

MONEY MATTERS

January 2010

Income \$15,379.00

Expenses \$13,029.96

Now, concerning the collection for the saints, you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

CHURCH WORDS

Paschal Candle: The candle lit on Easter morning from which all other candles in the church are lit. "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew "pesach" which refers to the Passover. It connects us with the remembrance that Jesus is the Paschal Lamb and also recalls the pillar of fire which led the people of Israel through the wilderness by night.

Paten: A circular metal plate on which the eucharistic bread is placed during communion.

Chrism: The "oil of thanksgiving" used during Holy Baptism and to anoint the sick.

FEBRUARY 2010 PRAYER BOOK QUIZ

What items are generally presented during the induction of a new minister?

What are the principal feasts observed in our Church?

During what dates may Easter NOT occur?

Answers to January's Prayer Book Quiz

What days are observed by "special acts of discipline and self-denial"? Ash Wednesday and other weekdays of Lent and of Holy Week, except the feast of the Annunciation; Good Friday and all other Fridays of the year, in commemoration of the Lord's crucifixion, except for Fridays in the Christmas and Easter seasons, and any Feasts of our Lord which occur on a Friday. P. 17

What three terms are used in the Psalms with reference to God? Elohim (God); Adonai (Lord); and the person's name YHWH (probably meant to be vocalized Yahweh.) P. 583

What are the two great sacraments of the Gospel?

The two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church are Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist. P. 858

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS

Fr. Konrad's Lenten Program will begin on February 24 in the Parish Hall, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

All St. Francis Ministries welcome volunteers. Sign-up sheets are located in the Parish Hall.

- ❖ Soup Ministry: Renie Muhvich, 897-6351, WITutor@comcast.net
- ❖ Altar Guild: Vicki Schuster, 897-1882 or 236-4279, vschuster@gaepiscopal.org
- ❖ Meals on Wheels: Sue Avery, 897-1850, wcavery@att.net
- ❖ Flower Guild: Serena Nasworthy, 897-3060, serena120@comcast.net
- ❖ Christian Education: Jessica Smith, 272-2317 or 898-1636, jessstadt@yahoo.com
- ❖ Prayer Shawl Ministry: Marcia Smith, 897-2059, mksmith14@comcast.net
- ❖ Inner City Night Shelter: Mary Ellen & Pinkie Butler, 786-9785, padidit@bellsouth.net.

Celebrate special occasions! Please be sure to sign up to donate flowers, the sacristy candle, and refreshments! The chart is located in the Parish Hall.

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*Great institutions are built by bequests.
Please remember St. Francis in your will.*

Please contact a member of the Trust and Endowment Committee or the Church Office to discuss how you can assist St. Francis to develop the resources needed to insure its future.

ST. FRANCIS FOCUS ~ February 2010

In the following week, St. Francis will get a much-needed facelift! All three church buildings and the sidewalks will be pressure-washed and the windows in the church and other buildings will be cleaned. Sheetrock repairs will be made in the parish hall and the floors will be stripped and polished. **A Parish Cleanup Day will take place on March 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** for all the smaller cleaning and repairs which are needed. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

By the time you receive this newsletter, our Annual St. Francis Shrove Tuesday Dinner will have taken place in preparation for the Lenten Season. **Please take note that there will be a Maundy Thursday service on April 1 at 7:00 p.m., and services on Good Friday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.**

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Please make donations of Easter goodies by March 24 in the Parish Hall.

Bishop Scott Benhase will visit with the Vestry on Saturday, April 3, and will preside at our Easter Service on April 4. There will be ONE service at 10:00 a.m. including confirmation. Please join us immediately following the service for a reception in the Parish Hall to honor our confirmands and Bishop Benhase.

Are you interested in becoming a lay eucharistic minister (LEM)?

LEMs assist the rector during services and occasionally are called upon to lead Morning or Evening Prayer. St. Francis currently has five LEMs. This is a volunteer ministry which is fulfilling. There is a brief training period and examination for licensure. Please contact Glenn Miller for more information, 897-3948.

PARISH NEWS

March Birthdays

Rebecca Westgate	03/01
Alice Cowart	03/02
Buck Lea	03/03
Christopher Westgate	03/03
Joni Truax	03/05
Fae McDonald	03/06
Sam Steele	03/07
Stephen Jones	03/14
Anne Snead	03/15
Carleigh Nichols	03/15
Douglas Andrews	03/16
Katherine Ferrell	03/16
Pat Locklear	03/17
Taylor Beasley	03/18
Emily Kiene	03/21
Ian Tremblay	03/21
Allison Jones	03/23
Noelle Bowen	03/23
Ryan Piechota	03/25
Kirkley Snellings	03/26
Sarah Armstrong	03/26
Martha Thaggard	03/29
Kimberly Roberts	03/29

Baptism: Pierce Douglas, grandson of Teri Sandford

Rest in Peace: Gordon "Ulle" Cowart, husband of Caroline Cowart

Please advise the Church Office of births, deaths, marriages, and anniversaries, as well as names of family members or friends who are service members so they may be added to our prayers.

O Lord, you have given us your word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR

2/20	Vestry Retreat
2/24	6:00-7:30 p.m. Lenten Program with Fr. Konrad. Every Wednesday.
2/25	6 p.m. ECW/Men's Club Dinner. Program: Serena Nasworthy ~ Flower Arranging

Holy Days

2/24 Saint Matthias the Apostle

Liturgical Color: Violet, symbolic of penitence and expectation, is used in the season of Lent.

Ember Days: 2/24, 2/26, 2/27

The Ember Days are of ancient origin. In each season of the year, a Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday are devoted to fasting and prayer. Formerly, they were Roman festivals to beseech the blessings of the gods: one in summer for harvest, one in autumn for the vintage, and one in winter for the planting of seed. Originally tied to the earth, to the birth and growth of crops, a new meaning was given to them by the 5th Century: The Ember Saturdays became the quarterly dates for the ordination of deacons and priests. Thus, the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays became days of fasting and supplication not just for the earth, but for the Church, for its ministers and ministry. They became a time to pray for the Church.

Godwinks

Squire Rushnell (with a capital SQ) presents his popular Godwink Stories™ on Beliefnet in twice-weekly video vignettes that will lift your heart and make you smile. Visit him on Monday and Wednesdays for his latest video. <http://www.beliefnet.com/>

Squire defines a "Godwink" as what some people would call a coincidence, an answered prayer, or simply an experience where you'd say, "Wow, what are the odds of that!" A riveting and charming storyteller, he encourages us to pay attention to the many ways in which God winks at us every day – leading us to where we need to be in life, connecting us with the right people and opportunities, at the right time. <http://www.whengodwinks.com/>

Visit to Haiti

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori paid a poignant five-hour visit to Port-au-Prince Feb. 8 to survey with Episcopal Diocese of Haiti Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin the devastation wrought by the Jan. 12 magnitude 7.0 earthquake.