

ANNOUNCEMENTS

28 APRIL 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

APRIL 28 – EASTER II

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

9:00a Reception for Rae Turberg
– Parish Hall

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

11:15a Reception for Rae Turberg
–Parish Hall

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 29

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

5:00p Search Committee – Library

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

10:00a Altar Guild – Chapel

THURSDAY, MAY 2

12:30p Seekers Discussion Group
– Conference Roomm

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, MAY 4

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

MAY 5 – EASTER III

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

✿**TODAY – RECEPTION FOR RAE** – Join us in the Parish Hall after both services this morning to celebrate Rae Turberg's retirement as the St. Francis in the Valley Finance Officer. Rae has faithfully served the Parish in this capacity for twelve years and we bestow every good wish on her for a happy and healthy retirement. There will be cake, of course, and a presentation too, so plan to stop by and join the celebration.

✿**STUDENT ART SHOW** – Some of parishioner Paula Altamirano's art students will be displaying their work during coffee hour today in the Parish Hall. Stop by, look, and visit with the artists; you might find something you'd like to own.

✿**OUTREACH** – Thank you Franciscans. Because of your generosity we sent 105 Easter baskets to the children at the Crossroads Mission.

✿**COMING IN MAY** – Three daytime sessions on Isaiah: the prophet who sparked a spiritual reformation and inspired Jesus! Wednesdays, May 15, 22, and 29, 10:30 until NOON in the Conference Room, led by Fr. Colville.

✿ **RECTOR SEARCH INFORMATION** – Looking for information on our Rector search? We’ve set up a couple of ways for you to find it! A new page on our St. Francis website has been added to provide the latest updates on the search – both for us as a parish and for potential rector candidates. You can find it at <https://www.stfranciscgvaz.org/rector-search.html>. If you get our monthly emails about “What’s Happening” at St. Francis, we’re putting the latest search news in those as well. And we’ve set up space in the bulletin board display case in the Parish Hall next to the main door for the Rector search, which currently features a photo of the search committee and a list of the committee members. We’ll also be providing updated information in future newsletters. So check these places out, and find out what’s new on the search process!

✿ **A WOMAN’S JOURNEY INWARD** – This four session journey will guide women in moving from the ego towards the True Self. Led by Charlotte Neyland as your spiritual guide, the journey begins Monday, May 13 at 10 to 11 AM in the St. Francis room. The remaining dates are Mondays, June 10, July 8, and August 12 at 10 AM.

Jesus bids us to follow him. We are not to walk behind him. We are to enter into a deep relationship, being guided by the

Spirit with the gifts of discernment, wisdom and joy.

Participants should bring a journal to record the experiences of their journey. No registrations are necessary. If you have questions call Charlotte at 720-289-2750.

✿ **BECOMING AN HONORARY GRANDPARENT** – St. Francis is in the sixth year of its partnership with the Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson. On 16 May we celebrate the graduation of twenty 8th grade scholars, presenting each graduate with a \$100 Visa Gift Card, the evening before at their Baccalaureate Service.

Won’t you consider becoming an “Honorary Grandparent” to this year’s group of graduating 8th grade scholars. Make your checks payable to St. Francis, with a notation designating Imago Dei Middle School on the memo line, leaving the check in the offering basket or dropping it off at the Parish Office.

And make plans to attend this year’s graduation on Thursday, May 16, in Tucson. Contact Wayne North at 399-9208, or the Parish Office for details on making a contribution, or if you wish to attend the graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 16. Why not do both?

✿ **NEWS FROM THE BOUTIQUE** – We are having a big sale today, with 50% off all Easter items. Do come and see us; we’re open after both services. All profits from

the Boutique go directly to Clergy Discretionary Fund to assist those in need in the Green Valley community. When you buy in the Boutique, you are contributing to this very needy outreach.

✿**OUR THANKS** – A huge thank you to the many volunteers who have worked so diligently to make our campus grounds look so trim and clean. Under the direction of Craig Reid and Mitch Ghoca the crew has gotten ahead of the weeds; no mean accomplishment. Thanks to all.

✿**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** – We are needing tellers beginning in May. The positions include picking up cash from the Sacristy, counting and preparing cash receipts for deposit, taking cash and receipts to the bank and returning receipts to the Parish Office. One or two hours of your time will be required every other month. Please contact Deborah at the Finance Office and let her know of your interest.

✿**STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION** – On Sunday, May 5, between the 8 and 10 AM services (9:15 to 9:45 am) you are invited to meet in the Courtyard for a special worship opportunity: walking and praying together the Stations of the Resurrection. Where the 14 Stations of the Cross have guided our weekly devotions during Lent, these 14 Stations of the Resurrection (also known as the Via Lucis, or Way of Light) guide our

reflections and prayers from the Easter event to Pentecost, telling the stories from scripture of the disciples' finding the empty tomb, the risen Christ's meeting his disciples in Jerusalem, on the road to Emmaus, and on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, his Ascension, and finally the coming of the Holy Spirit. This new devotional form, first developed in the early years of the 21st century, builds on the traditional Stations of the Cross (the Via Crucis) and extends them from the joyous celebration of Christ's defeat of death and into the resurrected life we are called to live today.

✿**OFFERINGS FROM THE DIOCESE** – *Here are some valuable and unique offerings and events from the Diocese of Arizona*

☞ Saturday, April 27, 9 AM until Noon, **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Tucson: how to prepare for threats such as power outages, active shooter(s), extreme weather emergencies; open to clergy and lay leaders; registration required; RSVP at www.lss-sw.org/disasterworkshop

☞ Saturday, May 4, 8:30 AM to 3 PM, **DIOCESAN DAY OF MINISTRY DISCERNMENT** at Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix: Formerly known as the DAY OF INFORMATION, this event is for those who are seeking further understanding about how God is calling them to use their gifts for ministry. Together with members of the Commission on Ministry, partici-

pants will explore their spiritual gifts, learn about what discernment means in their lives, and gain greater comprehension of ministry opportunities to serve as lay people, in ordained ministry, and in religious orders. The event is free, but an RSVP is required. For questions, or to inquire about attending, please contact the Clergy.

✦ **Thursday, July 4–Sunday, July 7, FAMILY CAMP:** a chance for the entire family to unplug and reconnect at beautiful Chapel Rock in Prescott. More information is available online at www.chapel-rock.net/camps.htm

✦ **SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, April 25, 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.

✦ **NEW BIBLE/BOOK DISCUSSION** – Please note that the first meeting of this group will be May 14. The book is *The Law* by the Anglican Society of Biblical Scholars. Details in the April Newsletter.

✦ **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 720-289-2750.

✦ **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 jjnrats@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – St. Thomas, Clarkdale

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – Office Volunteers

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Mason Fletcher, Prentiss Sawyer, Vern Hughes, Jackie Springer, Kim Kessing, Linda Schnelle, Wally Mullaly, Stephanie Huszar, Bonnie Kleeberg, Cooper Pennoyer

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: Sarah Terry

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!