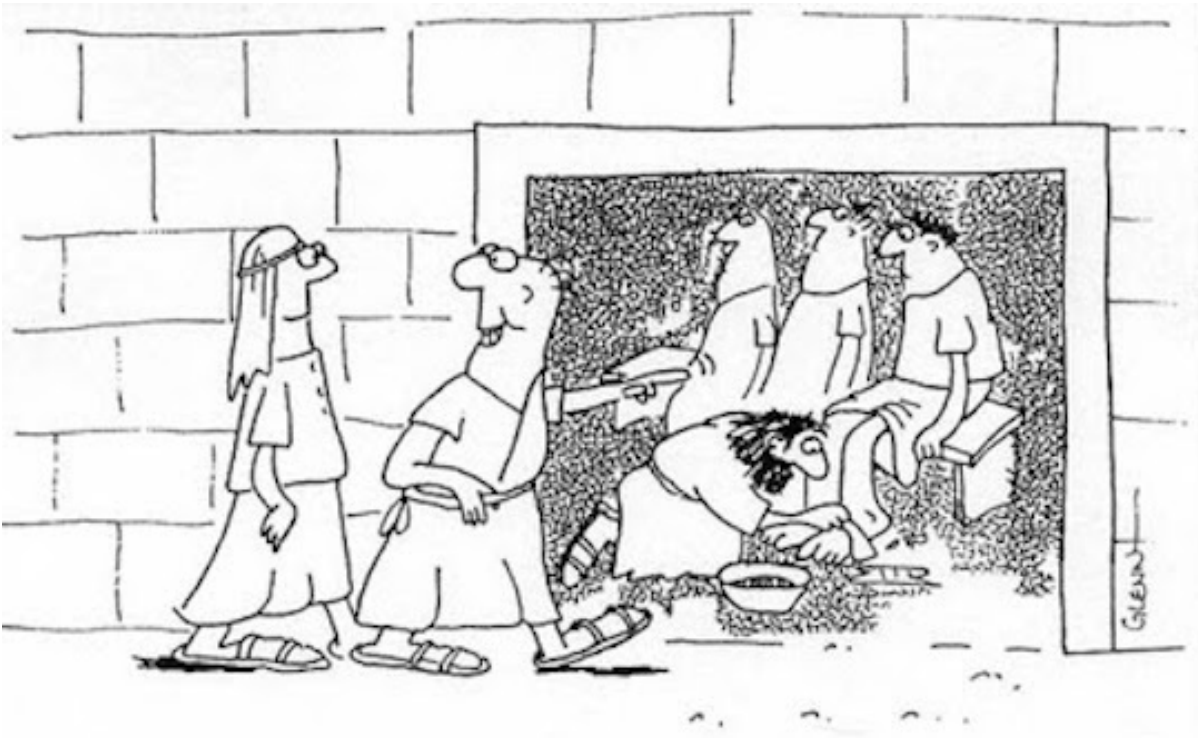


S⁺ Francis



"...and now I want you to meet the all powerful second person of the Trinity, through which the whole universe was created, who shall sit at the right hand of God..."

August 6, 2014

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

A Challenge

Last Sunday I challenged the people of St. Francis gathered for worship to try this:

1. Ask God to show you someone you think is in need (not someone God thinks is in need, but you think is in need).
2. Ask God to direct you to ask that person to help you with something.

I am extending that challenge to everyone reading this. What would happen if you and I did things like this regularly? How would it affect the dignity of those we consider to be in need of our charity? Respecting the dignity of every human being is a part of our baptismal covenant (see the Book of Common Prayer, p. 305, the third question on the page).

Sharing the Challenge

This coming Sunday at St. Francis we have our monthly pot luck meal after worship. If you are going to be there with us, and have had a chance to take up this challenge I want to invite you to join me at a table where we can share the stories of what happened. If you live somewhere else and cannot be there would you send me an email describing what happened (vicar@stfrancisva.org)?

Transfiguration

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration. I encourage you to worship, pray, spend time with Jesus, and ask Him to reveal more of Himself to you as He did with Peter, James, and John. Here is the collect for this feast which is a good place to start:

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in all his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, on God, for ever and ever.
Amen

Finally

I found the above cartoon on the internet. I do not know who created it. If anyone does please let me know so that I can give proper credit.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, August 6, 2014 worship at 6:00pm

Sunday August 10, 2014 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck.

Experimental Wednesdays

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00pm, at St. Francis Episcopal Church
June 4-September 3

The Seven Signs in the Gospel of John

Read each story once/day for a week before the Wednesday it is scheduled

Read with these questions in mind:

What does this story say to you about people?

What does this story say to you about Jesus?

What does this story have to say about you

Who needs to hear this story?

July 16	The Feeding of the 5,000	John 6:5-14
August 6	Jesus Walks on the Water	John 6:16-35
August 20	Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind	John 9:1-41
September 3	The Resurrection of Lazarus	John 11:17-46

Who needs to hear about this gathering? Bring them along!

Advance Notice for the New Member Class

On October 12, 2014 Bishop Gullick will be with us to preside, preach, and confirm and receive our new members. Those of you who are new to St. Francis are invited to pray about becoming a formal member at that time. It means taking my very engaging new member class. There are four topics which you study at home:

1. What is the Church?
2. What is the Episcopal Church?
3. What is St. Francis Episcopal Church?
4. What does Jesus want me to do about His Church?

Late in September all who have taken this course will come together for one very rich and encouraging session. Let me know if you are interested. I will be distributing the material for the four sessions to interested people in August. BTW-if you have been a long time member you are still invited to take part in this! Let me know.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For the Family Chiropractic Center and Dr. Eric Carlsen that many people in our community may achieve a higher level of wellness and health.

For the congregations and clergy of Trinity, Lancaster and St. Mary's White Chapel, Lively that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For owners and managers: for servant leadership, civic responsibility and ethical decision-making.

Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of Trinity, Lancaster and St. Mary's White Chapel, Lively

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