

The Bishop is Coming this September 9 Officially join the Episcopal Church

If you are not already, would you want to be officially a part of the Episcopal Church? This can be accomplished by having the Bishop **Baptize** you if you have never been baptized before, or you can be **Confirmed** if you have never had a Bishop lay hands on you, or you can be **Received** if you have been Confirmed in another faith tradition. All we ask is that you allow us give you some background information on what Episcopalians believe, a recommended path for Spiritual maturity, what the Book of Common Prayer is, how we are organized, and what Episcopal worship looks like. You can do this through the Discovery Series which is a formation series geared to help with a fundamental understanding of the Episcopal faith tradition.

There are classes currently scheduled. The schedule has been posted outside my office. Keep your eyes open for one day offerings. It is never too late to join.

I am looking forward to this course and the conversations to be had about God and our faith. Remember this course is not only for those desiring Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception, but also for those that desire to be refreshed, formed, and informed in their journeys as Christians. Specifically, as we are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

Peace,
Fr. Mitch+

Father Mitch's Notes...



Peace and Grace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ our Lord!

*“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.” John 17:6a
NRSV*

The name of God is indeed a very powerful thing. That is why I believe making the sign of the cross is such a powerful thing. While moving our hand over our body we are saying, “In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” It is a short prayer; it is a powerful prayer. We are invoking the name of God as we understand God in the Trinitarian formula.

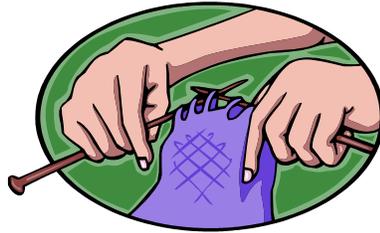
Typically, we begin some actions with the sign of the cross: when we are about to pray, or when we first genuflect and enter a pew, or even those small crosses we might make during the beginning of the Gospel. Each of those times we are invoking the name of the Trinitarian God. Something not to be taken lightly. Something to be done not in passing, but deliberately.

Maybe we should make the sign of the cross before every action? Inviting God into our daily life and routine. Maybe we would then pay more attention to what we are doing, how we act and behave, in the knowledge that we are asking God to be present in all of it. I know we know God is always with us, yet to add mindfulness of God’s presence augments the whole experience no matter how ordinary.

Especially if we think on the Baptism Rite in our prayer book. Baptism being that intentional celebration of joining the Christian community in Baptism. Baptism where we sacramentally die and rise in Christ. Where the very first time we have the sign of the cross marked on our forehead. Marked as Christ’s own forever.

So every time we intentionally make the sign of the cross we are reminded not only of God’s powerful name, and His wondrous work in our life, but also we are made more aware that we are His.

Peace,
Mitch+



Knitting

There's a new project you might want to help with! We are knitting or crocheting winter neck scarves to be delivered to the homeless this Fall. The scarves will be included with the monthly sandwich bags during the St. Francis "Church Under the Bridge" ministry program.

We need 125 scarves to be donated during September or October. Hats are also welcome. The scarves should be a simple rectangle at a minimum 6 feet long and 4 inches wide. Longer and wider is ok.

We will add a small label to the scarves saying they are from St. Francis, and have the scarves blessed before we distribute to the people. There is yarn in the volunteer office that has been donated to St. Francis for the prayer shawl ministry. Please do not hesitate to stop by and take some.



SUMMERTIME SERENDIPITY DINNER

FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST @ 6:00 PM

THE PARISH HALL @ ST FRANCIS CHURCH

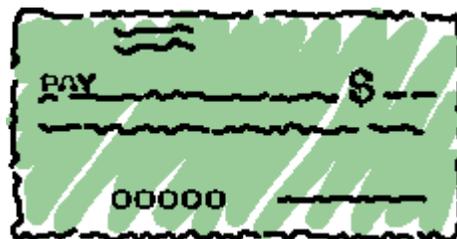
HOSTED BY : JAY & KEVIN DeORNELLAS

MAIN COURSE IS FRIED CHICKEN!!!

**GRADUATION
SUNDAY
JUNE 3, 2018**



Please join us for our annual Graduation Sunday when we honor our members graduating from high school or college. This year we will be recognizing Rebecca Gray who is graduating from Whitehouse High School. Rebecca will be attending Texas State University in San Marcos and will be pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

- Matthew 6:21 NRSV

When it comes to stewardship we all pledge the time, talent, and treasure that we know we can give. For what you and I pledge to support the ministries of St. Francis, we are thankful.

Please continue to give an extra \$5-\$10-\$20 in the offering plate for I do believe it has been an integral part of sharing out of our abundance.

So bring a friend: George, Abraham, Alexander, Andrew, Harriet, and some of their friends. Together we can continue to fully support the ministries of St. Francis!

