



THE FRANCISCAN STAFF

The Newsletter of the people of
Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church
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Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

Looking Ahead

VESTRY OFFICERS

Tuesday, February 4 at 10:30 AM
in the Rector's Office

WOMEN'S GROUP

Thursdays, February 6, 13 & 20
at 10 AM in the St. Francis Room

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays, February 11 & 25 at
8 AM in the Conference Room

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, February 11 at 11 AM
in the Conference Room

VESTRY

Tuesday, February 11 at 6 PM
in the Conference Room

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Monday, February 17 at 10 AM
in the Library

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 19 at 9:30 AM
in the Library

TRUST COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 20 at 11 AM
in the Library

REFUGEE AND BORDER MINISTRY

Thursday, February 20 at 1 PM
in the Parish Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26
The Ash Wednesday Liturgy at
9 AM and 7 PM

From our Interim Rector . . .

Why Lent?

The promise of Easter is new life for the people of God, in light of Christ's resurrection. And yet, Christ's resurrection is God's holiness packaged more intensely than we can bear at close range—like Arizona summer sun on a child's skin. Lent is time we set aside to prepare ourselves to receive the new life Christ promises us. We do this in response to the prophet John's warning, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'

How Shall We Live Lent?

Lent is time to learn and grow, spiritually. If you are inclined to solitude, take on a social discipline. Write a note of care or appreciation every day in Lent. Or pick up the phone and make a call. Better yet, join a class or a club: St. Francis' Seekers, or the Men's Group. Challenge yourself to develop your public presence.

But if solitude is your weak suit, then use Lent to follow a discipline of daily meditation and prayer. Pick a spiritual classic to read from our parish library. Start each day with a period of reflection on what you are grateful for, and keep a diary to note what happens.

Reach out for contact with God, or reach in? When we use Lent to practice our less developed side, then we open ourselves in new ways to experience God's presence and power in our lives and our consciences. That is our goal in Lent.

What does St. Francis offer in Lent?

We enter into the 40 days of Lent on Ash Wednesday, which will be February 26 this year. At morning and evening services, we are marked with ashes to remember our human frailty, and to ask God's help to keep our lenten discipline by regular worship and preparation.

On the six Sundays in Lent, our services are somewhat subdued, to aid our reflection as we prepare the way of the Lord. In the sermons, we can expect a message which helps with our preparation.

In Holy Week, on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Easter, our worship becomes deeply thoughtful as we examine our lives in light of Jesus' suffering and death. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday invite us to walk the way of the cross with Christ our Savior. This Lent, as a special treat on Holy Saturday, the Reverend Judy Turberg will lead

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a morning reflection in church on “The Feast of St. Lazarus.” Everyone is invited to this special morning of preparation for our Easter celebration. Invite a friend!

At St. Francis, the jewel in the crown of lenten observance is our series of five Wednesday soup suppers, prepared and served by our Heavenly Hosts Sandy and Mark Eckstein. Each supper features a speaker, and the topic this year is ‘What’s Coming?’ Weekly topics and speakers will be announced soon for these five sparkling evenings, and tickets will be on sale from February 24.

On each of the five Wednesdays, leaders from one of our parish ministries will lead a 25-minute service of ‘Stations of the Cross’ in the Patio. ‘Stations’ begin at 5 PM, and supper follows at 5:30.

Learn and grow this Lent! Which parish offerings and personal practices will help you to prepare the way of the Lord this spring?

In Christ’s love,



Fr. Colville

English as a Second Language Classes

Members and friends of St. Francis and St. Andrew’s have been working hard over the last four months to put together an ESL program for the residents of the Cruzando Fronteras home for asylum seekers in Nogales, Mexico. Teachers and tutors head south of the border every Wednesday and Saturday where they are greeted by students who are eager to learn English. Class sizes average 8-12 for adults and 12-15 for children. A series of lesson plans for both children and adults have been developed, a backpack program for children has been started, and volunteers have been trained to deliver these materials and lessons. Most importantly, they deliver bright and loving smiles.

