



The Song of Saint Francis



Saint Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church, Salter Path, NC August, 2024

Parish Office Hours:

Tues-Thurs: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Weekly Activities

Prayer Shawl-Wed, 10 a.m.

Celtic Eucharist Service-Wed, noon

"Be Still and Know" Prayer Group-Tues, 10 a.m.

Other Activities

*Tues, August 13, August 27

11:00 a.m.-Meals on Wheels Cook Dates

* Fri, August 2, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.-

Bradford Gallery Art Exhibit

*Fri, August 2, 7 p.m.-Jazz Concert

*Sat, August 10, 8:00 a.m.-Men of

St. Francis Fellowship Breakfast

*Fri, August 30, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.-

Bradford Gallery Art Exhibit



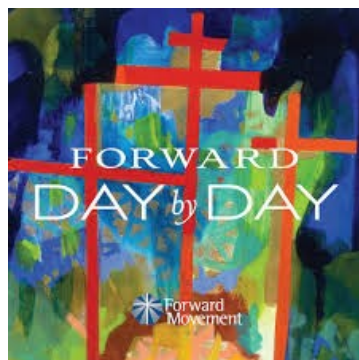
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Ann Grigg, parish administrator, and I were talking about Forward Day by Day, the little paper bound publication displayed in multiple copies on the table in the parish hall near the elevator. Each quarter a new bundle arrives, each issue a compilation of three months of daily devotions. They are available for the taking, for a small donation.

Ann said that when she is having a bad day she stops what she is doing and takes time out to read a devotion from Forward Day by Day and it brightens her mood. "It's either that, or an ice cream sandwich," she told me. I asked if she ever needed both; she said, no.



A different writer, clergy or lay leader, representing the wider Church, is featured for each month of devotions. Each devotion is just long enough and personal enough that reading one you could imagine it as a brief conversation you are having with God through the wise words of a friend or neighbor, in the way that God does speak to us through others, if we are listening. I will never forget the time I felt I was in over my head with a pastoral crisis I was driving into. In a panic I called an old friend not in any way connected to the Church and wailed, "I don't know what to do!" He said, "Pretend like you are someone who does know what to do, and do that."



I know this doesn't sound at all like spiritually profound counsel, but I was immediately calmed like the sea that Jesus commanded to be still during a raging storm. So much so, that when I arrived, I was able to meet the situation with presence of mind and an open heart, which is just what I believe Jesus would have me do, always.

Mary+



Vestry View
August 2024

Vestry View

Do you remember the TV pitchman selling the latest whatever with the tagline, “But wait, there’s more!” Hold that memory, and consider our Lobsterfest. So what’s the connection to the tag line?

Lobsterfest is our largest fundraiser. We’ve done it for soon to be 15 years. It’d be longer except for the pandemic and its aftermath and recovery. Let’s be honest, we’re good at it and we’ve enjoyed a good bit of success. Wait, there’s more!

It’s a great big party that’s anticipated as part of the fall season on Bogue Banks and beyond. Wait, there’s more!

Customer feedback has always been overwhelmingly positive. Wait, there’s more!

Our profits have consistently supported our various parish programs and outreach. Wait, there’s more!

Why do we do it? Sure, all the things listed so far are reasons we do it, but why?

We do it because we love. We love each other, of that I’m convinced. We love the ability to fund our various outreach and inreach programs, along with the day to day operations of our parish.



You give your time to Lobsterfest. You sell tickets. You purchase tickets. You give your physical self in doing the work from now till the day of the event and even a few days after. Why? Here’s one thought: St. Francis by the Sea is a family of believers called to share God’s love in the world.

People don’t support Lobsterfest just because we have it. They support it because they’ve connected with us, not our mission statement or the love of a crustacean. They support Lobsterfest because you’ve communicated via a kind word, smile, hard work, and commitment Those actions tell our customers “We love you, and we’re glad you’re here.”

