

ANNOUNCEMENTS
3 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 3 – EPIPHANY IV

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:30a Vestry Officers
– Rector's Office
11:00a Heaney Memorial – Church
12:00p Memorial Reception
– Parish Hall
1:00p Stephen Ministry – Library/
Conf Room/Vulliamy Rm/St.
Francis Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
10:00a Altar Guild – Chapel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00a Finance Cmte – Conf Room

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 10 – EPIPHANY V

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

☼ **TODAY – CLOTHING ALTERATIONS RETURNED** – Marzieh Barbari is here today to return all clothing items given to her several weeks ago. For those who gave her clothing to be altered, please meet her in the Conference Room following the 10 o'clock service

☼ **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.

☀️**J.S. BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION** will be sung by TRUE CONCORD VOICES AND ORCHESTRA at 7 PM, Friday, February 22, at Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley. Opportunities to hear this work—one of the greatest musical achievements of all time—are very rare, especially with such superb forces and right in our own backyard. Don't miss it. Gerald has tickets priced at \$25 and \$40, or you may purchase them through the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce.

☀️**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 an evening in honor of Father Dan and his wife Phyllis as we celebrate Fr. Dan's many wonderful years as Rector of St. Francis and bid them both 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 seckste2@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 12 (note earlier date).

☀️**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 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!

☀️**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 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 Thursday, February 7, we will begin discussion of **SEVEN TYPES OF ATHEISM** by John Gray. Please read the Introduction and Chapter One for the February 7 meeting. 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 ijnrats@gmail.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 – St. Alban's, Tucson

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Finance Committee

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

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: 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!