Peace,
Mitch+



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Wednesdays: (All are invited)

12:00pm Bible Study – An open discussion around the Bible as we walk through the Bible together. Everyone is welcome to come.

6:00pm Healing Service – A contemplative yet participatory service where we have laying on of hands and anointing of oil to foster and pray for physical and spiritual health for each other and our community.

7:10pm Choir Practice – Lift your voices and sing songs of praise! If you like to sing, join the choir.

The DOK (Daughters of the King) met. They are a group that does so many things around the church along with the many prayers they say. A great group committed to serving Christ.

Hand Bell Practice! – The Bell ringers are BACK! Everybody are invited. It is a great group of folks that come together and make the bells sing!

We had an awesome Newcomer Dinner on Saturday April 21! It was a time for us to get to know one another better as well as learn how to get more involved in the church. Thank you Invite/Welcome/Connect team for putting this together.

Our Just As I Am Missional community met for prayer and fellowship!

Tuesday Bible Study at the Hamptons.

Published our most recent version of the Journal! (Before this one of course.)

Thanks to the hard work to get this out every month!

We had the Invite Welcome Connect team meeting with Bob Gray. Great discussion and ideas on how to invite people to church, welcome them in, and connect them to what is happening here. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the discussion.

Fr. Bob DeWolfe's Bible classes! A classroom type environment where there is deep diving into the Biblical text.

We had our first quarterly neighborhood meal on Saturday April 28th! It was a stunning success with about forty people showing up and over twenty were not congregation members! So many people connected! Can't wait for the next one!

The OTLB (Out to lunch bunch) visited Roast Social Kitchen this month. Everyone is welcome, it is simply yet another opportunity for St. Francis folk to mingle. Bring a friend!

The Anglican Rosary happens on the first Wednesday of the Month. Everyone meets and if you have not prayed with an Anglican Rosary before you are brought up to speed. It is a very powerful way to pray.

There was a Men's breakfast. – All are invited to go and if you are lucky you get

to be there for biscuits and sausage gravy! SOOOOOO filling! Thank you men's group for expanding your ministry last month.

Church Under a Bridge Prep – Here all are invited to help make 225 sandwiches and bags in preparation for taking them to the Church Under a Bridge on the following Sunday. The Church Under a Bridge is a community that holds worship for the homeless under the Gentry bridge. We provide lunch for that community once a month.

Church Under a Bridge Delivery – On the first Sunday of the month there is a faithful few that deliver the meals prepared the day before to the Church Under a Bridge. Some have been known to stay and worship with our homeless neighbors. Which from personal experience is quite powerful.

Serendipity, a congregation wide gathering and meal to which all are invited and friends are welcomed, was held at the Barron's home and organized by Gay and Roy! It was a packed house, we had to bring in extra chairs!

Your vestry met and discussed the finances, grounds, and future of St. Francis. Thank you for your service vestry members, and clerk!

The gardens look so nice! (Thanks gardening angels! If you are reading this, you can be one too!)

Thanks goes out to the Altar guild for having everything ready each and every Sunday!

Thanks also to the office volunteers folding and answering the phones.

Plus much, much more!

Thanks go out to the many, volunteers and donors that make these things happen! Think about volunteering at the church, nothing will make you feel more connected than participation within your community.



Our next neighborhood event is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th. The Invite / Welcome / Connect team is currently planning this event, so stay tuned and watch for further announcements!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Bob Schneider	06/04
Lyle Becknell	06/11
James East	06/12
Donald Haynes	06/15
Jimmy Tollett	06/16
James Barr	06/18
Christine Harper	06/26
Carol Lanthrum	06/26
Mike Johnson	06/28/
Mike Lane	06/30



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Jane & Mike Johnson	06/06
Buz & Norma Gagliano	06/10
John & Linda Glenn	06/17
Bob & Gipsy Schneider	06/17
Paul Streufert & Sara Steinbrueck	06/17
Donald & Nancy Earls	06/18
James & Priscilla Warren	06/21
Frank & Evan Barat	06/23

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW...

<i>Serendipity Dinner</i>	<i>6/1 @ 6:00 P.M.</i>
<i>Men's Breakfast</i>	<i>6/2 @ 9:00 A.M.</i>
<i>Church Under a Bridge Preparation</i>	<i>6/2 @ 10:00 A.M.</i>
<i>Church Under a Bridge Delivery</i>	<i>6/3 @ 9:30 A.M.</i>
<i>Graduation Sunday</i>	<i>6/3 @ 10:45 A.M.</i>
<i>Neighborhood Event</i>	<i>6/30</i>
<i>Bishop is Coming</i>	<i>9/9</i>
<i>Prayer Scarves</i>	<i>Sept. or Oct.</i>

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