If you haven’t decided your place in this year’s Lobsterfest, reach out to me, John Clarke, Frances Jenkins, or Laura Leslie. We can help guide you. Keep an eye in your weekly bulletin, *This Week at St. Francis*, or perhaps an email for the latest updates on needs and how to sign up. Wait, there’s more!

Once again Martha’s Mission Cupboard will join us for a food/donation drive. They are our partners in combating food insecurity in Carteret County. Last year was a huge success in both food items collected and donations received. We will be promoting them along with our Lobsterfest in the weeks ahead. Wait, there’s more!

We’ve got this. It will be the best Lobsterfest ever!

God’s peace to us all
Terry



Towel and Basin

By Deacon Robin

As someone who has lived on a school calendar for most of my life, August has always meant back to class, back to routines, and on to the excitement of a new beginning - a new semester just waiting to be experienced. Even though semesters don't carry the same meaning for me now, I always think that August is a month to resume some activities that bring structure and help me make time for the things that are important to me. One of those school-year routines for me is ***Education for Ministry***, or ***EFM***.



EFM is a small, mentored group that helps participants develop a deep understanding of the Christian tradition. EFM groups read, study, worship and engage in theological reflection. Our local group meets on Tuesday evenings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Morehead City, from 6:00-8:30 PM. We have a couple of openings for new participants; if you are interested, talk to Marian Morris or me to hear firsthand how meaningful EFM is to us. You can also check out the

website for more information: <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>

In August, our ***Meals Ministry Team*** will meet twice to prepare food for ***Meals on Wheels***. On August 13, we will prepare meatloaf, rice and gravy, green beans and dessert. On August 27, we will make hash brown casserole with muffins. We meet at 11:00 AM to cook, and anyone is welcome to be part of this effort. This ministry is possible because of your generous donations, and the signup sheets to provide ingredients are always available in the parish hall. There is a growing need for Meals on Wheels in our community, and St. Francis is known as a generous provider. **Thank you for feeding the hungry in our community.**



When we asked for help unloading trucks at our local food bank, **Martha's Mission Cupboard**, the Men of St. Francis responded! Andy Wheatcraft, Kelly Sheeks, John Clarke, and Terry Smith have unloaded hundreds of pounds of food delivered by the Food Bank of East Carolina, and Stover Morris helped unload pallets of food made available recently by the Church of Latter Day Saints. Martha's Mission relies on contributions, and it takes many volunteers to donate, receive, sort, store, and serve hungry families in our community. Help is critical when we receive such large deliveries, and we appreciate these men's willingness to serve.

We particularly need canned soup and boxes of saltine crackers at Martha's Mission Cupboard. We are completely out of both these staples, so if you can help provide these, just leave the items on the Meals Ministry table in the parish hall, and I will deliver them for you.

Another way we serve **Martha's Mission Cupboard** is by picking up food recoveries at local grocery stores and delivering them to MM, which is on Bay Street in Morehead City. We have about twenty parishioners involved in this ministry, but we could use some more of you. To participate, you need a roomy vehicle and about an hour and a half between 8:30 - 10:00 AM a couple of days each month. If you are interested, please let me know, and we can show you exactly how it works. **Thank you for helping to feed the hungry.**

This month, we wrap up our healthy snack collection to support **Carteret Preschool**. Their staff is so grateful for the support from St. Francis by the Sea. Many of the children served at Carteret Preschool are NC PreK students. NC PreK is a needs based program for four year-olds who meet one or more of the following risk factors:



Income at or below 75% of the state median income level

Identified developmental disability

Limited English proficiency (LEP)

An educational need indicated from an approved

developmental screening or an existing Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

A chronic health condition as indicated by the diagnosis from a professional health care provider

Children who are the dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, that was on active duty within the past 18 months, injured while serving, or killed while serving

At this link, you can learn more about Carteret Preschool:

<https://carteretcountycpc.ss19.sharpschool.com/>



Snacks needed at the preschool:

