

ANNOUNCEMENTS
17 FEBRUARY 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

FEBRUARY 17 – EPIPHANY VI

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist II
- 10:00a Holy Eucharist II
- 2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel
- 5:00p Evensong – Church

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

- 10:00a Outreach – Library
- 1:30p Grief Support Group
– St. Francis Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 9:00a Staff Meeting – Library
- 1:00p Stephen Ministry – Library/
Conf Room/Vulliamy Rm/St.
Francis Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 9:30a Memorials Cmte – Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 10:00a Communications – Conf Rm
- 10:00a Home Tour Cmte – Library
- 11:30a Defib Training – Classroom

- 12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm
- 2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 24 – EPIPHANY VII

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist II
- 10:00a Holy Eucharist II
- 2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

☼**PLEASE NOTE** – Parish Offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 18, in recognition of President's Day. Morning Prayer will not be held tomorrow, but will resume Monday, February 25, at 9 AM.

☼**EVENSONG** – Evensong in honor of Fr. Dan will be sung this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Church. 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.

☼**OUR INTERIM RECTOR** – The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe has accepted our invitation to serve as Interim Rector, and he and his wife Sylvia will be joining us here at St. Francis on the first of March. Rev. Smythe has served as Rector at

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ben Lomond, CA, 1988-1995, and from there went directly to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Altadena, CA where he served as Rector from 1995 to 2007. Since then he has served as Interim Rector at three parishes, with the most recent assignment at St. Peter's in Casa Grande. Sprinkled in between, Fr. Colville served as Adjunct Professor at Citrus Community College in Glendora, CA, teaching Literature of the Bible.

Rev. Canon Smythe and Sylvia will maintain a home in Queen Creek, about a two hour's drive north of here, and will be looking quickly at rental properties here in Green Valley.

☼ **NEWS FROM THE BOUTIQUE** – Looking for that unique gift but don't have time to go shopping in Tucson? Our St. Francis Boutique has many beautiful items, including gorgeous jewelry recently purchased at the GEM & MINERAL SHOW, beautiful all-occasion cards for under \$3, *and* we have fresh Green Valley pecans, so you don't have to make a special trip to the Orchard. We're open on Sundays after each service. Come see!

☼ **A SUGGESTION FOR THOSE WITH HEARING ISSUES** – Victor Levine invites you to consider the following: Sound being directional, I can now hear you better—by listening, yes, but also by following the movement of your lips, your

facial expressions and your body motions. I've tried the approach for awhile and it continues to help me. I thought others might find it useful. Let me know if you think a small group meeting regularly to learn the lip- and body-reading art, might be useful in your life. Thank you. Victor Levine, *ravok1931@gmail.com* (398-5000).

☼ **NEWS FROM OUTREACH** – The Outreach committee invites you to participate in raising money for Casa Community Services. Think about assembling an amazing raffle basket for our MahJongg tournament. We will raffle 12 baskets on March 7. Our MahJongg players come from all over Green Valley and Tucson and love bidding on the beautiful baskets available. It is the thrill of the chase, and we hope you will want to be part of the fun. Call Nancy Symons (399-0937) or Barb Hook (648-7949) to let us know you will be making a basket.

☼ **J.S. BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION** will be sung by TRUE CONCORD VOICES AND ORCHESTRA at 7 PM, Friday, February 22, at Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley. Opportunities to hear this work—one of the greatest musical achievements of all time—are very rare, especially with such superb forces and right in our own backyard. Don't miss it. Gerald has tickets priced at \$25 and \$40, or you may purchase them through the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce.

☀️**TOUR OF HOMES 2019**—The great 2019 Home Tour is Friday, March 22. But to make the Tour a success, we need your help. We still need volunteers to drive, to assist with the Silent Auction, to act as Hostesses in the homes and in the Parish Hall where we serve refreshments to our attendees. For our bakers, we need baked goods to serve to our guests in the Parish Hall and we need all sorts of goodies to sell at the Gourmet Table. There will be sign-ups in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock services today and next Sunday. You can also contact Sandy Eckstein (seckste2@gmail.com) or Julie Reppenhagen (jrepp@snet.net).

☀️**IMMIGRATION TALK ONLINE** — Thanks to all who came to hear Alyson Ball's talk on immigration last Tuesday! If you couldn't attend, you can find a YouTube video of virtually the same presentation recorded last November at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8-WeeDYIF0 — or google "Alyson Ball on immigration." It was a wonderful presentation!

☀️**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — **MOBILE MEALS** urgently needs volunteers to deliver meals, pet food, and incontinence products to their neighbors in Green Valley and Sahuarita. Can you help? The commitment would be two hours a week. They will be holding a group volunteer orientation on Thursday, February 14, from 1 PM to 2:30 PM at **FRIENDS**

IN DEED, 301 W. Camino Casa Verde, Room A. If you are interested, please RSVP at 520-622-1600 or visit www.mobilemealsoaz.org/volunteer.html.

☀️**CRUZANDO FRONTERAS DONATIONS** — Your donations to Cruzando Fronteras for asylum-seekers in the Nogales, Sonora shelters are a real blessing! Right now the number of families arriving at the border is increasing. What's needed right now (greatest needs capitalized):

- sleeping bags
- blankets
- pillows
- hotel shampoo/soap/lotion
- towels
- backpacks
- UNDERGARMENTS (all sizes, men/women/children)
- warm jackets
- warm hats/beanies/scarves
- long pants/jeans
- sweaters
- slippers, shoes/sneakers
- socks
- feminine products
- DIAPERS (all sizes)
- wipes.

Please remember that most of the people arriving are shorter and thinner than we are, so small and medium sizes are preferred for adults. Bring in your new or clean, gently used items and drop them in the boxes in the Parish Hall. Monetary donations are also very helpful—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 church office, or donate through the Cruzando Fronteras webpage at fronteras.azdiocese.org. Thanks!

☀️**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** — We will discuss *Seven Types of Atheism*. Please

read chapters 2 and 3 for Thursday, February 21. Meetings begin at 12:30 PM and end at 1:50 PM in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

☀️**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 ijnrats@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.

☀️**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 – St. Michael and All Angels, Tucson

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Altar Guild

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Jason and Denny Osgood, Mason Fletcher, Olive Clapp, Kim Kessing, Rolando Altamirano, Stephanie Huszar, Jean McEachran, Vern Hughes, Doris Romick, Joe Chidester

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: Maggie Covert, Bruce Zimmerman, Steve Walker, Bill Romick

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!