

Through The Lych Gate

Week of August 14-21, 2011

The Episcopal Minute for Sunday, August 14, 2011

The Confession

The form of confession we say together during the Eucharistic liturgy is called the General Confession. The term “general” isn’t intended to mean that it’s a “cover everything” confession, though it certainly does cover a broad and general variety of sins and offenses. Instead it is a confession made by all the people as an act of preparation for communion, and that is why we use the corporate “we” to confess together. Prior to the 1662 revision to the Book of Common Prayer used by the Church of England, a predecessor to our own prayer book, a prayer of confession was said by one person on behalf of all who intended to receive Holy Communion. Since 1662, it has been said by everyone present. It gives us the opportunity to participate in the Eucharist—the Great Thanksgiving—with clean hearts, clear consciences, and the intention of repentance.

Many of us were taught in catechism classes that we should not receive communion unless we have first confessed our sins. That is still true although participation in the General Confession isn’t possible for folks like our nursery workers who join us after the General Confession has already been said. For those folks, a personal prayer of confession is acceptable as an occasional substitute for the General Confession.

The brief moment of silence between the bidding to confession and our recitation of the actual prayer of confession is not the ideal time to compile a list of the sins we’ve committed since we last confessed! Each of us should regularly include confession as part of our personal prayer life.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week:

Dickinson Gustafson (14), Stephanie Henderson (15), Troy Melvin (16), Joe Dury (17), Christopher Henderson (18), Charles Pickard (19), Darby Williams (19), Richard & Stephanie Williams (19).

House Blessing

Please join Chris & Dick for A Celebration of The Rectory and the Blessing of Our Home on Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Thank You

To John Roberts, who stepped in to clean the church and parish house this week following the resignation of Robin Lattimore.

To everyone who provided food for the Celebration of Ministry reception. It was all delicious. Thanks also to those who set up for the reception and cleaned up afterwards.

In Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Jimmy Okpych whose grandmother Mary Sandorf died last week.

School Supplies needed for Day School

If you are interested in donating school supplies to the Day School at St. Francis, the following items are needed:

24 count crayons	glue sticks	Clorox wipes
Hand/baby wipes	Lysol disinfectant spray	napkins
Gold fish	Cheez-it crackers	Graham crackers
Apple sauce	cookies	powder juice mix
(Recycled ink cartridges)		

There will be a basket in the back of the church marked Day School Supplies.

How can we reach you?

We have recently, with the help of Bill Coxe, acquired new computers for the Rector and church offices. To make sure we have your correct email address, please provide it at the bottom of the survey or to the church office. Also, if you would like for us to be able to reach you on your cell phone please provide that as well. We will not give out cell phone numbers. Please turn this in to the church office or send an email to stfrancis@rfci.net.

