

# St. Francis at the Point Anglican Church

  
**AUGUST 2021**  
**Newsletter**



## AUGUST

Sunday, August 1 - 10 am  
**First Fruit Sunday**

Thursday, August 5 - 4:30 pm  
**Finance Committee**

Saturday, August 7 - 9:30 am  
**AWG Meeting**

Friday, Saturday August 13,14  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Rummage Sale**

Sunday, August 22, - 11:30 am  
**Vestry Meeting**



## VESTRY:

Dick Upchurch – Senior Warden  
Gerald Lewis – Junior Warden  
Maureen Moreland  
Dave Howard  
Anne Howard  
Gypsie Van Antwerp  
Robin Renn – Secretary  
Jeanine Wickham – Treasurer

## WHAT'S GOD DOING?

We often find ourselves asking this question, particularly when our personal lives are in the midst of some turmoil or when society is struggling through some upheaval. Maybe it's both! It can be tough to hold onto our faith when life is really difficult.

In the bishop's article of the Diocesan newsletter, he reminded me of the turmoil of the sixties and then the Jesus Movement of the late sixties and early 70's. Then came the Charismatic Movement of the mid-seventies and early eighties. Even though our society was going through race problems, the sexual revolution and political animosity (wait, does that sound familiar?), God did some mighty work that resulted in millions of people turning to Christ and becoming Christians.

We do not have the altitude that God has. He holds the whole universe in his hands and maintains a much bigger picture that we cannot see. At the same time, scripture says he's counted every hair of our head, that's how much he loves us.

It can be easy to fall into despair. That's our enemy's game. Satan wants us to give up. To lose faith. Read what Angela of Foligno has to say later in the newsletter. I hope it will encourage you as much as it did me.

In Christ,  
Fr. Gary+

## ECUMENICAL DONATIONS

This month, Ecumenical Ministries is requesting instant boxed potatoes for distribution. All our donations go to families and individuals who are our neighbors.

In these difficult times please be generous as many of our friends and neighbors are in extreme need.



## VESTRY MEETING

Our regularly scheduled Vestry Meeting will be held immediately after services on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

Members of the Parish are invited to attend.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men's breakfast will be starting back up again soon!



## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our regular monthly Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 5th at 4:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall.

All members are invited to attend.

## RUMMAGE SALE

The AWG's annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday August 13th and 14th from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. each day.

If you have any contributions, we are requesting that you drop the items off at the church by Sunday, August 8th.



## AWG MEETING

The monthly meeting of the AWG will be held on Saturday, August 7th at 9:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall. Please attend the meeting to help with the final plans for the Rummage Sale.

All ladies of the church are invited to attend.



Have you ever lost a loved one? A friend or family member? Recently or a long time ago? The pain can be intense and linger for years. Lots of different feelings can come and go. Life can become very difficult.

You do not have to walk alone. Join our GriefShare group this Fall. You will hear expert talks and have an opportunity to talk with others who are facing their own loss.

Watch for more information about the start-up date and time.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting the Sunday after Labor Day, September 12, 2021, we will resume Adult Sunday School classes. There will be two or three different curriculums offered so you will be able to choose the class you wish to attend. Watch the inserts for additional information.



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Jernigan - 08/03  
Miles Jones - 08/04  
Lee Keel - 08/07  
Audrey Maddison - 08/16

### ANNIVERSARIES

David and Millie Smith - 08/06  
Thomas and Gypsie Van Antwerp - 08/10  
Andrew and Gena Jackson - 08/18  
Dave and Sherry Howard - 08/20



*If your date is not on these lists or if your information is incorrect, we do apologize.*

*Please email the church office at [stfrancisatthepoint@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisatthepoint@gmail.com) or fill out a communication card with the correct information.*

## MENS EVENT

We have an opportunity to hear some great teaching by the CEO of Man in the Mirror, a national men's ministry. See the flyers on the last two pages of the newsletter for more information. You can register using Google docs at this web address: [www.t.ly/DRwI](http://www.t.ly/DRwI)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The most recent financial report which has been approved by the vestry will also be posted on the bulletin board next to the vestry minutes. Any member who wants to see a more detailed report can ask the Treasurer, Jeanine Wickham, for a copy.

