



# Saint Francis Journal

## November, 2023



**A Loving Community, Serving God's Kingdom**



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” – Matthew 5:9 NRSV

There is A LOT of violence, division, persecution, and war going on right now. There are several prayers in the 1979 Book of Common prayer. At least two are for peace by name. There is one named “For the Human Family” on page 815. It is a wonderful prayer that I believe, when accomplished through God’s will, means peace in the world. Here it is:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer is truly what it would look like if the Kingdom of Heaven was obeyed on earth. If we were all able to do the will of God. To me it offers hope. We have a nod to this prayer in our own prayer for St. Francis Church in Tyler when we say, “We trust you to bring to us the people and resources to help us accomplish your work.”

I like how this prayer names that we are created in God’s image and redeemed through Jesus, and how we ask for more compassion for the world.

I like how this prayer focuses on the chronic conditions of humanity that lead to a life without peace: arrogance, hatred, walls of separation.

I like how this prayer calls for unity and love, and to work through struggle and confusion, to accomplish God’s purpose on earth. Which is peace.

I like how this prayer reminds us that these things are to happen in God’s time, and not our own time. In other words, humanity plants and waters, but things grow through God’s power and in God’s time. We may never see the fruit of our plantings, but we are to plant and water anyway.

I like how this prayer asks God to take care of the source of the issue and not trying to fix what we have already broken. This prayer is a request to short-circuit the tendency of humanity towards war and for God to compassionately lead us to everlasting peace.

Please post this prayer on your fridge, or wherever you post things, and say it often.

God’s Peace,  
Mitch+



### **New Vestry Members 2024-2027**

Dan Amy  
Jay DeOrnellas  
Andy Wells

### **Delegates to Diocesan Council 2024**

John Bridges  
Jay DeOrnellas  
Susan Kohler  
Lisa Kraus

*Thank you for serving  
in these important ministry*

### **VESTRY**

**Lisa Kraus, Senior Warden (2024)**  
**Jeremy Cole, Junior Warden (2025)**

**Todd Lestage (2023)**  
**Paul Streufert (2023)**  
**Doug Clark (2024)**  
**Nancy Earls (2024)**  
**Claire Hodges (2025)**  
**Gipsy Schneider (2025)**  
**Kathy Dunn, Clerk**

### **CHURCH STAFF**

**The Very Rev. Mitch Tollett, Rector**  
**Dr. Cameron Rose, Director of Music**  
**Hailey Matthews, Children/Youth Director**  
**Carol Lanthrum, Parish Administrator**  
**Susan Kohler, Treasurer**  
**Alberto Cruz, Sexton**

## Clergy Appreciation Celebration



### \*Breakfast for All \*

Sat. Nov. 4th \* 8:30a \* Parish Hall



DOK Meeting \* Nov. 4th \* 9a \*  
Adult Ed Rm

\*CUB Lunch Prep \*  
\* Nov. 4th \* 10a \* Ed Bldg\*



### Men's Turkey Smoke

Sat. Nov. 11th \* 6:30a to ?

All men of the church welcome  
Breakfast snacks at 8:30a

\*Come & Go\*



### OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Tues. Nov. 21st \* 11:30 am

Potpourri House

Sign up in Hallway



### Smoked Turkey Luncheon

Sun. Nov. 12th \* Noon

Sign up for Sides & Desserts

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Valentine (11/1)

Cindy Cornett (11/3)

Alec Barat (11/14)

Lorene Arnold (11/18)

Sheila Thrash (11/26)

Peter Kohler (11/1)

Jacob Hartman (11/6)

Jeane Brown (11/14)

Allison Ridley (11/25)

Margaret Faulk (11/26)

Frank Cabell (11/30)

Cathy Munson (11/1)

Dwyane Dunn (11/12)

Jill Lestage (11/17)

Christian Pierce (11/25)

Lawrence Barat (11/27)

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Allison Ridley (11/2)

Roy & Gay Barron (11/5)

David & Carole Barnes (11/9)

David & Mary Hood (11/14)

Galen Hayes & Pam Renner (11/3)

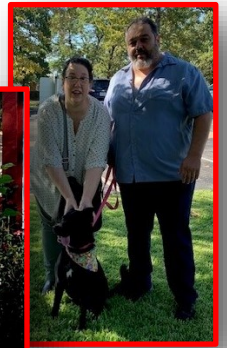
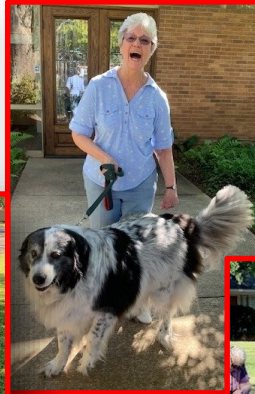
Kevin & Jay DeOrnellas (11/7)

Peter & Susan Kohler (11/10)

Doug & Kathy Clark (11/27)



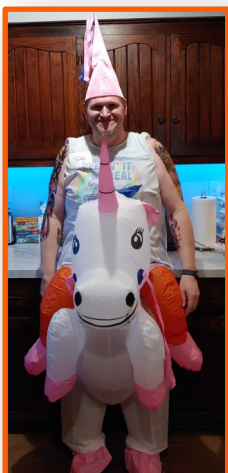
## Blessing of the Animals September 30th



## Tyler Talking Together \* October 29th at St. Clare's



## Halloween Serendipity \* October 28th at John & Jeremy's Home





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**Fr. Mitch teaches the children and youth  
about the gospel lesson of the day.**



**Jane Johnson wins a 1st place ribbon  
at the Palette of Roses Art Show.**

## WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS FOR November

### Sunday

- 8:30 am: Rite I—No music
- 9:30 am: Adult Gospel Lectionary Discussion
- Children/Youth Sunday School
- 10:45 am: Rite II—Traditional Music  
**Live-Stream on FaceBook & YouTube**
- 6:00 pm: Yoga—Children's Ed Room

**Nursery available from 8:00 am—12:00 pm**

### Wednesday

- Noon: Rite II Eucharist Service
- 12:30pm: Bible Study—Parish Hall
- 2:00 pm: Grief Support Group—Parish Hall
- 2:00 pm: God's Grace—St. Clare's
- 7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

### Thursday

- 5:00 pm: Handbell Practice—Music Room

## November Special Events

Sat. November 4, 8:30am

Breakfast for All

Sat. November 4, 9:00am

DOK Meeting

Sat. November 4, 10:00am

Church Under a Bridge Lunch Prep

Sat. November 11, 6:30a til ?

Men's Turkey Smoke

Sun. November 12, Noon

Turkey Luncheon

Sun. November 19,

Stewardship Ingathering

Tues. November 21, 11:30a

Out-to-Lunch Bunch at Potpourri House

Thur. November 23

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Office Closed**

Fri. November 24,

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Tues. November 28, 6:00pm

Vestry Meeting

