most substantial being in connection with God who has ever walked this earth; and Christ's message was, and is, very simple. We often get caught up in the secondary understanding of Scripture or of Christ to the point that we start examining an individual tree, so to speak, instead of looking at the overall picture of the forest; to use the common analogy.

My argument is not to say that this devotional by Sarah Young is 'the greatest devotional ever written,' because that depends on who you are and what you need. Everyone needs something different depending on where you are on your faith's journey. My desire is that if you are not using a devotional, if you find yourself longing for something deeper to keep you focused on God's presence in your daily life and do not know where to begin, begin here. Five minutes a day can have a profound impact on not just your spiritual life, but every aspect of your life.

As mentioned earlier, this devotional casts a wide net that brings many to the table, and this resource reminds us of one of the most overlooked areas as to what it means to be Christian. Reading the morning devotional on August 27, for me, captures that profound reminder of the joy of being Christian, and what we may tend to overlook by focusing on everything else we are called to do and be as followers of Christ. The morning begins with this simple, yet significant reminder: "Spend time with Me, for the pure pleasure of being in My Company."

As we go throughout our daily lives, let us not forget the significance of simply being in the presence of God. This is where we refill our spiritual cup. This is where we, as branches, are called to remain connected to the vine. **Amen.**

** (Young, Sarah. "Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence." Thomas Nelson, 2004).*

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

Free classes are 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 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

This month's parish supper is on Wednesday, September 25 at 6 p.m. Please see page three for more information.

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 the first Friday each month at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Great Room (in conjunction with Senior Moment Café).

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

ECW resumes Saturday, September 14, 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. See page 3 for more information.

Prayer Shawl Guild

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

Adult Christian Education

Begins Sunday, September 8, 9 a.m. See the back page for more exciting information!

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



PARISH SUPPER WITH THE ADULT CHOIR PRESENTING "AN EVENING OF SONG" THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6 P.M.

This will be a program you will not want to miss.
See you there!

BISHOP RUSSELL'S ANNUAL VISITATION AT ST. FRANCIS!



The annual visitation by the Bishop is one of the most significant events in the life of the parish community. Not only will the Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick, who oversees about 62 congregations within the diocese, celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us and preach the Word of God, Bishop Kendrick will hold a 9 a.m. class with all members of the congregation and will also meet privately with the vestry and the rector. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion as we proclaim the covenant pronounced at our baptism and hear about the mission of our church communion on the larger diocesan level.



ST. FRANCIS WORK DAY

Mark your calendars! It is time for an all-church clean-up/work day. Everyone is invited and encouraged to help on October 19, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be cleaning the campus from top to bottom. There is much to do and many hands make the work go faster (makes it more fun too!). There will be jobs for all ages and abilities.

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.

September Nursery Assistants

9:45 a.m. til Communion

Sep. 1	Maggie Messer
Sep. 8	Maggie Messer
Sep. 15	Maggie Messer
Sep. 22	Maggie Messer
Sep. 29	Maggie Messer

ECW IS BACK!

ECW's first Fall meeting is on Saturday, September 14 at 9 a.m. We will be discussing St. Francis Day, shell cross making, and looking at beautification suggestions for the area around St. Clare's Altar. All ladies are invited. Light refreshments will be available.

PARISH SUPPER

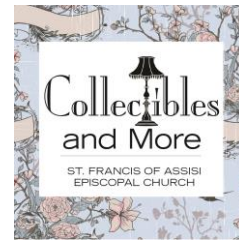
SEPTEMBER 25, 6 P.M.

SHIPWRECKS OF PENSACOLA DR. JUDY BENSE, PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY

The port of Pensacola was long the focus of European rivalries in the New World because control of the harbor helped insure dominance of the northern Gulf Coast. Shipwrecks litter the bay and surrounding waterways, many of which have been identified and archaeologically investigated.

Come hear Dr. Judy Bense talk about the shipwrecks in Pensacola Bay. A catered dinner will be provided at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program. All this provided at a low cost to attendees of only \$8.

Tickets and Dinner Menu selections will be available in the Atrium Sundays, September 8 and 15 or in the Parish Office during the week.



"WE DID IT"

The third annual ECW "Collectibles & More" (C&M) is now history and "we did it"! We set a new sales record thanks to the efforts of the women and men of St. Francis. When planning began seven months ago, no one would have guessed the Atrium would be jammed with over 100 people waiting for the doors to open and the sale to begin. That was the scene on Friday, August 16 at 5:45 pm.

In years past, we had a few people waiting for the opening. This year it looked more like a Hollywood crowd lining up for the Oscars (without the red carpet). We talked to people from as far away as New Orleans who came for the sale. Months of marketing on Facebook, Craig's List, EstateSales.net, radio and tens of other resources proved to be the key to success.

