

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3 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 3 – LAST EPIPHANY

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

10:00a Home Tour Mtg – Parish Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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 – Library

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

9:00a Ash Wednesday Liturgy

7:00p Ash Wednesday Liturgy

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

9:00a Finance Cmte – Conf Room

9:00a MahJongg Tourney
– Parish Hall

10:00a Home Tour Cmte – Conf Rm

12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 10 – LENT I

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

☀️**WELCOME OUR INTERIM RECTOR** – Today we joyfully welcome Fr. Colville and Sylvia Smythe among us at St. Francis. Fr. Smythe took the helm as our Interim Rector on March 1st and will serve with us until we call a new Rector. We look forward to their ministry here as we move through our transition. Please welcome them both to our St. Francis family and to Green Valley!

☀️**CHAPEL ROCK SUNDAY** – Today is Chapel Rock Sunday throughout the Diocese. Bishop Smith asks that, on this day, each parish and individual member support the Bishop Kirk Smith Children & Youth Campership Fund. Last summer, over \$43,000 was awarded to campers in need of financial aid. Please join with us in changing lives and help send children and youth to camp this summer!

Please make your check payable to St. Francis in the Valley, with “Chapel Rock Sunday” in the memo line, and drop it in the collection basket. You can also contribute online at <http://bit.ly/BpSmith-Camp> (*note the URL is case sensitive*).

☀️**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND** – the Day of Discovery event on Saturday, March 16, when you—the members of St. Francis—will be invited to express your concerns and desires for the future of the Parish as well as your thoughts concerning the kind of leadership that’s just right for us.

The event will run from 9 AM until 3 PM, with registration at 8:30 AM; and there will be a break for a catered lunch. Here’s your opportunity to be part, and an important part, of the Rector search process.

☀️**SOLO JOURNEYERS** – Mark your calendars for Monday, March 11 (please note change of date). It has been some time since we last got together, so we would like to meet for dinner at Manuel’s Mexican Restaurant at 5 PM. We have a room reserved for the Solo group. Please sign up in the Parish Hall after services.

☀️**LENT PROGRAM** – This year we have put together another great Lent program with, of course, a wonderful homemade soup supper, great speakers and a theme that should touch home for all of us in some way. The title of our program is “LIFE TRANSITIONS: Living in the New

Normal.” Because of the inevitability of change we are always in transition at every age in our lives. But different periods of time present different challenges and different experiences of transition. Our speakers will talk about transition from several viewpoints and enrich our understanding of how we can best meet the challenges of transition as we try to live in what may be called “the new normal.” The Lent program takes place on 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 13. Each evening begins with the *Stations of the Cross* at 5 PM, then supper at 5:30 followed by our speaker at 6:15. Please sign up for the supper so we have enough food to serve all. Our program is open to the public. Invite your friends and neighbors. If they wish to join us for the supper be sure they sign up by calling the office or just come for the talk.

☀️**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.

Because you shopped with us last year, we are giving \$3,000 to that fund this month. Thank you St. Francis parishioners for making that possible! It's a win/win deal when you shop in our Boutique! We're open on Sundays after each service. Come see!

☀️**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** – We are again sponsoring a series of grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin Monday, March 18, and run five consecutive Mondays from 1:30-3:30 PM. The group is open to the community, non-denominational, no charge, and facilitated by Jeannie North, BSN, MC. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) to register or to obtain additional information.

☀️**A SUGGESTION FOR THOSE WITH HEARING ISSUES** – Victor Levine invites you to consider the following: Sound being directional, I can now hear you better—by listening, yes, but also by following the movement of your lips, your facial expressions and your body motions. I've tried the approach for awhile and it continues to help me. I thought others might find it useful. Let me know if you think a small group meeting regularly to learn the lip- and body-reading art, might be useful in your life. Thank you. Victor Levine, *ravok1931@gmail.com* (398-5000).

☀️**NEWS FROM OUTREACH** – The Outreach committee invites you to participate in raising money for Casa Community Services. Think about assembling an amazing raffle basket for our MahJongg tournament. We will raffle 12 baskets on March 7. Our players come from all over Green Valley and Tucson and love bidding on the beautiful baskets available. It is the thrill of the chase, and we hope you will want to be part of the fun. Call Nancy Symons (399-0937) or Barb Hook (648-7949) to let us know you will be making a basket.

☀️**TOUR OF HOMES 2019** – The great 2019 Home Tour is Friday, March 22. But to make the 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 today and next Sunday. You can also contact Sandy Eckstein (*seckste2@gmail.com*) or Julie Reppenhagen (*jrepp@snet.net*).

☀️**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.

☸**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – Please read chapters 6 & 7 of *Seven Types of Atheism* for Thursday, March 7. Our next series of discussions will concern responses to a series of video lectures presented by Bart D. Ehrman on his book *When Jesus Became God*. 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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – St. Alban's, Wickenburg

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Ushers

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Bonnie Kleeberg, Mason Fletcher, Kim Kessing, Stephanie Huszar, Jean McEachran, Vern Hughes, Rita Beil

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: John Zimmerman, Steve Walker, Bill Romick, Olive Clapp

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!