

# St. Francis at the Point Anglican Church



## JULY 2021 Newsletter



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Saturday, July 10 - 9:00 am  
**Altar Guild Training**

Sunday, July 18 - 10:00 am  
**Baptism**

Sunday, July 18  
**Brunch after church**

Tuesday, July 27th - 2:00 pm  
**New Weekly Bible Study**



### VESTRY:

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

## BISHOP ELECTION

Our bishop has announced that he will retire, therefore we will be electing a new bishop for our Diocese. Why is this important? The bishop is the shepherd to the pastors, he sets the vision for the diocese and he upholds the faith of the church. As the chief shepherd, the bishop has a tremendous impact on the clergy, for good or for ill; and sometimes not at all. The bishop also sets the vision for the diocese, giving us a direction to go and leading us to get there. And, the bishop is charged with upholding and defending the faith as it has been passed down to us.

Therefore, I'm asking you to pray for the process, that God will be in it and use it to elect our next bishop and that he will be a godly man with the spiritual gifts to lead us well.

You may have noticed that I have only used the male pronoun. The Anglican Church of North America decided at its inception that only men are called to be bishops. That decision was not made lightly, but after much prayer and bible study. Women can be deacons and priests, but each diocese decides about women in the priesthood.

Here are the dates for our election:

**August 1** - begin accepting nominations

**September 1** - close the nominations

**May 14** - electing synod

**August 27** - consecration of the new bishop at  
St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee

## JULY DONATIONS

Since we weren't able to do our regular spring collection for the William F. Green Veterans Home, we have decided to collect items this month in lieu of making a food collection for Ecumenical Ministries. We are putting a list of items that the Home requests on the table in the parish hall.

Please be generous as our veterans have served us well and deserve our gratitude and admiration. Please place your offerings in the white "gift" can located in the Parish Hall.



## VESTRY MEETING

We will not have a scheduled Vestry Meeting this month. We traditionally take the month of July off. Enjoy the summer.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

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



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

We will not have a scheduled Finance Committee this month. Father Gary reserves the right to call a meeting if necessary.

1878---Frederic William Farrar (1831-1903) was a popular religious writer and clergyman in Victorian England, known especially for his school stories. He often preached on the subject of church history, and on this day, at St. Andrew's Church in Holborn, he delivered a sermon called "**The Early Franciscans**," in which he discussed the ideals of Francis's early followers.

It happened one day that St. Thomas [Aquinas], who was a Franciscan monk, was sitting in the Vatican with Pope Innocent IV, when masses of gold and silver were being carried into the Papal treasury. "You see," said the Pope with a touch of self-satisfaction "the age of the Church is past when she could say, 'Silver and gold have I none.'" "Yes, Holy Father," replied the Angelic Doctor, "and the day is also past when she could say to the paralytic---'Take up the bed and walk!'..."

[Bossuet says] there are three things that make up all business, which enter into all the intrigues, which inflame all the passions, which actuate all the eagerness of the world. St. Francis saw that they were illusions; he saw that riches enslave, that honors overpower, that pleasures effeminate the heart. He saw that these broad roads lead many to perdition. For himself, he sought another road. He found riches in poverty; joy in suffering; glory in self-abasement.

[The early Franciscans] possessed nothing, either for their order or for themselves; and thus making poverty their bride amid the mad desire of their age for wealth, they introduced nobler aims and holier feelings into a luxurious and ambitious Church, into an oppressive, bloodstained, cruel world. It was a grand, emphatic protest that appealed to the imagination of all men. Nothing can show more forcibly the power of this appeal than the fact that St. Francis, as the chosen bridegroom of Poverty, was celebrated alike in the paintings of Giotto and in the verse of Dante. When men saw Francis at the table of nobles and cardinals, bright and courteous, but while he went on talking, unostentatiously deluging his plate with cold water or quietly sprinkling a few ashes over the rich food, with the half apology, "Brother ash is pure," they saw at least that these men had other thoughts and other hopes than the fat monks and immoral priests and splendor-loving bishops, of whom the Church in that day was full.

from Companions for the Soul, April 4th  
by Robert R. Hudson



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sue Maddison - 07/05  
 Peter Herndon - 07/07  
 Susan ALsup - 07/09  
 Gus Lacey - 07/10  
 Robin Renn - 07/11  
 John Cutright - 07/13  
 Staci Hand - 07/18  
 Millie Smith - 07/19  
 Libby Botos - 07/20  
 Maureen Moreland - 07/20  
 Rev. Sam Rollason - 07/25  
 J-Ro Hand - 07/26  
 Perry Hand - 07/26  
 Bevelyn Wallace - 07/26  
 Sarah Lacey - 07/27

## ANNIVERSARIES

David and Jacquie Jackson - 07/06  
 Terry and Merideth Trovato - 07/29



*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.*

## AWG MEETING

The Anglican Women's Guild will not hold a meeting in July. Regular meetings will resume in August.



## 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.

### MAY

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$ 29,472	\$ 19,321
Expenses:	\$ 19,489.	\$ 22,136



## MORTGAGE REDUCTION PLAN AND REPORT

Our mortgage currently stands at \$ 302871.39 for May

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: \$ 8,510.00**

**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.