



The Franciscans

August 2023

A newsletter for friends and members of St. Francis Episcopal Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

If you've walked into one of my offices or listened to me for a bit, you know that I have a deep love for the tradition of the saints. I've been asking St. George to pray for me since I was in high school. Some people would ask, "Why would you pray to George when you could pray to Jesus?" I say, well, do you ever ask for people to pray for you? Just think about it; we ask our family members, friends, and parish family to always pray for us. If you're sick, feeling down, or having a procedure done, you ask those closest to you to pray for you. Why is it then that we all of a sudden think that people can stop praying when they die and enter into eternity?

One of the reasons the saints mean so much to me is that they were people just like us. You have saints who came from all different walks of life, from great kings like Alfred the Great of England, to more humble upbringings like St. Therese of Lisieux. God called the saints just as He calls us. The examples and ministries of the saints are just as diverse as the ministries we are all called to serve. As such, all of us can find a multitude of saints who can be an example of faithful living. The saints prove that the Christian life, the life of devotion to God, can happen.

All of the saints are flawed, but look at their excellent work. Mother Teresa, in her work in healthcare, touched countless lives. St. Therese of Lisieux, in living a simple life devoted to God in a monastic order, wrote a book, *The Story of a Soul*, that has been a gift from God to so many people's lives; it has been one of the best books I've read in years. In his life and myth, St. George exemplifies how Christians are called to not give up faith even in the face of mortal danger from people in authority. St. Joan of Arc shows us that even when those we are called to help and serve turn against us to stay true to the mission God gives us. St. Margaret of Scotland shows us that when we use the gifts and resources God has given us, a great deal of good for others and the building up of faith in people's hearts can be done.

My challenge to you is to read about the saints. In your prayers, ask God to help lead you toward a saint whose life and works can serve as an example so that you can more fully live into the life and ministry that God is calling you into. As always, I am happy to talk and help you along this journey, so feel free to reach out. I'd be thrilled to speak with you about the great lives of the people God has given us as examples and see how they could lead you to a deeper relationship with our Father and ways to serve Him.

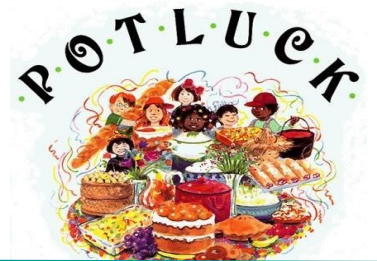
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Whit Stroud



Congratulations to Jill Brogneaux who was presented with her certificate of completion for Education for Ministry at our Sunday service, July 16. Deacon Rebecca Bean from St Andrew's serves as the leader for EfM and would welcome more participants. EfM begins every fall at St. Stephen's and meets weekly. For more information contact Jill Brogneaux at 919-920-9973.



Don't forget to join us in the Parish Hall on the 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm for our Church-wide Potluck! August 22 will be the next opportunity.




















Fr. Whit preached at the June service in Snow Hill at the St. Barnabas Parish. Those of us who attended found the service to be very meaningful. The Parish has only two services each year.





August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9am-3pm Office Open	2 10-11am  6-7:30pm ALPHA @St Stephen's	3 4pm Choir 6-7pm  7pm ZOOM Book Study	4	5 Come early- Garden Clean-up 
6 Transfiguration 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour 3pm Instructional Eucharist	7 9am-3pm Office Open	8 9am-3pm Office Open	9 10-11am  6-7:30pm ALPHA @St Stephen's	10 4pm Choir 6-7pm  7pm ZOOM Book Study	11	12
13 11th Sunday After Pentecost 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour	14 9am-3pm Office Open	15 9am-3pm Office Open 7pm   September/ October	16 10-11am  6-7:30pm ALPHA @St Stephen's	17 4pm Choir 6-7pm  7pm ZOOM Book Study	18	19
20 St. Mary the Virgin 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour ECW 	21 9am-3pm Office Open	22 9am-3pm Office Open 6pm 	23 10-11am  6-7:30pm ALPHA @St Stephen's	24 4pm Choir 6-7pm  7pm ZOOM Book Study	25 6pm Wood Ducks Ballgame with the ECOG 	26 5pm Holy Innocents BBQ 
27 13th Sunday After Pentecost 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour	28 9am-3pm Office Open	29 9am-3pm Office Open	30 10-11am  6-7:30pm ALPHA @St Stephen's	31 4pm Choir 6-7pm  7pm ZOOM Book Study		

