

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24 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 24 – EPIPHANY VII

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

1:30p Grief Support Group
– St. Francis Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00a Men's Group – Conf Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30a St. Francis Trust – Library

12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 3 – EPIPHANY VIII

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

☼ **FROM FR. DAN & PHYLLIS** – Dear Parish Family, Phyllis and I thank you so much for the wonderful send-off at our recent retirement party. It couldn't have been a better evening. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and appreciate beyond words the "purse" you offered. The beautiful print, the individual gifts and the many cards with the most wonderful thoughts are so appreciated as reminders of your love and support throughout our years with you. We leave with so many fond memories and some of the best experiences of our lives. We pray that you continue to prosper in all the important aspects of a mission-centered church. In our experience you truly are the heart and hands of Christ to all. Much love and many blessings,

Dan & Phyllis

☼ **CHAPEL ROCK SUNDAY** – Bishop Smith has designated next Sunday, March 3, as **CHAPEL ROCK SUNDAY** throughout the Diocese. On that day the Bishop is asking each church and congregation members to support the newly created **BISHOP KIRK SMITH CHILDREN & YOUTH CAMPERSHIP FUND**. The experiences that our campers have at Chapel

Rock are life-changing and extraordinary. Every year, when we read camper evaluations, camper after camper says, "That was the best week of my summer!" It is fun, Christ-centered, and provides the opportunity to grow closer to God through the beauty and power of our Episcopal Church traditions. Help send children and youth to camp this summer! There will be a collection taken to support the campership fund Sunday, March 3rd. You can also contribute online at <http://bit.ly/BpSmithCamp> (*note the URL is case sensitive*).

☼ **MUSIC THIS MORNING** – The Parish Choir is under the direction of Priscilla Zimmermann this morning, and Sophia Witte is at the organ. Our thanks to them both.

☼ **THANK YOU!** – **BACKPACK SUNDAY** was a big success! We collected 55 backpacks for Cruzando Fronteras. Your generosity is amazing – thank you, on behalf of the asylum families who will receive them!

☼ **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.

☼ **SOLO JOURNEYERS** – Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 10. It has been some time since we last got together, so we would like to meet for dinner at Manuals Mexican Restaurant at 5 PM. We have a room reserved for the Solo group. Please sign up in the Parish Hall after services

☼ **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. Remember that all profits from the Boutique go directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to assist the needy in our Green Valley Community. Because you shopped with us last year, we are giving \$3,000 to that fund this month. Thank you St. Francis parishioners for making that possible! It's a win/win deal when you shop in our Boutique!

We're open on Sundays after each service. Come see!

☀️**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** – We are again sponsoring a series of grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin Monday, March 18, and run five consecutive Mondays from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. The group is open to the community, non-denominational, no charge, and facilitated by Jeannie North, BSN, MC. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) to register or to obtain additional information.

☀️**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.

☀️**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*).

☀️**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 4 and 5 for Thursday, February 28. 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.

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: Bonnie Kleeberg, Mason Fletcher, Olive Clapp, Kim Kessing, Stephanie Huszar, Jean McEachran, Vern Hughes, Doris Romick

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: 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!