



## The Monk's Corner

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# OCTOBER, 2011



## Community Garden Ground Breaking

Saturday, October 15th

11 am to 3pm

## Parish Meeting/Vestry Presentation September 25

St. Francis faces a challenge from our Diocese that needs every one of. The goal is to become a leading example of spirituality in community involvement – in this area and in the Diocese. That challenge – bring more people into the St. Francis family. The urgency – do this by mid-November!

The plan:

Invite people to come experience St. Francis

Your help to prepare for the St. Francis GROUNDBREAKING and community welcome

Participate in the three things that will benefit our parish and our community:

Labyrinth*	To nourish our spiritual health
Community Garden	To nourish us and our community
Walking Path	To nourish our physical health

We need your presence at these work days and the event.

Come work.      Come watch.      Come play.

If you were not present for the vestry presentation on September 25, please check your mail for a letter from the vestry for more details.

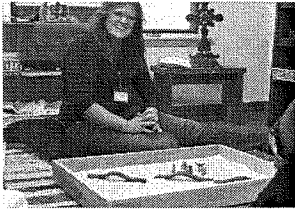
There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for you to indicate where you would like to help. You are needed!

\*The labyrinth is walking meditation path, found in many religious traditions. By walking a labyrinth, we are rediscovering a long-forgotten mystical tradition. The labyrinth has only one path so there are no tricks to it and no dead ends. The path winds and becomes a mirror for where we are in our lives. It touches our sorrows and releases our joys. Walk it with an open mind and an open heart.

# The Week at St. Francis

## Sundays

**9:00 a.m.** Scripture Study Group meets in the library. Currently studying Corinthians (ends October 16). Beginning October 23 --A study on the book of James, by Max Lucado. Led by Vickie Miner.



**11:15 a.m. GODLY PLAY for EVERYONE**  
Children, bring your parents and learn together. No previous study needed. Lauren Beckwith is the lead teacher and coordinator.

## Wednesdays

**12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service:** followed by discussion.  
Bring your own lunch.  
**6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer**

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

The St. Francis choir is looking for a few good men, women or children! If you'd like to make a joyful noise for the Lord, stop by the Music Room early on Sunday (9:00 a.m.) or on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for practice. Rebecca Fadell is our lovely, lively, musical choir director.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
**October 15 – at the Groundbreaking**  
All creatures great and small welcome. The Lord God made them all. This is an excellent time to invite your friends with pets to come visit.

## **A SMALL REMINDER**

If you want to borrow something from the church, please ask first; then sign it out in the office. If you have already borrowed something but have forgotten to return it or were keeping it safe -- this is the time to return it. Most of our "moving and shaking" is done and we're going to be doing an inventory soon. Thanks.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you have prayer requests, please let Mtr. Patricia know so we can add them to the Prayer List. We also have intercessors on Sundays and a Eucharist/healing service on Wednesdays. Those are special times for those present to pray other others on the prayer list.

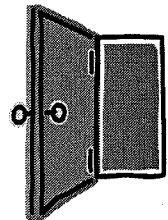


### **Mark Your Calendar**

- October 8:** Work day at St. Francis – Move the Mulch
- October 9:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Covered Dish Lunch with surprise treat from Mtr. Patricia
- October 15:** **Celebrate Ground Breaking and Blessing of the Animals**
- October 30:** Bishop Keyser visiting St. Francis
- November 6:** All Saints' Day Celebration. (Time change – reset clocks)

### **Mtr. Patricia's 'Drop-in' Hours**

Mondays -- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can also reach her at 904-557-8884 to make an appointment (no text messages please) or email her at: [TheRevPatricia@aol.com](mailto:TheRevPatricia@aol.com)





## FEED MY SHEEP

***"There is a time for everything under heaven"*** (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

This famous quotation helps us to understand the temporary nature of ourselves and our endeavors. This month has special significance for St. Francis as the Feed My Sheep program is being closed. Though the regular scheduled distribution has ended, the ministry of meeting needs continues. St. Francis will now provide food bags as we can for those who ask.

This is a sad time at Feed My Sheep. It is also a bittersweet time when we look back at the history of this mission. From the occasional bag of food or \$10 from the Rector's discretionary fund to help with groceries for a family, it grew into a regular weekly food pantry. FMS gave out (and sometimes delivered) food and other items to 200+ families each month.

We partnered with the community, America's Second Harvest, volunteers from Gretchen Everhart school and other churches. We were supported by individuals giving their time, donations of money, a grant from Sam's. All of this was done to provide regular bags of food for upward of 600 people each month, most of whom wondering where their next meal was coming from.

This program constantly grew and changed; a living, changing feature of St. Francis Church and Northwest Leon County. The thing that makes this a nostalgic time and one filled with joy is the long list of those volunteers and individuals who donated time and effort to the Feed My Sheep ministry.

Again and again -- from Peggy Gridley to Pat Thomas -- individuals from the congregation and the community stepped forward to take the responsibility of making things happen. We would like to name all the individuals who've ever worked, volunteered and donated food or money, but the *Monks Corner* wouldn't have room for all the names. Nor could I remember them all, and I

fear leaving someone out. I want to thank every person from the bottom of my heart and the collective hearts of the clients.

To the people who had a hand *in any way* in making Feed My Sheep a viable mission to the community, I would like to say that this was our finest hour. This was when we truly tried to reflect Christ in reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you and God bless you from the  
volunteer  
staff of Feed My Sheep

Pat Thomas receiving the honorary  
Order of the Bag certificate



**OCTOBER 2011  
Servers' Schedule**

	<b>October 2 16 Pentecost</b>	<b>October 9 17 Pentecost</b>	<b>October 16 18 Pentecost</b>	<b>October 23 19 Pentecost</b>	<b>October 30 20 Pentecost</b>
<b>Chalice</b>	David Miner	Jeff Barranco	Suzanne Harrell	Jeff Barranco	Suzanne Harrell
<b>Torch 2 (assist priest)</b>	Suzanne Harrell TBA	David Miner John DiSalvo	Kate Harrell John DiSalvo Jeff Barranco	Marjorie Langston TBA David Miner	Jeff Barranco Kate Harrell Marjorie Langston
<b>Crucifer</b>	Jeff Barranco	Marjorie Langston			
<b>Torch 1 (aims &amp; candles)</b>					
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Kate Harrell / Sylvia Costa	TBA	TBA	Suzanne Harrell TBA	TBA
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Suzanne & Kate Harrell	Crew/Thomas	Langston / Greisi	Harrell	Crew/Thomas
<b>Reader</b>	Kate Harrell	TBA	Vickie Miner	Suzanne Harrell	Marjorie Langston
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deut 34:1-12	Joshua 3:7-17
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Phil 3:4b-14	Phil 4:1-9	1 Thess 1:1-10	1 Thess 2:1-8	1 Thess 2:9-13
<b>Gospel</b>	Matt 21:33-46	Matt 22:1-14	Matt 22:15-22	Matt 22:34-46	Matt 23:1-12
<b>Audio</b>	Vickie Miner	Kate Harrell	Vickie Miner	Daniel Boydston	Barbara Benda
<b>Intercessors</b>	Vickie Miner Barbara Barnes	Vickie Miner TBA	Vickie Miner TBA	Vickie Miner TBA	Vickie Miner TBA
<b>Counters</b>	Vickie Miner Marjorie Langston	Vickie Miner Marjorie Langston	Vickie Miner Marjorie Langston	Vickie Miner Marjorie Langston	Vickie Miner Marjorie Langston

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