### JUNE

|           | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Income:   | \$ 24,638     | \$ 19,321     |
| Expenses: | \$ 19,068     | \$ 22,136     |



## MORTGAGE REDUCTION PLAN AND REPORT

Our mortgage currently stands at  
\$ 301,089.42 for June

We are asking every member to prayerfully consider giving a small amount every month towards the mortgage. Every dollar you give to reduce the mortgage is worth more than a dollar to the church because we will no longer pay interest every month on that dollar.

**total given to date: \$ 9,020.00**

**How to give?** Add your gift to your regular check, write a separate check, or put cash in an envelope. In each case, note the amount for the mortgage.

## 204. Angela of Foligno (1248? – 1309)

Angela of Foligno is a model for people who want to simplify their lifestyle. As a young adult she reveled in luxury and sensuality. She married a rich man of Foligno, Italy, and used his wealth to indulge herself in possessions. And her impetuous temperament nudged her into sinful behavior.

However in 1285, Angela made a surprising about-face. One day she wept bitterly and confessed a serious sin to a friar, who absolved her. Then she embarked on a life of prayer and penance. Over the next six years, step-by-step she divested herself of her attachments to people and things.

In 1288 her mother, husband, and sons died of a plague. As a widow, Angela was free to concentrate on her pursuit of holiness. She modeled herself on St. Francis of Assisi and joined the Franciscan Third Order in 1291.

Like Francis, Angel expected to meet Christ in the poor. For instance, on Holy Thursday, 1292, she and a companion went to care for lepers at the hospital in Foligno. After they had washed a man who was badly decomposed, they drank some of the bathwater. The experience so moved Angela that she says all the way home she felt “as if we had received Holy Communion.”

Angela of Foligno was a visionary who, like St. Catherine of Siena, at the drop of a hat might fall into a trnace. From 1292 to 1296 she dictated her revelations to Brother Arnold, her confessor. Angela recorded thirty steps of her tortured spiritual journey, which always seemed to blend awareness and absence of God, certitude and doubt, and joy and agony.

A small band of disciples gathered around the saint. She led them wisely, instructing them in basic Christian living. This excerpt from her *Instructions* advocates prayer and meditation on Scripture:

*“No one can be saved without divine light. Divine light causes us to begin and to make progress, and it leads us to the summit of perfection. Therefore if you want to begin and to receive this divine light, pray. If you have begun to make progress, pray. And if you have reached the summit of perfection, and want to be super-illuminated so as to remain in that state, pray.*

*If you want faith, pray. If you want hope, pray. If you want charity, pray. If you want poverty, pray. If you want obedience, pray. If you want chastity, pray. If you want humility, pray. If you want meekness, pray. If you want fortitude, pray. If you want any virtue, pray.*

*And pray in this fashion: always reading the Book of Life, that is, the life of the God-man, Jesus Christ, whose life consisted of poverty, pain, contempt and true obedience.”*

At Christmas, 1308, Angela told her companions she would die shortly. A few days later Christ appeared to her, promising to come personally to take her to heaven. She died in her sleep on January 3, 1309.

*“I was inspired with the thought that if I wanted to get to the cross, I would need to strip myself in order to be lighter and go naked to it. This would entail forgiving all who had offended me, stripping myself of everything worldly, of all attachments to men and women, of my friends and relatives, and everyone else, and likewise, of my possessions and of my very self. Then I would be free to give my heart to Christ from whom I had received so many graces, and to walk along the thorny path, that is, the path of tribulation.”*