The crowd was polite but focused. Many had lists of treasures they knew to be inside. The doors opened at precisely 6 p.m. and the people pressed in. Ten minutes later, our ECW floor assistants were already bringing out piles of goods sold. The sales rush did not slow until 8:30 p.m. The final count for opening night was over \$5,000....a record. Many shoppers returned on Saturday; many others took the time to compliment St. Francis parishioners on the merchandise quality; the refreshments; and the very special background music of Jack Grimley.

The Saturday sale was remarkable in that buyers arrived steadily from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and produced a Saturday attendance and sales volume we lacked in prior years. Sunday, the final day, was also 50% off day. The attendance was reduced on Sunday but the bargain-seekers had a field day.

We would be negligent if we failed to recognize the people who pulled off this Herculean success for St. Francis Church. First, a huge thanks to the core ECW members who spent seven months planning, preparing and delivering the 3rd Collectibles & More: Carol Boden, Lita Brown, Beth Cyr, Lucy Daniel, Cathy Griffing, Jennifer Henderson, Judy Holmes, Helen Laucella, Barbara MacNeil, Mary Jo Mann, Gay McDaniel, Sara Lee Menzer, Dini Warnock, Sally Weber and Janet Wood.

A special thanks to those who stepped up to the plate to help the ECW during the three day event to include: John Boden, Leo Cyr, Dan & Nancy Geiger, Suzie Gilchrist, Kim Girylyuk, Harriet & Darrell Gossett, John Griffing, Amy & Steve Guidry, Willis Henderson, Finley Holmes, Finley Holmes, Jr., Irene Macy, Leon Mayberry, John McDaniel, Chris Miller, Margaret Murray, Nancy Storey, Brad & Cathy Wilson and Chip Wood.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND SCRIPTURE SEPTEMBER 2019

September 1
*Twelfth Sunday
After Pentecost*

September 8
*Thirteenth Sunday
After Pentecost*

September 15
*Fourteenth Sunday
After Pentecost*

September 22
*Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost*

September 29
*Sixteenth Sunday
After Pentecost*

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah
2:4-13
Psalm
81:1, 10-16
Hebrews
13:1-8, 15-16
Luke
14:1, 7-14

Jeremiah
18:1-11
Psalm
139:1-5, 12-17
Philemon
1:21
Luke
14:25-33

Jeremiah
4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm
14
1 Timothy
1:12-17
Luke
15:1-10

Jeremiah
8:18-9:1
Psalm
79:1-9
1 Timothy
2:1-7
Luke
16:1-13

Habakkuk
1:1-4, 2:1-14
Psalm
37:1-10
2 Timothy
1:1-14
Luke
17:5-10

Diane Petoskey
TBD

John Boden
John Griffing

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Averette Culver
McGee Lorren

Averette Culver
David Stratford

Mary Jo Mann
Diane Petoskey

ACOLYTES

David Stratford
Barbara MacNeil
Nancy Storey
Hannah Grimley

David Stratford
Nathan Lucas
Nancy Storey
Nathan Lucas

Lonnie Lorren
David Stratford
Nathan Lucas
Hannah Grimley

John Griffing
Nancy Storey
Leon Mayberry
Nathan Lucas

John Griffing
David Stratford
Nathan Lucas
Hannah Grimley

Kim Grimley
Brenda Lawrence
Bob Brownlie

Diane Arnold
Jim Arnold
Bob Brownlie

LECTORS / INTERCESSORS

Tricia Briska
Ann Woll
Susan Drinkwater

Jack Grimley
Hannah Grimley
Ann Woll

Pat Rooney
Kim Grimley
Cathy Griffing

USHERS/GREETERS

Chip Wood
Janet Wood

Freida Palmer
Sally Weber

Herb Woll
Ann Woll

Mike Lane
Alice Lane

Jim Arnold
Diane Arnold

OBLATIONERS

Jim Arnold
Diane Arnold

Mike Lane
Alice Lane

Bob Menzer
Sara Lee Menzer

Mike Lane
Alice Lane

Brad Wilson
Ann Woll

NURSERY MINISTRY

Maggie Messer

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Maggie Messer

ALTAR GUILD

1st Sunday

2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

5th Sunday

COFFEE HOUR

Team 7

Beth Cyr
Cathy Griffing
John Griffing
Mary Jo Mann
Sally Weber

Team 8

Karilyn Butler
Averette Culver
Kim Girylyuk
McGee Lorren
D. Thompson
Jolan Young

Team 9

Debbie Gilleran
Mary Newbill
John Petoskey
Amy Reyes

Team 10

JoAnn Considine
Harriet Gossett
Lindsey Hutto
Barbara Hutto
Diane Petoskey

Team 11

Erin Currie
Angie Dufort
Suzie Gilchrist
Alice Lane
John Youberg
Linda Youberg

Your church is happy to reimburse for coffee hour expenses.