If you are interested in donating, there is an established Amazon wish list at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GNR8PI4ND53C/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist. Alternatively, notebooks, preschool coloring books, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, and children’s backpacks (plain) are always needed. They can be left in Deacon Becky’s office.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cheryl Mendoza at 916-834-7240 or at mendozaaldies@hotmail.com.

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Senior Warden's Notes

In the coming months, I intend to bring to your attention some lessons I recently read about in a book my wife Jeannie gave me for Christmas this year. She knows that over the years, I have been quick to respect the writings of a number of senior naval officers who have written of many of the life-long lessons they themselves have learned from those senior officers who led them so successfully in peacetime and times of conflict.

A naval officer, or any officer of the military for that matter, understands the reasoning that, regardless of the rank you currently hold, you should always remember that you are expected to follow an active pursuit of continuing education based on the knowledge of your contemporaries, and especially those officers senior to you.

With that thought in mind, I cherish the opportunities of having numerous resources available to my satisfaction of pursuing a professional level of knowledge that I can apply to my current civilian status. One particular resource I've enjoyed having available over the years is the U. S. Naval Institute's Proceedings, which come to me through my membership in the Institute, which is a professional society that publishes the Proceedings as part of the open forum it maintains for the Sea Services. In return, I personally deliver past issues of the Proceedings to the Junior Naval R.O.T.C. cadets at Sahuarita High School.

What I now offer is an outline of the subject matter I will be discussing with you in coming months as Fr. Warren has recently expressed his interest with members of the Vestry of his plans for succession planning and training new leaders here at St. Francis.

Creativity . . . the importance of a willingness to embrace the new, despite the difficulties and challenges of doing so. Pursuing innovation.

Resilience...overcoming the pressures to take the easy way out of a situation, or least difficult road to success.

Humility...avoiding the toxic quality of perceived arrogance, especially self-imposed.

Balance . . . striving to find balance in our lives through the adoption of two aphorisms: "Know Thyself" and "All Things in Moderation." Can be translated as the need for balance between our natural ambitions and our drive to succeed as opposed to our love of family and time in contemplation.

Honesty...being truthful, no matter the cost. Set and follow a personal honor code.

Empathy...fight against the tendency to see everything in a deeply personal and self-important way. A virtuous person begins every encounter with the world not from their own perspective alone, but rather by trying to understand the situation, mindset, and challenges that others are facing.

Justice...believing in a sense of justice matters as a powerful part of character. Believing that our values are the right ones—democracy, liberty, freedom of speech, gender and racial equality.

Decisiveness...ability of a leader to seize the initiative and make the necessary decisions with little delay.

Determination...never give in but demonstrate deep levels of determination in the face of true adversity. The need to understand that determination is a quality of character that needs to be handled carefully. As Winston Churchill observed...“Determination is a strength, but not when it overcomes good sense.”

Perspective...which leads a leader to possess a sense of humor, and the gift of not taking oneself too seriously.

The above high-lighted characteristics of good leadership is the compilation of leadership and character contained in the lives and careers of history's ten most significant naval commanders by Admiral James Stavridis, USN (Ret) in his most recent book titled "Sailing True North." In coming months, I will share with you Admiral Stavridis' thoughts as he reflects on the traits of these ten historically significant naval officers.

“Character is knowing that we are decidedly not eternal, and that we should live our lives in the best way we can.

None of us is perfect, but some are farther along in the voyage of knowing themselves fearlessly and honestly and working hard to improve.”

Wayne North, Senior Warden

Episcopal Relief and Development

Sunday, February 23, has been designated as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday. For over 75 years, Episcopal Relief & Development (previously called Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief) has been working together with supporters and partners for lasting change around the world. Each year the organization facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives for more than 3 million people struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease.

Deacon Linda Hale from Christ the King, Tucson,

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the diocesan coordinator for ERD, will be with us to preach at both services about ERD, its work and the two programs in our fundraiser that support families. In the spirit of Matthew 25, donations are requested both at church services and in the parish hall after services on Sundays from February 23 to March 15.