Lay Server Schedule August 2023	August 6 <i>TRANSFIGURATION</i> Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud	August 13 <i>11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud	August 20 <i>ST. MARY THE VIRGIN</i> Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud	August 27 <i>13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud
	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
CRUCIFER	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona
LECTORS	Diana Hamond Liz Meador	Barrett Rae Dave Meador	Nina Silverthorne Brandon Robbins	Jill Brogneaux Jodi Baker
USHERS	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
ALTAR GUILD	Nina Silverthorne Norma Powell	Nina Silverthorne Norma Powell	Nina Silverthorne Norma Powell	Nina Silverthorne Norma Powell
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Jill Brogneaux	Eldica Cyrus	Liz Meador	Jane Anthony
TELLERS	Brandon Robbins Dave Meador	Brandon Robbins Dave Meador	Brandon Robbins Dave Meador	Brandon Robbins Dave Meador
SOCIAL HOUR	Judy and George Moye	Judy and George Moye	Judy and George Moye	Judy and George Moye

August

Vestry



- 1...Savannah Shoemake
- 4...Debbie Stedner
- 21...Elaine Elmore
- 23...Jane Anthony

If your birthday has been omitted, please notify the church office so that the birthday lists are up-to-date.

**Hosts are needed for Social/Coffee Hour!
Please sign up on the tower . Thank YOU!**

- 2023**
- Dave Meador
(Jr. Warden)
- Brandon Robbins
- Nina Silverthorne
- 2024**
- Jill Brogneaux
(Sr. Warden)
- Patti Donnelly
- 2025**
- Barbara Pederson
- Lamar Aycock
- Al Elmore, Treasurer
- Paula Wills, Clerk
- Priest-in-Charge**
- The Rev. Whit Stroud



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Let's get on board and support our sister congregation, Holy Innocents in Seven Springs, 5pm, August 26, 2023! This is their first BBQ sale fundraiser and it will be held at the Moss Hill Ruritan Bldg. All you can eat for \$15 per person. *(More details as they become available.)*

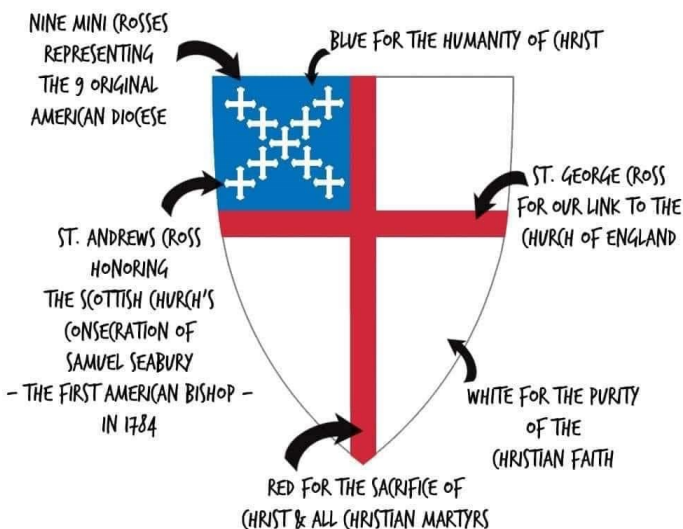
PRAYER REQUEST

Email prayer request:

Wayne and Melanie Waters, former craftspersons at CITF for several years, send regards to all parishioners.

They miss CITF, and they ask for prayers for Melanie's mother who will be at Kitty Askins soon. Sylvia Honrine is Melanie's mother.

Have you ever wondered why the Episcopal Shield looks the way it does? Each element has a meaning:



St. Francis Family:

The Vestry has approved a September leave of absence for me so I can go live in Maryland near my daughter and help her and her family as they welcome child #3. Their other two children are ages 4 and 2, so as you can imagine there will be lots to do! I have already begun to work ahead (with the help of Bill Hayes) and hopefully will be able to come home for a few days the middle of September if all goes well and work a day or two at that time. I do covet your prayers for my family and ask for your patience and understanding. I am so grateful for this opportunity. I plan to do a combined September/October newsletter and the deadline will be August 15.