Please submit receipts to the parish office.

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



WORSHIP SCHEDULE ~ September 2019

Sunday, September 1	10:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, September 4	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Averette Culver
Sunday, September 8	10:00 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, September 11	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: David Stratford Lector: Sara Lee Menzer
Sunday, September 15	10:00 a.m.	Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, September 18	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Bob Menzer Lector: Sara Lee Menzer
Sunday, September 22	10:00 a.m.	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, September 25	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Averette Culver
Sunday, September 29	10:00 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite Two

PRAYER LIST

September Birthdays: 9/2 Neil Merrifield, 9/3 Chase Schurger, 9/4 Bill Davis, 9/5 Hannah Grimley, 9/9 Joanna Macy, 9/10 Betty Allen, 9/11 D.J. Jimenez, "D" Thompson, 9/12 Sue Parker, Allison Hild, 9/14 Helen Laucella, John Youberg, 9/15 Nick Gibson, 9/16 Patsy May, 9/17 Taylor Lyn Bailey, Kim Grimley, 9/19 Otto Prochaska, 9/20 Libby Prochaska, 9/21 Bette Sprague, 9/22 Shelby Smith, 9/23 Cathy Peterman, Dana Miller, 9/24 Joshua Ogden, 9/27 Leon Mayberry, 9/30 Ashley Hild

September Anniversaries: 9/1 Herb & Ann Woll, 9/9 Earl & Averette Culver

Pray for Healing: Amy, Mandi Bailey, Reagan Belcher, Sally Berveiler, Barry Bisbee, Helen Boggs, Mary Brigman, Alan Bunt, Armand Caruso, Penny Carter, Anna Clausen, Matt Collins, Paul Considine, Coley Ellis, Marzell Ellis, Shirley Fisher, Brandee Gann, John Fedorko, Amelia Haynie, Clauzell Holloway, Leotis Holloway, Kim Jacks & Family, James Lewis, Carolyn Martin, Cline May, Liza McKee, Larry Messina, Tom Morton, Brian & Karen Noa, Noah & Nathan, Barbara Ogden, Bob Ogden, Jessica Ogden, Caleb Patterson, Michael & Lisa Patterson, Tilman Pool, Libby Prochaska, Norman & Marilyn Richards, Deane Rook, Farah & John Schmitt, Jackson Schurger, Mike Sears, Sandy Spencer, Leon Starr, Connor Stine, Mary Stine, Milt & Sarah Tober, Pat Wilson

Pray for the Departed: Xavier Michaels, Virginia MacKinnon, Jean MacNeil, The Rev. Canon Bill Ziegenfuss, Eula Jean Crowe

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

DO YOU KNOW PATRICK ROONEY?



I tell folks that I was made in Japan, born in Washington DC. My Dad was a WWII Fighter Pilot, and Air Group Commander in the Pacific, who retired in Pensacola after 33 years in the Navy. He was a first generation American, born of a Norwegian Mom, and, in his own words, “a renegade Irish Catholic Priest”, in Montana where he grew up. My Mom was a Coal Miner’s daughter from West “By God” Virginia. I’m not clear on how they first met, but my earliest memories of the Pensacola area were of Innerarity Point in the 50’s on summer vacations. I learned about his history in flight school here after Annapolis, and my Mom’s too as best friends with Governor Askew’s sister, Molly and Rabbit Stewart taught me about hush puppies and fried mullet on Perdido Bay each Summer.

I went to school here from 2nd Grade through college, graduated in 1976 and moved to Atlanta to work as a CPA with Deloitte Touche. I left them to join a multinational client firm that moved its HQ to Jacksonville, FL. I left there to join a NASA contractor in Huntsville, AL working on the Shuttle Program after Challenger and was part of the team that successfully restarted that Space program. That employer was headquartered in Fort Walton and they brought me down here to Corporate in 1988, where I’ve been ever since.

I have worked in Defense and Aerospace firms in Fort Walton and then started a company with 2 engineers in 1997. We sold that firm, and I went on to cofound, sell, and euthanize a few others. I’ve always been fascinated by math and engineering, but liked finance better for an occupation. But the firms I enjoy the most are engineering types.