St. Francis in the Valley 2020 Tour of Homes

The 2020 Tour of Homes Tickets are available now; you can purchase them at the following locations:

St. Francis Parish Office & Boutique,
Chamber of Commerce,
Sue's Creative Coyote and Javelina Run Restaurant
(Continental Plaza)

Online at: www.stfrancisgvaz.org

\$25 Admits one - all profits benefit local charities.

We have secured all our beautiful homes and soon you will be seeing our publicity in all sorts of media. Now's the time to tell your friends and neighbors about this special event and encourage them to plan to attend. It's also time for you to think about how you can help. It takes many hands to bring this event to life. We even have help from friends of our church members. Our Transportation Team is looking for volunteers who will take attendees to the Homes on the Tour and then return them back to the church. Members and friends are encouraged to sign up. Our Gourmet Shoppe needs donations of pies, cookies, breads, as well as jams, spiced nuts, etc. If you like to cook, think of preparing a treat for our Shoppe to sell. The Silent Auction Team is looking for donations as well. These would include craft items, pictures, jewelry, and other special items that can be auctioned off the day of the Tour. You can sign up any Sunday in the Parish Hall after both services. Please help us make this the best Tour of Homes ever.

Julie Reppenhagen, Chair

Seekers Discussion

The Seekers Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 PM in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome at any meeting. For additional information, please call Anne Charter at 625-9591. Weekly updates are in Sunday leaflets.

Parish Offices will be closed . . .

President's Day

Monday, 17 February

Handbells Anyone?

St. Francis' new handbell ensemble is up and running under the direction of Sophia Witte. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 2 PM in the Choir Loft. Any questions, call Sophia at 520-509-5037, or email her at smw_witte@yahoo.com.

Outreach

For its first meeting in 2020 the Outreach Committee met for two hours on the morning of January 20 with 15 members and two guests present.

Our incoming Rector, Fr. Warren Leibovitch, asked for and received a great deal of information regarding why each of the members were drawn to Outreach service, how the Committee has functioned, including its areas of focus over the last several years. Fr. Warren also shared some of his vision for how the mission and functioning of Outreach could be improved.

The Committee heard from Fr. Tom Neyland and the members of a sub-committee proposing a first for Outreach — that of supporting two of Episcopal Relief and Development's programs which support women and children living in financially depressed locations. This fund raising opportunity will begin the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and continue through the Lenten season.

Additionally, two programs which in the past have had very positive outcomes, Crossroads Mission Thanksgiving and Easter Dinners and the homeless women at Casa Paloma, have the necessary funding and eager volunteer support to take place again this year.

Reg Kahrmanus continues as Treasurer; Barb Hook serves as Secretary; Orji Isiogu is Vestry liaison; and Ted Holt serves as Chair of the Committee.

Solo Journeyers

Mark your calendars for dinner out on Monday, February 17, at 5:30 PM at Manuel's. If you are a Solo, and would like to join the group for this dinner out, please call Kristi Thompson at 520-207-0405 or Carol Berg at 520-373-5770. You will need to make reservations with us in order that we can have an accurate count for Manuel's. There **will not** be a signup in the Parish Hall. Please **call** to make your reservation.

Social Activities

LENTEN SUPPERS

Mark Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 PM for our first 2020 Lenten Supper. You can reserve your spot by signing up in the Parish Hall after services starting Sunday, February 23. The cost is \$7 per person.