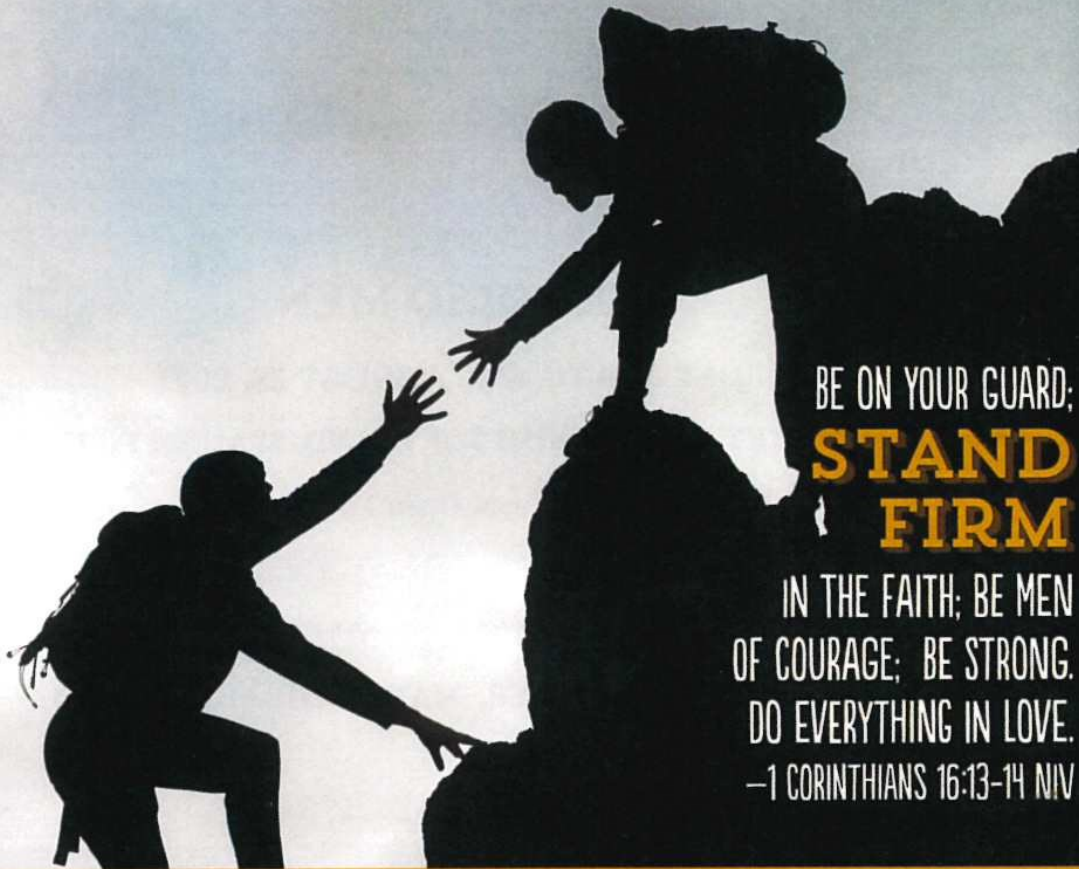
- Angela of Foligno

From Voices of the Saints by Bert Ghezzi



# ROCK

## SOLID MEN



BE ON YOUR GUARD;  
**STAND FIRM**

IN THE FAITH; BE MEN  
OF COURAGE; BE STRONG.  
DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE.  
—1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14 NIV

*Come Hang out with the Guys!*

| Session 1  | Session 2 | Session 3 | Session 4 | Session 5 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Vigilance: | Faith:    | Courage:  | Strength: | Love:     |
| When I     | What I    | Who I     | How I     | Whose I   |
| Act        | Believe   | Trust     | Prepare   | Am        |

**How do you stand firm in an unstable world?** Come be encouraged and equipped as you connect with other guys and learn what it means to grow into rock solid men.



## ROCK SOLID MEN

SATURDAY 8AM TO 3PM, AUGUST 28, 2021

PRODISEE PANTRY, 9315 SPANISH FORT BLVD, SPANISH FORT, AL

A Regional Men's Event Open To Any Man

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SPEAKER, BRETT CLEMMER, MAN IN THE MIRROR CEO

ORLANDO, FL

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REGISTRATION NEEDED ONLINE AT: [www.t.ly/DRwI](http://www.t.ly/DRwI)

Cost is \$45 for lunch & seminar resources (pay at door with cash or check)

Questions? Contact MIM Area Director Chris DeTombe at 248.974.9960