

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

31 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 31 – LENT IV**

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, APRIL 1**

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

9:00a Staff Meeting – Library

10:30a Vestry Officers  
– Rector's Office

1:00p Stephen Ministry – Library/  
Conf Room/Vulliamy Rm/St.  
Francis Room

5:00p Search Committee  
– Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

10:00a Altar Guild – Chapel

5:00p Stations of the Cross – Crtyrd

5:30p Lenten Supper – Parish Hall

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

9:00a Finance – Conference Room

11:00a Communications – Conf Rm

12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

8:00a Bulletins – Library

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

11:00a Bruce Zimmerman Memorial

12:00p Memorial Reception  
– Vulliamy Room

NEXT SUNDAY

**APRIL 7 – LENT V**

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

✿**TODAY – STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING** – Since 2013, St. Francis in the Valley has been a Stephen Ministry church. That means that we have a team of trained and dedicated leaders and ministers “equipped and empowered to provide high quality, confidential, compassionate, and Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.”

Today is Stephen Ministry Sunday; all our Servers, Lectors, Ushers and Greeters are part of your Stephen Ministry Team. And today, we happily celebrate the commissioning of St. Francis' newest Stephen Minister, Ginny Arundell. We hope you will reach out to any of the Stephen Ministers about what we can do for you, and that you will join us in the

Parish Hall for a special coffee hour after both services this morning.

✿ **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 Refugee and Border Ministry—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, Bishop Jennifer Redall (making her first visit to St. Francis) who will address the topic *Embracing the new normal*.

✿ **EASTER FLOWERS FORM –** If you would like to give a gift of lilies at Easter, as either a memorial or gift of thanks, please use one of the forms included in today's announcement leaflet to let us know your desires. Please print as legibly as possible and return the form, along with your \$30 donation, to the Parish Office by Monday, April 15. Your gift will add greatly to the beauty of our sanctuary on Easter Day.

✿ **MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH –** Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus said to them, "Could you not pray with me one hour?" Jesus still asks us to come to the garden (Chapel) to pray with him. Will you give Jesus one hour? The Watch begins at 8 PM and ends at NOON on Good Friday. Please

sign up in the Parish Hall after Sunday Services.

✿ **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE –** As Christians, it is nearly impossible to fully appreciate the great gift of God's love through the resurrection of his Son unless we walk the road that led him there. With that in mind, let us set aside time during Holy Week to participate in the liturgical events that mark the days leading up to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Please plan to attend as many as possible, making these a priority in your already busy schedule.

Holy Monday, April 15

*Holy Eucharist at 9 AM*

Holy Tuesday, April 16

*Holy Eucharist at 7 PM*

Holy Wednesday, April 17

*Holy Eucharist at 9 AM*

Maundy Thursday, April 18

*Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 7 PM*

Good Friday, April 19

*Good Friday Liturgy at NOON*

The Great Vigil of Easter

*April 20 at 7 PM*

✿ **NEWS FROM OUTREACH –** THE EASTER BUNNY is very happy with all your help. Thank you for all the wonderful baskets. Now it is time to bring wrapped candy and little toys like books, jump ropes, bubbles and mini cars to fill those

baskets. The big green box awaits you in the Parish Hall. Come to fill the baskets on April 18 at 10 AM in the Parish Hall.

❁**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).

❁**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** – Money, children's shoes and diapers are the immediate needs to help the asylum seekers in Nogales, Sonora. Currently

there are over 700 migrants on the other side of the border waiting up to a month for their first hearing, and about 300 of them are children. Cruzando Fronteras is working on acquiring a new building to house more of these folks, and is busy feeding, sheltering, clothing and addressing the medical needs of as many of them as they can.

The top need right now is for funds. If you can help with that, donate through the Cruzando Fronteras webpage at [fronteras.azdiocese.org](http://fronteras.azdiocese.org), or drop a check made out to St. Francis with "Cruzando Fronteras" in the memo line in the offering plate or at the parish office. The other pressing needs are for: shoes for children ages 1 to 10, and size 3, 4 and 5 diapers. Collection boxes are in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall.

❁**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, April 4, 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.

❁ **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.

❁ **LA JOYA COMMUNION SERVICE** — A reminder to all residents of La Posada that we offer a weekly Service in the Celebration Room at La Joya. Gary La-Barre leads a weekly service of communion from the reserved sacrament. One of the clergy leads a service of Holy Eucharist once a month, usually the second Wednesday. You are welcome to attend even if you're not a La Posada resident.

❁ **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 CHAIN** — For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at [jjnrats@gmail.com](mailto:jjnrats@gmail.com).

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** — St. John's, Bisbee

**SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES** — The Lay Eucharistic Visitors

**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Carol Berg, Mason Fletcher, Jean McEachran, Vern Hughes, Barbara Gonzales, Wally Mullaly, Kim Kessing, Stephanie Huszar, 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:** Bruce Zimmerman, Carmen Ramirez

*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](http://www.stfrancisgvaz.org). You can also access the Diocesan website from there. Check it out!*