See Father Colville's article on page 2 for more details.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Margaret Murphy
- 03 Seth Lee Foster
- 04 Patty Russell
- 05 Theresa Bonser
- 05 Fred Junggren
- 05 Barry Sheridan
- 06 Joyce Hayes
- 06 Jenica Hisko
- 06 Sharlyn Matthews
- 07 Joyce Remillard
- 07 Wilfrid Wiemer
- 08 Margaret Hennel
- 08 John Packer
- 10 Diane Schwarzmann
- 10 Margaret Ward
- 11 Ken Breitenbucher
- 11 Pris Junggren
- 11 Barbara Maxwell
- 11 Robert Thomas
- 12 Arliene Stremming
- 14 Roger Ward
- 16 Kathleen Keller
- 18 Barney Foster
- 18 Bonnie Kleeberg
- 18 Norma Pool
- 19 Jeannie North
- 20 Nancy Allen
- 20 Victor Chavez
- 20 Janis Gallagher
- 20 Joan Jakubiak
- 21 Charles Gardner
- 22 Steve Hickman
- 22 Shirley Law
- 22 Keith Workman
- 23 Marie LeRoy
- 25 Mary Calhoun
- 25 Lee Cornelison
- 25 Helen Mullaly

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Arnie & Darlene Berglund
- 04 Jack & Barbara Bundy
- 04 Victor & Terri Chavez
- 10 Carol McPhetres
- 10 Patty & Daniel Ryan
- 13 Mitch & Pat Ghoca
- 16 Bruce Folkers & Jan Gaylord

Cruzando Fronteras

The shelter in Nogales, Mexico, that provides shelter for asylum seekers is in dire need of the following: children's shoes, sweat-shirts, and warm jackets. All sizes are needed. Please place your donations in the collection boxes in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall. Any and all donations are always appreciated.

As always, funds are also a priority need. If you can provide monetary assistance, 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.

Parish Directories

All parishioners are entitled to a Parish Directory and we invite you to pick up your copy in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings or in the Parish Office during the week. A \$1 donation per copy is appreciated.

Offering Envelopes

If you have asked for weekly offering Envelopes, they are here and available in the Parish Office. Stop in and pick yours up.

2020 Parish Statistics

Baptisms

0

Deaths

0

Transfers In

0

Transfers Out

Norm & Pat Fisher

Welcome Ministry

Have you been contemplating how you could make our Parish mission statement more a part of your life? Here is a simple suggestion that involves very little time and only a little courage on your part. When at the church, at worship or social gatherings—including coffee hour—look around to see if there are any unfamiliar faces, perhaps sitting by themselves. Go to them and introduce yourselves and get to know them a little. It doesn't matter if they are newcomers or old parishioners. Reaching out to them shows them that you care and they are important to you—a simple way of showing Christ's love and building a Christian community. And look for them again next week—you never know if they are angels in disguise. Give it a try!

Gary LaBarre,

Welcome Ministry Co-chair

THE
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CHURCH



February 2020

Parish Events Only

Saturday, February 1

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, February 2-Presentation

8:00a -Holy Eucharist

10:00a -Holy Eucharist

Monday, February 3

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl

10:30a -ESL Meeting – CR

Tuesday, February 4

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

10:30a -Vestry Officers – RO

1:00p -Stephen Ministry – VR

Wednesday, February 5

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, February 6

9:00a -Finance Committee – CfR

10:00a -Women’s Group – SFR

10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl

12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, February 7

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, February 8

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, February 9 - Epiphany 5

8:00a -Holy Eucharist

10:00a -Holy Eucharist

Monday, February 10

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl

1:30p -Grief Support – SFR

Tuesday, February 11

8:00a -Men’s Group – CfR

11:00a -Social Activities – CfR

6:00p -Vestry – CfR

Wednesday, February 12

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl

9:30a -DOK – VR

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, February 13

10:00a -Women’s Group – SFR

12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, February 14

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, February 15

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, February 16 - Epiphany 6

8:00a -Holy Eucharist

10:00a -Holy Eucharist

Monday, February 17

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl

10:00a -Outreach – L

1:30p Grief Support – SFR

Tuesday, February 18

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

2:00p -Stephen Ministry – SFR/L

Wednesday, February 19

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl

9:30a -Memorials Cmte – L

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, February 20

8:00a -KBI Brkfst Prep – Ktchn

10:00a -Women’s Group – SFR

10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl

11:00a -Trust Cmte – L

12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

1:00p -Refugee & Border – PH

2:00p -Parish Choir – L

Friday, February 21

6:00a -KBI Brkfst Prep – Ktchn

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, February 22

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, February 23 - The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

