## **Lobster Fest 2019**

By Terry Smith

The 14th Annual Lobster Fest will take place at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 19. Though very hard work for the dedicated volunteers, the event is deemed a success year after year. It is essentially a day-long party, and proceeds help fund the ongoing ministry of St. Francis by the Sea.

Live lobsters are delivered to the church directly from Maine. On-site cooks prepare them to go and for meals served at the church. One team of workers spends the day in the back of the refrigerated delivery truck filling orders for live lobsters and keeping the cook team supplied. Another team cracks the claws and cuts the tails to ease the process of eating the lobster. The sanctuary is turned into a dining room where dedicated volunteers serve dine-in and take-out meals.

The lobsters are large, approximately 1½ pounds each, and are exceptionally good. A complete lobster dinner, including potato salad, coleslaw and homemade dessert, is \$25. Add a cooked lobster to an eat-in dinner or take cooked lobsters home for \$21 each. If you are feeling more adventuresome, you can get live lobsters for \$19 each and cook them at home. Eat-in meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Take-out meals and live and cooked lobsters will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The best way to ensure you will get one is to purchase tickets in advance by

October 14—and it is risky not to purchase tickets in advance since we sell out every year. Special delivery is available upon request for orders of 10 or more.

You may get tickets from a parishioner or by calling the church office at 240-2388. Those who bought tickets in the past will receive order forms in the mail.

Credit cards (Discover, Mastercard or Visa) will be accepted by phone (no voicemail orders, please) or in person at the church, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check with the church office at the number above to be sure someone is available to take your order before coming to purchase tickets. St. Francis by the Sea is located at 920 Salter Path Road in Salter Path.



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## Lopez Tabor Duo At St. Francis by the Sea

On Friday, September 20, at 7 p.m., the Lopez Tabor Duo will perform in the live acoustic sanctuary of St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church at 920 Salter Path Road in Salter Path. Alfonso Lopez, violin, and Michelle Tabor, piano, will present A Musical Tour from 17th Century Europe to 21st Century Latin America. This varied program is divided into two parts, separated by a brief intermission. This is a non-ticketed concert sponsored by the Carteret Arts Forum. Donations are welcome and will support the St. Francis concert series.

The Lopez Tabor Duo has performed and toured together in the southeastern United States and Venezuela since 2004. Alfonso Lopez is one of the most prominent and versatile musicians of Venezuela, holding the important position of concertmaster of the national Venezuela Symphony Orchestra, which has been nominated twice (in 2013 and 2017) to receive a Latin Grammy award. He is also a conductor, teacher and composer. Michelle Tabor grew up in Venezuela and now lives in Tallahassee. She holds doctorate, master's and bachelor's degrees in music from Florida State University, the University of Denver and Tulane University. Visit lopeztaborduo.moonfruit.com for more information and videos of the duo's performances.

