

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7 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 7 – LENT V

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00a Men's Group – Conference Rm
11:00a Social Activities
– Conference Room
5:00p Search Committee
– Conference Room
6:00p Vestry – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room
5:00p Stations of the Cross – Crtyrd
5:30p Lenten Supper – Parish Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:00a Passion Readings Rehearsal
– Church

NEXT SUNDAY

APRIL 14 – PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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

✿**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 the St. Francis Parish Choir–at 4:15 PM in the Courtyard (please note time change) and, at 5:30 PM, a soup and bread supper (dinner tickets available at \$6), followed at 6:15 PM by guest speaker Deborah Knox who will address the topic *Anticipating what's next and discovering healthy conscious aging practices*.

✿**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.

❁ **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

❁ **MAUNDAY 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.

❁ **PASSION READINGS REHEARSAL** – There will be a rehearsal this Saturday, April 13, at 9 AM in the Church for all who are involved in the Passion readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. If you have a part in either one, please plan to attend. If you have a conflict, kindly let Rev. Pam know. We’ll try to be done by 10 o’clock!

❁ **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.

❁ **NEW DEACON** – Becky Williamson will begin serving as a deacon with us at St. Francis on Palm Sunday! Becky and her partner Sue have moved down to Green Valley from Tempe, where Becky has served as a deacon at St. Augustine’s for the past 8 years. We’re happy to welcome Becky and Sue to St. Francis and look forward to having Becky serve with us!

❁ **RAE TURBERG’S RETIREMENT** – After over twelve years of wonderful service

as the Financial Officer at St. Francis, Rae Turberg is retiring from her position at the end of April. Deborah Harby is coming in as our new Financial Officer and is overlapping with Rae for the month of April. We are taking a collection for a monetary purse for Rae in appreciation for her faithful years of service with us—if you would like to contribute, checks can be made out to St. Francis with “Rae’s purse” in the memo line. Place them in the offering plate or bring or mail them to the Parish Office by no later than April 23.

❁ **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, 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.

❁ **TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY** – This ministry involves the planning, purchase, installation and maintenance of our Telephone System, Audio/Visual equipment, Computers and Office Equipment, Wi Fi and more.

If you have background, experience, or training in any of these areas and are interested in volunteering at St Francis, we need your help. For more information, please contact Neal Hursh at 520-271-6983, Junior Warden Julie Reppenhagen at 520-207-5458 or the Parish Office.

❁ **SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, April 11, 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 BOOK DISCUSSION** – Beginning on the first Tuesday in May there will be a book discussion group meeting. 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 720-298-2750.

✿**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.

✿**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 ijnrats@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – Good Shepherd of the Hills, Cave Creek

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Parish Choir

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Carol Berg, Mason Fletcher, Jean McEachran, Vern Hughes, Wally Mullaly, Kim Kessing, Stephanie Huszar, David Fanning

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: Barbara Gonzales, 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. You can also access the Diocesan website from there. Check it out!