8:00a -Holy Eucharist

10:00a -Holy Eucharist

Monday, February 24

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl

1:30p -Grief Support – SFR

-Refugee & Border – L

Tuesday, February 25

8:00a -Men’s Group – CfR

Ash Wednesday, February 26

9:00a -Ash Wednesday Liturgy

9:30a -DOK – VR

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

7:00p -Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Thursday, February 27

10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl

12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, February 28

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, February 22

No Parish events scheduled

Calendar Legend

CfR - Conference Room,
L - Library, VR - Vulliamy Room,
PH - Parish Hall,
MR - Meditation Room,
Cpl - Chapel, CR - Classroom,
Ctyd - Courtyard,
MG - Memorial Garden,
SFR - St. Francis Room,
Lby - Labyrinth,
RO - Rector’s Office,
Ktchn - Kitchen

Do we have...

your@e-mail.address?

*Need a ride to a
Parish Event?*

Our St. Francis Men’s Group is offering 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 ride, please call the Parish Office, 625-1370.

Sermons Online

We are now recording sermons, and periodically making them available on the St. Francis web page. Check them out by going to <http://stfrancis.azdiocese.org/> and clicking the link that says Sermons Audio/Video. This is helpful if you missed a service and as a referral for someone who might be interested in St. Francis Church.

Hearts & Hands

Care Teams

Our Care Teams are available to parishioners in need of short term assistance during a crisis such as illness or temporary disability. Care Team members can provide home visits, assistance with meals (on a limited basis), or run errands as well as provide information about assistance available through Community organizations. If you need to arrange for Care Team assistance, please contact Julie Reppenhagen at 520-207-5458 or jrepp@snet.net. Our goal to provide Helping Hands to others.

Home Communion

If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or the Sacrament brought to you at home, please let Deacon Becky Williamson know by calling her at 480-204-0022 (or via email at 1beckyw@cox.net). We are happy to bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone who cannot attend services for any reason.

Stephen Ministry

Have you given any thought to becoming a Stephen Minister? Would you like to explore the basics, the training or anything else about this vital ministry?

For more information contact: Marybeth Bates (emmymex@yahoo.com or 206-259-0361); Mark Eckstein (az9261954@gmail.com or 433-807-2277); Cheryl Tardy-Albin (ltybbear1@gmail.com or 520-235-9031); or BrandE Faupell (bfaupell@gmail.com or 435-512-0286).

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 in your life that you wish to celebrate. Say it with flowers! Call the Parish Office or Carol Berg (520-373-5770) with your request. Donations are \$35 for the flowers.

Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at jnjrats@gmail.com.

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.

Recycle

We are able to recycle used ink jet cartridges at \$2 each, realizing over \$600 a year toward office supplies. Recycle boxes are located in the Parish Office and just inside the southwest door of the Parish Hall.

Reserving Meeting Time and Space at Saint Francis

Individuals wishing to reserve meeting space at St. Francis and/or discuss room set-ups should make those arrangements through Administrative Assistant Bethel Klein. It is **essential** your meeting be logged into the Master Calendar. If you need it, be sure to ask for 'set-up' and 'clean-up' time as part of your booking.

One week prior to your event please inventory the pantry next to the kitchen and let Bethel know if there are enough supplies to meet your needs. A parishioner usually shops for us twice a month. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Getting Your Event into Parish Publications

Sunday Bulletin notices should be given to the Parish Administrator by NOON the Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish the notice to appear. Notices should be in written form and sent via email whenever possible.

Franciscan Staff material should be given to the Parish Administrator NO LATER THAN the 10th of the month preceding publication.

Address Changes

Please let us know if your e-mail address, street address, zip code or telephone number changes. Get in touch with Deborah Harby in the Parish Financial Office to update your information for our records.

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