Thank you again for allowing me this opportunity. I will miss you!

In Christ,
Beverly Anderson
Parish Administrator



Many thanks to all who came out for our June Garden Clean-up Day!
George, Aaron (George's worker), Dave, Lamar and Liz worked hard. Al cut down the nandina earlier in the week and then came back to put out new pine straw in the area near the walkway!

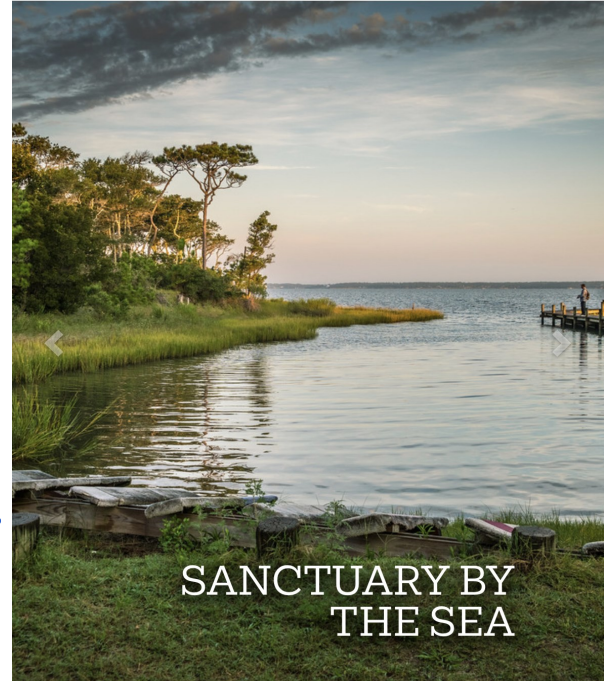


Join us the first Saturday every month as we continue to care for the grounds of St. Francis.

Join us for the next Wood Ducks game, Friday, August 25, 6pm, at the Grainger Stadium in Kinston. This is a fellowship opportunity with The Episcopal Churches of Goldsboro! A good time was had by all who were able to go to the July game and fireworks! Sign up with Fr. Whit no later than August 13.



There are still rooms available for our Parish Retreat, October 6-8, arriving 4pm on Friday and departing 11am on Sunday. The cost is \$186/double, \$226/single, which includes 2 nights lodging and all meals dinner Friday through breakfast Sunday. Sign up on the Parish Hall Tower. Payment will be due sometime in September.



Join us for ALPHA every Wednesday, through September 13, 6-7:30pm, at St. Stephen's Episcopal, 200 N. James Street, Goldsboro. Dinner and childcare will be provided. ALPHA is a discussion program focusing on equipping people to understand and profess their faith through intentional connection and conversation. (Tuesday Christian Formation at St. Francis will resume September 19.)



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DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA ECW AUGUST GATHERING

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Trinity Center



Speaker: Adrian H. Wood, PhD
Author of Tales of an Educated Debutante

Adrian is a full-time wife and mother of four, one with special needs. She will share her personal glimpses on how satire meets truth, faith meets irony, despair meets hope and this educated debutante escapes the laundry and finds joy in being real. .
Adrien attends St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton and currently serves on the Trinity Center Board of Managers.

**INFORMATION ON CPC,
UTO, AND UPCOMING
OCTOBER REVIVAL WILL
BE SHARED.**

SCHEDULE:

- 9:30 am Registration
- 10:00 am Meeting with
program and Eucharist
- Lunch to follow

**REGISTER BY AUGUST 7 AND
SEND \$30 CHECK PAYABLE TO
DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA- ECW
TO MARY DUANE HALE,
P.O. BOX 771, MOREHEAD CITY NC
28557.**

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS:
hale.maryduane@gmail.com

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The Instructional Eucharist will be Sunday, August 6, 3pm. This will be a time for us to go through a full Eucharistic service step-by-step without any of the pressure. It'll be a time to fine-tune the details of the many moving pieces that go on during a service. This will be a perfect opportunity for those who participate in the service to dial in the details that make a service smooth. It will also be an opportunity for anyone to come with questions about the liturgy or the reason behind any of the parts of the Eucharistic service. I hope to see you there.

Father Whit Stroud
Priest-in-Charge