Goldfish
Cheez-its
Whales
Mandarin orange cups
Nabs (especially the Ritz ones and the Captain Wafer kind)
Vanilla Wafers
Go gurts
Pretzels
Animal crackers
Graham crackers
Popcorn
Chocolate chip chewy granola bars
Small bottles of water
Fruit and gummy snacks
Uncrustables (will keep in freezer)
Saltine crackers
Small cans of ginger ale (for when students are nauseated)

If you would like for me to shop for you, designate a check made to St. Francis as "Preschool," or contact me at sfbtsdeacon@gmail.com . **Thank you for serving needy children in our community.**

It is a privilege to serve with such caring, generous people. Thanks be to God for the love St. Francis by the Sea parishioners share in our community!



Lay Ministry Schedule

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	August 4	August 11	August 18 (Choir Conference)	August 25
Lector	Betsy Randall	Jami Turner	Mary Kurek	Stover Morris
Prayers	Kathy Driver	Jean Turner	Libba Shelton	Carol Holland
Altar Guild	Betsy Randall	Elizabeth Sheeks	Jean Smith	Laura Leslie
Chalice	Martha Edwards Terry Smith	Sarah Criddle Frances Jenkins	Elizabeth Sheeks Kelly Sheeks	Libba Shelton Scott Shelton
Crucifer	Frances Jenkins	Bill Blanchard	Scott Shelton	Tim Owens
Torch Bearer	Marian Goetzinger Mary Kurek	Martha Edwards Marion Youngblood	Kay Brackins Tim Owens	Marian Goetzinger Sarah Haigwood
Audio	Stover Morris	Larry Castle	Stover Morris	Larry Castle
Video	Skip Kemp	John Clarke	John Clarke	Skip Kemp
Coffee Hour	Sharon Birmingham Christina Hess	Men on St. Francis	NONE	Steve and Judy Gould
Vestry of the Day	Kay Brackins	Dale Elks	Pat Jones	Pam Ball



August Birthdays

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Pinky Porter – 1
Sterling Williams–1
Korin Gagnon – 7
Sarah Lawrence–7
Tom Shuping–8
Poole Lawrence – 9
Chris Carlin – 10
Denise Chase - 12
Bill Bottlinger-14

Brad Jenkins–14
Jackson Westbrook–15
Carl Ragsdale–16
Tyler Westbrook–21
Amanda Whitehurst -21
Linda Cumberland–22
Margaret Hunt–22
Patty Gares–23
Sam Baxter – 23

* If you don't see your name above and would like to be added to our birthday list, please email or call the church office.

Art and Music Ministries



Our choir rehearses each Wednesday, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., and again on Sundays, at 9:15 a.m. prior to the beginning of our 10 a.m. Worship Service. We are always looking for additional choir members. Please join us at any time with no musical audition. All are welcome!





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Worship Service begins at 10 a.m. , casual dress welcome

Sunday school for ages 6-12 begins at 9:45 a.m. June 30 is the last day of Sunday School for the summer.

Nursery is not available at this time.

If unable to attend, please visit <https://stfrancisbythesea.org/live> at 10 a.m. to view our worship service online or visit our website at www.stfrancisbythesea.org for additional information and viewing options.

St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church is a parish in the Diocese of East Carolina
The Right Reverend Robert Skirving, Bishop

Interim Supply Priest

The Rev. Mary Ogus

Priest in Residence

The Rev. Chris Carlin

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Robin Smith

Vergers

Tim Bradford, Marion Morris

Parish Administrator

Ann Grigg

Treasurer

Dave Phillips

Sexton

George Grigg

Vestry Class of 2024

Stover Morris, Senior Warden

Elizabeth Sheeks

Scott Shelton, Junior Warden

Vestry Class of 2025

Kay Brackins

Dale Elks

Pat Jones

Vestry Class of 2026

Pam Ball

Sharon Birmingham

Terry Smith

Clerk of the Vestry

Korin Gagnon

Music Director

Craig Everett

Art Gallery Director

Tim Bradford

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