I have been running my own consulting firm since 2009 focused on early stage companies that need senior executive skills and experience but lack resources. In 2015, I began working part time for FloridaWest EDA at Co:Lab, the business incubator partnership they manage with Pensacola State College. I was blessed to be offered the position of Director of Entrepreneurial Development for Florida West EDA when the former Director moved to Managing Director of local Angel Investment fund, whose founder I have known and introduced her to several years ago.

I love helping high growth businesses learn and grow, and the nurturing spirit of St. Francis has been a key part of keeping me on track since I began attending in 1997.



ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, FAMILY FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

Our St. Francis Day Celebration will take place on Saturday, October 5. The “Blessing of the Animals” will be held in the garden behind the church beginning at 10 a.m. Our traditional “Fish Fry & Bar-B-Que” follows at approximately 11:30 a.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers are also available. Meal tickets are \$8 for adults; children eat FREE! Our new open-air concert also begins after the Blessing of the Animals. A number of local bands will share the stage throughout the afternoon. A listing of those bands will appear in our September Messenger.

St. Francis Day 2019 will offer yet another surprise with its first ever “Arts & Crafts” Bazaar. Over two-thirds of the Bazaar exhibit space is now rented. Fewer than ten booths remain. The cost for a booth is only \$25. If you have friends or family who are artists or craft people, please tell them about this exceptional opportunity. Call Beth Cyr at 850-449-1444 if interested. Booths will soon be gone!

The people who will benefit most from the changes to St. Francis Day are the people who will attend. This will be a true Family Festival. There will be entertainment and activities for the children. The adults will enjoy the food, music and the creative arts that will be on display at the Bazaar. Circle October 5 on your calendar today...you will be glad you did!



PARKING CHALLENGES AT ST. FRANCIS

For parishioners who are able, please consider parking on the street during funerals or special events with large attendance. This will free up parking spaces for our visitors and make St. Francis more “user friendly” to our guests.

The Silver Tsunami Workshop



Alzheimer 's Disease and Dementia

September 21, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church 860 Section Street Fairhope, AL 36532

Workshop Cost: \$15 (includes lunch and materials)

REGISTRATION: Online: WWW.DIOCGC.ORG/EVENT-REGISTRATION

For Additional Information Contact: The Rev. Sara Phillips, Chair

Commission on Affirmative Aging, Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

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TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2019

	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YTD MONTHLY</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>
Pledged Offerings	\$14,471	\$132,687	\$132,727	\$ 227,532
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 2,270	\$ 13,740	\$ 15,050	\$ 25,800
Previous Year Pledge	\$ -0-	\$ 600	-0-	-0-
Other Income	\$ 2,118	\$ 15,852	\$ 10,471	17,950
Total Income	\$18,859	\$ 162,880	\$ 158,248	\$271,282
Expenses	\$21,611	\$180,391	\$161,073	\$276,126
Net Ordinary Income	(\$2,752)	(\$ 17,511)	(\$ 2,826)	(\$ 4,844)
Non-budgeted Income/Expense	(\$5,799)	(\$ 115)	(\$ 3,675)	(\$ 6,300)
Total Net Income	(\$8,552)	(\$17, 626)	(\$ 259)	(\$ 444)
Support of Diocese	\$ 1,674	\$13,764	\$11,822	\$20,267

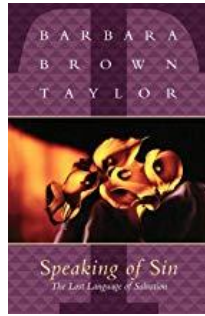
Checking/Savings/Investments \$13,402
(Includes ECW Funds (\$3,857) and Episcopal Youth Club Funds (\$8,725))

Endowment Fund (Statement Balance of \$227,063.71 as of 7/31/19. As of 3/31/19, the fund included \$174,338.28 of unrestricted non-endowment funds.

For the month of July, pledge offerings are \$14,471, which is \$4,490 under budget and open plate offerings are \$2,270 which is \$120 over budget. For the first seven months of 2019, expenses are \$180,391 which is \$19,318 over budget. July's total Income is \$18,859 and Expenses are \$21,611 resulting in \$2,752 negative net income..

The July 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



SPEAKING OF SIN

**St. Francis Adult Christian Education Class
Begins: 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 8**

Sin, guilt, damnation, repentance, penance and salvation, are words seldom used any more.

That fact does not mean such do not exist says Barbara Brown Taylor,
Episcopal priest and author of **SPEAKING OF SIN**.

Her book will be the basis for the 9 a.m. adult class on Sundays, beginning September 8.

The class will be led by Diocesan Deacon Clara Hewis.

Deacon Hewis encourages everyone attending to read the introduction of
Speaking of Sin before the first session.

The book is being offered at the discounted price of \$5.

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YOUR 2019 VESTRY

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