

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13 JANUARY 2019

☼ **HOME COMMUNION** – If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or the Sacrament brought to you at home, please call Fr. Dan or Rev. Pam at 625-1370. We bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone who cannot attend services for any reason.

TODAY

JANUARY 13 – CONFIRMATION

8:00a Holy Eucharist II
10:00a Holy Eucharist II
12:00p Bishop/Vestry Meeting
2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

1:00p Stephen Ministry – Library/
Conf Room/Vulliamy Rm/St.
Francis Room
6:00p Vestry – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
9:30a Memorials Cmte – Library
6:00p Rev. Pam's Study Group
– Conference Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00a KBI Brkfst Prep – Kitchen
10:00a Care Teams – Library
12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm
2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

6:00a KBI Brkfst Prep – Kitchen
8:00a Bulletins – Library
7:00p True Concord Concert

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

JANUARY 20 – EPIPHANY II

8:00a Holy Eucharist I
10:00a Holy Eucharist I
10:15a Annual Parish Meeting
2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

☼ **A WARM WELCOME** – We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Kirk and Laura Smith as they visit officially with us for the last time. The Bishop will be available for 'coffee and conversation' following the 8 o'clock service, and he will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to Helen & Wally Mullaly at 10 o'clock.

☼ **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – Our annual meeting will be held next Sunday, January 20, 2019. Please plan to attend.

☼ **HEY KIDS, WHAT TIME IS IT?** – No, not Howdy Doody time. It's time for all of us who are responsible for Annual Reports to keep working on them; otherwise we won't meet the deadline TOMORROW (yikes!), Monday, 14 January 2019, will we? Please email your report—in either the body of an email or in Word format—to the Parish Administrator: gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org.

☼ **EVENSONG** – Solemn Evensong and Te Deum in honor of Fr. Dan will be sung at 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, February 17. Members of TRUE CONCORD VOICES & ORCHESTRA, under the direction of Gerald Near with J. Michael Case at the organ, will sing choral works from the great Anglican tradition. We invite your financial support; please make checks payable to St. Francis in the Valley with 'Evensong' in the memo line.

☼ **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS** – Our new St. Francis website is up and running AND it has a new address: www.stfrancisgvaz.org. Check it out!

☼ **WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THE CONSECRATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP?** – A chartered bus has been hired to go to Phoenix for the Consecration of Bishop-elect the Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall. The bus, which holds 54 people, will leave St. Francis at 8:45 AM, Saturday, March 9. The cost of the transport is \$20 plus tip for the driver, and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be made by February 22, 2019. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Parish Hall after Sunday services. We hope you can join us.

If you have questions, contact Cheryl Tardy-Albin at 520-235-9031 or, via email, at Ltybbear1@gmail.com.

☼ **GRIEF SUPPORT** – We are again sponsoring a series of Grief Support Groups

at St. Francis. New sessions will begin Monday, January 28, and run five consecutive Mondays from 1:30–3:30 PM. The sessions, facilitated by Jeannie North, are open to the community free of charge. For additional information call 520-625-1370.

☼ **CRUZANDO FRONTERAS STILL SEEKING DONATIONS** – Cruzando Fronteras is very grateful for all the generous donations of clothes, other necessities, and funding for the migrants arriving at the border seeking asylum that you all have provided to date! But new asylum-seekers are arriving at the shelters each day with little more than the clothes on their backs. Most are women and children who've arrived from tropical climates. So keep those donations coming! What's needed right now is sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, hotel shampoo/soap/lotion, bathrobes, towels, backpacks, warm jackets, warm hats/beanies, warm scarves, long pants/jeans, sweaters, slippers, sneakers, and socks. Please remember that most of the people arriving are smaller and skinnier than we are, so small and medium sizes are preferred for adults. And please refrain from bring in items that aren't currently on this list. Bring in your new or clean, gently used items and drop them in the box in the Parish Hall, or put a check made out to St. Francis with "Cruzando Fronteras" in the memo line

into the offering plate or bring/mail it to the Parish Office. Thanks!

☀️**BIBLE CHALLENGE** – We'd like to challenge YOU to read the whole Bible all the way through in a year! If you've never read the whole thing, it's a wonderful thing to do. Some smart folks have developed a workable program for reading the whole Bible in one year, and Rev. Pam is inviting any and all who are interested in joining her to take on the challenge of reading the whole book in 2019. If you're interested, email Rev. Pam (pam@stfranciscgvaz.org) to let her know you will be participating, and go to <http://thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org/read-the-bible-in-a-year/>, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Download the One Year Read for the daily schedule of readings. She will facilitate a discussion once a month for all the participants who wish to gather together and talk about what they've been reading. This may be the best New Year's resolution you ever made!

☀️**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursdays, January 17 and 24, the Seekers group will see a video on the process of writing the King James version of the Bible. The video is not a lecture but instead is an acted presentation. Discussions will follow the viewing. The group meets Thursdays from 12:30 PM to 1:50 PM in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome at any meeting.

☀️**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – Stephen Ministers: just what are they, who are they, and what do they do? Simply put we are lay people from the Parish who are trained to walk beside someone who is going through a difficult time in his or her life. We meet, we listen, we provide a compassionate heart, a shoulder to lean on, and confidentiality.

If you think you might like to explore becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact one of us: Marybeth Bates (206-259-0361) or emmymex@yahoo.com, Mark Eckstein (443-807-2277) or az9261954@gmail.com, Cheryl Tardy-Albin (520-235-9031) or ltybbear1@gmail.com or BrandE Faupell (435-512-0286) or bfaupell@gmail.com.

☀️**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – We are fortunate to have professional individual Spiritual Direction available to us at St. Francis. For an appointment please call Charlotte Neyland at 720-298-2750.

☀️**NEED A RIDE TO A PARISH EVENT?** – Our Men's Group offers rides to those in need of transportation to Parish events. If you are unable to provide your own transport and would like to schedule a lift, call the Parish Office, 625-1370.

☀️**PRAYER CHAIN** — For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at jnrats@gmail.com.

☀️**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Would you like to have flowers on the altar on a certain

Sunday? Flowers can be given in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving for persons or for a special date and occasion you wish to celebrate. Call the Parish Office or Carol Berg (373-5770) with your request. Donations are \$35.

☼ **LA JOYA COMMUNION SERVICE** — A reminder to all residents of La Posada that we offer a weekly Service in the Celebration Room at La Joya. Gary La-Barre leads a weekly service of communion from the reserved sacrament. One of the clergy leads a service of Holy Eucharist once a month, usually the second Wednesday. You are welcome to attend even if you're not a La Posada resident.

☼ **CENTERING PRAYER** — Sunday afternoons at 2 PM in the Chapel, followed at 2:30 by tea and light refreshments and a short video presentation in the Conference Room. Centering Prayer is an ancient form of meditative or contemplative prayer suggested by Jesus. For further information, call James or Sophie Luffman at 520-505-7932.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – The Church of St. Matthew, Tucson

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Assistant Rector

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Jason and Denny Osgood, Olive Clapp, Mason Fletcher, Stephamie Huszar, Jan Koltun, William Muscato, Maggie Covert, Carol Sand, Steve Walker

FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY: Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Brandon Brownlee, Shane Gunderson, Issac Noone, Ian Gunderson, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Rod Thompson, Joyce Ditmanson, Edward Turberg

A complete calendar of Parish and Non-Parish events, as well as other news and information about the Parish, is available on the St. Francis website: www.stfrancisgvaz.org. You can also access the Diocesan website from there. Check it out!