

ANNOUNCEMENTS

27 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 27 – EPIPHANY III

8:00a Holy Eucharist II
9:15a Bible Challenge – Conf Room
10:00a Holy Eucharist II
2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

11:00a Stephen Ministry Potluck
– Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 3 – EPIPHANY IV

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

☼ **TODAY – 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 discussion about your experience doing the first couple weeks of the challenge. Rev. Pam will facilitate the discussion between services **TODAY** 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!

☼ **EVENSONG** – Evensong 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.

☼ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** – The Parish Financial Officer position is open and parishioners interested are invited

to apply. A flyer with job description is available in the Parish Office. Please do not call the Office for information; just stop in and take a flyer.

☸ **IMMIGRATION TALK** – The St. Francis Refugee and Border Ministry group is pleased to host a fact-based program providing an overview of US Immigration on Tuesday, February 12, at 2 PM in the Parish Hall, presented by Alyson Ball. Alyson, a winter resident of Green Valley and a volunteer with the International Rescue Committee in Charlottesville, VA when not here in Green Valley, has done extensive research on the topic of US Immigration and expertly presents background information on this issue to help inform us all. Come and hear from her about the history of US immigration, our current immigration laws and procedures, and the national immigration questions we face today.

☸ **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.

☸ **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.

☸ **AN INVITATION** – You are invited to a Retirement Party for Father Dan and his wife Phyllis, who leave us at the end of February to retire to their new home on the Florida coast. Join us as we celebrate Fr. Dan, who has been our spiritual leader and friend since 2011, and bid him and Phyllis a fond farewell.

The festivities will take place on Wednesday, February 13, at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP by February 5, either in the Parish Office or by emailing Sandy Eckstein at seckte2@gmail.com. There is no cost for the evening, and casual attire (Florida beach attire suggested!) is perfectly appropriate.

In addition, we are collecting donations for a purse for Fr. Dan. If you would like to contribute, please send a check with “Fr. Dan’s purse” in the memo line to

the office or drop it off at the front office during office hours. The deadline for contributions is February 19.

☀️**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 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.mobilemealssoaz.org/volunteer.html.

☀️**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 bringing 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!

☀️**TOUR OF HOMES 2019** – The 2019 Home Tour planning is coming along well. Six homes have been secured and preparations are underway for a great event on Friday, March 22. But to make the 2019 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 on January 27, February 10 and 24, and March 10. You can also contact Sandy Eckstein (seckste2@gmail.com) or Julie Reppenhagen (jrepp@snet.net).

Help make the 2019 Tour of Homes a great success so we can help others in our community.

☼ **SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On January 31 Ann Brodt will give a presentation about icons. The next project is a book discussion of *Seven Types of Atheism* by John Gray. Discussion will begin on February 7. The Group meets every Thursday in the Conference Room at 12:30 PM. 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 jnjrats@gmail.com. (Until January 28 contact Annie Whiteside at 404-434-8760, or via email at annie.whiteside4451@yahoo.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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – Episcopal Campus Ministry at U of A, Tucson

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Vestry

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

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, Maggie Covert

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!