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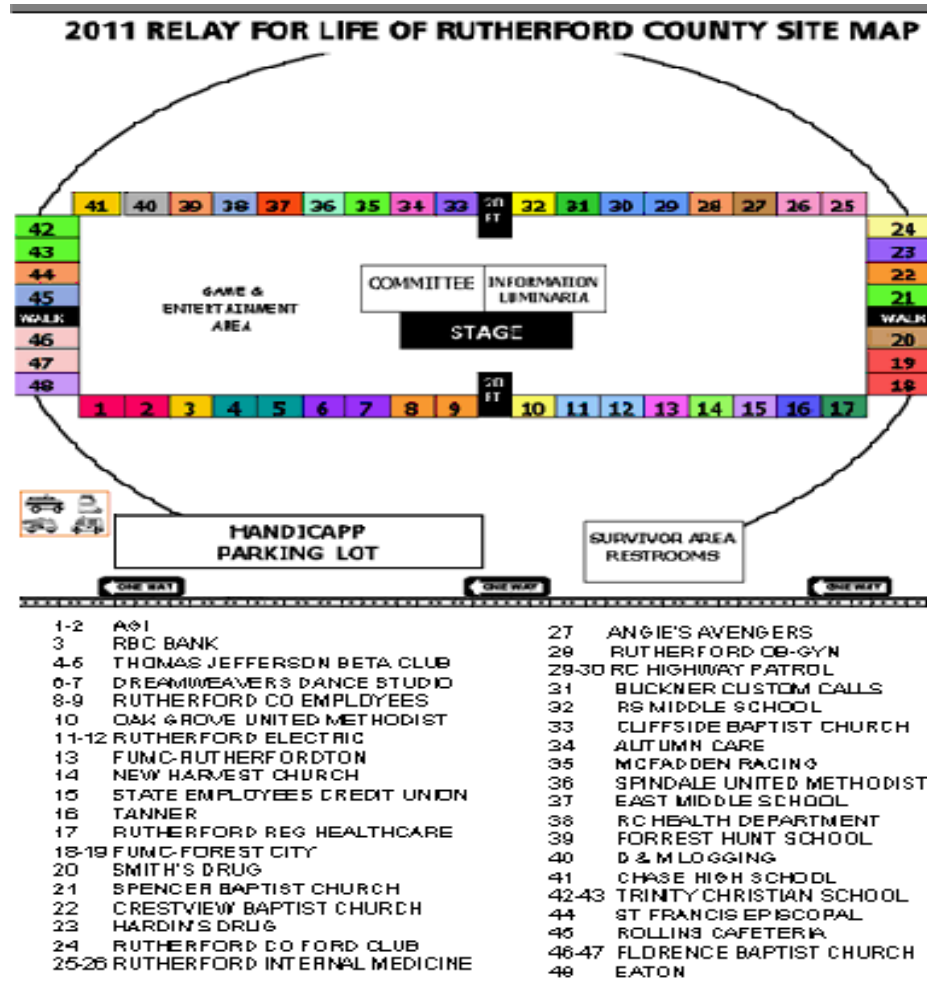
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Relay for Life

The St. Francis Relay for Life team will be having a Cake Walk fundraiser at the Relay for Life Event on September 9th. If you are interested in or willing to bake a cake for this event, please contact Nancy Bole at 429-1631. Also, if you would like to purchase a luminary in memory or honor of someone, please see one of the Relay for Life team members. The luminary forms will be available at both services. Below is the site map for this years event. Our site number is 44.



Worship Leaders
8:00 am
Sunday, August 21

Usher	Richard Williams
Greeter	Sue Lloyd
1st Lesson	Sue Lloyd
2nd Lesson	Ted Bell
Chalicer	Denise Hempstead

Worship Leaders
10:30 am
Sunday, August 21

Ushers	Vernon Hoyle, Rebecca Melton
Greeter	Lucinda Hynett
Presenter of Bread & Wine	Missy Hughes, Susan Keith
Yokefellow	Michael Carrier
1st Lesson	Paula McIntosh
2nd Lesson	Steve Spence
Prayers of the People	Nancy Bole
Chalicer	Bob Blanton
Nursery	Anita Quinley, Susan Melvin
Acolytes	Team 1
Punch on the Lawn	Jimmy & Michelle Okpych

Lectionary For Sunday August 21, 2011

Old Testament: [Exodus 1:8—2:10](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 12:1-8](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 124](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 14

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am HE Rite I (Church)
9:30 am Adult Church School (PH)
10:30 am HE Rite II (Church)
Punch on the Lawn – Anita Quinley

Monday, August 15

7:30 am AA (CH)
9:00 am Day School (PH)
5:00 pm Walkers (PH)

Tuesday, August 16

7:30 am AA (CH)
5:00 pm Walkers (PH)

Wednesday, August 17

7:00 am Joe Middleton Group (PH)
7:30 am AA (CH)
9:00 am Day School (PH)
5:00 pm Walkers (PH)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, August 18

6:30 am Samaritan Breakfast (PH)
7:30 am AA (CH)
5:00 pm Walkers (PH)

Friday, August 19

7:30 am AA (CH)
9:00 am Day School (PH)
5:00 pm Walkers (PH)

Saturday, August 20

Wedding

Sunday, August 21

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am HE Rite I (Church)
9:30 am Adult Church School (PH)
10:30 am HE Rite II (Church)
Punch on the Lawn – Jimmy & Michelle Okpych

(PH) = Parish House
(CH) = Cloister House
(R) = Rectory