

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24 MARCH 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. Smythe 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

MARCH 24 – LENT III

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist II
- 10:00a Holy Eucharist II
- 11:30a Bible Challenge Discussion
– Conference Room
- 2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel
- 1:30p Grief Support Group
– St. Francis Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 8:00a Men's Group – Conf Room
- 5:00p Vestry/Search Committee
– Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room
- 5:00p Stations of the Cross – Crtyrd
- 5:30p Lenten Supper – Parish Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- 8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 31 – LENT IV

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

✿**THIS WEEK** – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN SUPPER – Our Lenten Series *Life Transitions* continues this week on Wednesday with Stations of the Cross–led by our Stephen Ministers–at 5 PM in the Courtyard and, at 5:30 PM, a soup and bread supper (dinner tickets available at \$6), followed at 6:15 PM by guest speaker, Family Nurse Practitioner Rebekah Lewis, who will address the topic *Staying healthy during life's transitions*.

✿**TOUR OF HOMES 2019** – A BIG THANK YOU – The 2019 Tour of Homes is now in the history books. At this writing we have no numbers to share, but Sandy Eckstein and Julie Reppenhagen, Co-chairs, do wish to thank all who were involved: our six Tour home owners, our Silent Auction donors, our Sub-committee Chairmen, all of our volunteers, our Gourmet and Reception food donors and all of our attendees. It takes a community to bring off such a wonderful event and we look forward to being able to use the funds

received to help many of our local organizations. *Julie Reppenhagen*, Co-Chair

❁ **STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY** – Next Sunday, March 31, is Stephen Ministry Sunday. Please join us for a very special coffee hour between services to honor all our St. Francis Stephen Ministers (past and present) and to celebrate the commissioning of our newest Stephen Minister. We look forward to celebrating with you.

❁ **A BIG THANK YOU** – to all who participated in last Saturday’s “Day of Discovery!” Your personal contribution of both time and effort will go a long way toward achieving a successful year of transition, and building for the future at St. Francis and securing a new rector.

❁ **NEWS FROM OUTREACH** – 66 TO GO – THANK YOU *to all of you who remembered to bring your empty Easter Basket and grass for the kids at the Crossroads Mission?* We now have 34—only 66 more and we will have our 100. Sue Girardeau haunts the White Elephant very successfully and others go to the 99 CENT STORE where baskets are a dollar apiece. The big green box is in the Parish Hall for your offerings. We hope to have 100 baskets to fill on April 18. The children are counting on you.

❁ **CAN YOU OFFER A RIDE TO CHURCH?** Helen Symes, who lives at La Joya in La

Posada, would like a ride Sundays to the 10 o’clock service. Do you have room for Helen and her light-weight wheelchair? Contact her at (H) 520-648-4170 or (C) 520-954-3470.

❁ **VESTRY MINUTES** – The St. Francis Vestry meets in the Conference Room each month at 6 PM on the second Tuesday. Meetings are open to every member of the Parish. Minutes of the most recent meeting are available to you in the Parish Office.

❁ **BIBLE CHALLENGE DISCUSSION** – All of you who have taken on the Bible Challenge—reading the bible in a year—are invited to a check-in and discuss about how the challenge is going. Rev. Pam will facilitate the discussion after the 10 o’clock service (approximately 11:30 AM) on Sunday, March 24, in the Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee, maybe a cookie, and bring your questions or whatever you want to discuss about reading the Bible or doing the Bible Challenge!

❁ **YOUR HELP NEEDED** – Because of the bountiful rain and snow this winter, weeds are overflowing our church’s landscaping. The growth is too great for Craig Reid, Mitch Ghoca, and our Sextons to keep under control, and we need your help. If you are able to rake and hoe and work at your own convenience in the next few weeks, with direction from Craig, we want you. If you would like to

help, please contact Junior Warden Julie Reppenhagen (jrepp@snet.net).

❁ **AN INVITATION** – Parishioners are invited to attend the dedication of *Manny's Park* (the park across the street—Calle de Alegria—as you leave the North parking lot) at 11 AM on Friday, March 29. There will be a short dedication program and some refreshments. You are advised to bring your own seating, if needed.

❁ **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. We're open on Sundays after each service.

❁ **CRUZANDO FRONTERAS DONATIONS** – Thank you for supporting Cruzando Fronteras with your donations! Lately there's been a flood of families arriving at their Nogales, Sonora shelters while awaiting an asylum hearing, and they continue to need our help. Monetary donations are most helpful. Donate through the Cruzando Fronteras web-

page at fronteras.azdiocese.org, or drop a check made out to St. Francis with "Cruzando Fronteras" in the memo line in the offering baskets or at the Parish Office. They also currently need (greatest needs capitalized): • sleeping bags • blankets • pillows • hotel shampoo/soap/lotion • towels • backpacks • UNDERGARMENTS (all sizes—men/women/children) • jackets • long pants/jeans • sweaters • slippers • SNEAKERS (toddlers & teens) • shoes • socks • feminine products • diapers (all sizes) • wipes • TOILET PAPER. 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.

❁ **GREAT CONCERT** – Our friends at TRUE CONCORD VOICES AND ORCHESTRA will be performing Mozart's magnificent *Requiem* and Morten Lauridsen's popular *Lux Aeterna* at Valley Presbyterian Church at 7 PM on Friday, March 29. Gerald has tickets priced at \$25 for general admission and \$40 for reserved seating.

❁ **ORGAN MUSIC THIS MORNING** – Even though it looks as though the same piece is being played for both Prelude and Postlude, it's really two different versions by Bach of the same tune. (The acronym BWV following the titles of the pieces stands for *Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis*, the catalog of Bach's complete works.)

The tune upon which the pieces are based is the German chorale *Vater unser im Himmelreich*, the tune usually associated with Martin Luther's paraphrase of The Lord's Prayer. Bach drew upon the *Vater unser* tune many times in works for both organ and chorus. In this morning's Prelude the tune is obscured somewhat by elaboration whereas, in the Postlude, the tune is clearly and boldly stated.

❁ **SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, March 28, the group will continue to view and discuss the video lecture series by Bart D. Ehrman titled *From Jesus to Constantine*. Meetings begin at 12:30 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.

❁ **NAMETAGS** — Are you wearing yours? You know who you are, but our visitors

may not. Give them a break by proudly wearing your nametag. Need one? Let the Administrative Assistant know and she will make one for you.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – St. Raphael in the Valley Episcopal-Lutheran Congregation, Benson

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Acolytes and Crucifers

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Mason Fletcher, Barbara Gonzales, Kim Kessing, Stephanie Huszar, Vern Hughes, Bonnie Kleeberg, Neil Helgath

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: Leon Adams

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!