



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

ALTAR GUILD

Wednesday, 2 January at 10 AM
in the Chapel

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST

Tuesday, 8 January at 7:30 AM
the Parish Hall

VESTRY OFFICERS

Tuesday, 8 January at 10:30 AM in
Rector's Office

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 13 November at 11 AM
in the Library

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 9 January at 1 PM
in the Library

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 10 January at 9 AM
in the Conference Room

VESTRY

Tuesday, 15 January at 6 PM
in the Conference Room

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 16 January at 9:30 AM
in the Library

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 17 January at 10 AM
in the Conference Room

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, 20 January at 11 AM
in the Parish Hall

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Monday, 21 January at 10 AM
in the Library

From our Rector . . .

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! It's so hard to believe that we're starting the year 2019. For me, moving into this new year is a mixed blessing. I am keenly aware of the transition we're facing and while part of me embraces the new opportunities retirement will bring, another part of me weeps and grieves at the thought of leaving the best parish I've served in over the course of my 39 years of ordination. Right now I feel like there's so little time with so much to do.

I was thinking the other day of the search process I went through to become your rector. Usually those processes are a cause of some anxiety - for me, anyway. But all the way through, from my first contact with the search committee, my skype interview, our 3-day visit to St. Francis, it just felt comfortable - it felt right. And so I began as your Rector on the first weekend of October 2011 with the two Sunday morning Services and the afternoon Blessing of Animals.

A lot has happened since then. We've developed new ministries to meet the needs of our congregation and community; we've focused a great deal on welcome and hospitality; we've let go of some things and embraced new things. All in all it's been a wonderful experience for me to be your minister.

As most of you know, I've experienced a few health issues since becoming your rector. These have played a key role in the decision Phyllis and I made to retire at this time. We don't want to lose the opportunity to spend a few quality years together because, as most of you are aware, you never know what's around the corner.

After we say our good-byes and you settle into the reality of a search for your new rector my hope is that you'll embrace the opportunity to develop a vision for what you want St. Francis to become as you move into the next decade. With that vision before you I'm confident that you'll find just the right person to work with you as your new rector.

In the meantime we still have a couple of months together and you still have a wonderful assistant rector who will walk with you over the course of the next year. Pam will be your constant guide, your pastor, your chaplain. She will be the continuity. And, you are in great hands.

With much love and affection, *Fr. Dan*

Senior Warden's Notes

Here at St. Francis, we're not letting any grass grow underfoot as we have just completed celebrating the four Sundays of Advent and moved on to the Christmas season when we celebrated the birth of Jesus, and we still found time to socialize with friends and family, exchanging expressions of love and gratitude, and 'oh the gifts! Papa found under the tree his favorite holiday gift . . . a set of new BVD's, and the Mrs. showed great excitement and surprise to discover her favorite perfume so elegantly wrapped by her favorite Santa.

And here we are already a week or so into the New Year. This will be a year of transition with Fr. Dan's retirement the first of March, and we bid him and Phyllis a safe journey to their new home in coastal Florida. And you can bet this will be a cause for partying, when we collectively express our gratitude for having Dan and Phyllis playing such an important role in our lives these past several years.

But before that happens, we will have a final visit from Bishop Smith, who is also retiring in early March. The Bishop will officiate at both services on Sunday, the 13th of January, after which he will share some time socializing with us in the Parish Hall, and later meeting with and giving some "fatherly" advice to members of our vestry, as he knows we have a challenging year ahead of us.

Next on our parish calendar, will be our annual meeting following the second service on Sunday, the 20th of January. At this time you will be asked to approve the 2019 budget, elect a new Junior Warden and four new members of our vestry, hear reports from the chairpersons of our various ministries and committees, and in general witness the successes of 2018 and the direction St. Francis will be taking in 2019.

Next is the consecration of our Bishop-elect, Jennifer Anne Reddall, on Saturday, the 9th of March, at the Church of the Nations in Phoenix. To make for an opportunity for many of our parish members to witness this event in person, we have arranged for a 54-seat luxury motor coach to take us to the service in Phoenix. We're counting on the fact that more of us would attend the event if we didn't have to make the round trip to Phoenix and driving ourselves all in a single day. Filling the coach would bring the cost down to a little more than \$20 per person. And who knows, we just might find someone to open a bottle or two of wine on board, as we

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Stewardship Notes

I recently read the book "Misreading Scripture With Western Eyes" (Richards and O'Brien), which in part explained that our culture (Western culture, based on Greek ideals) causes us to read scriptures in a way that it was not meant to be understood. I have always been fascinated by such anthropological and linguistic ideas, and I've started to notice things in my daily life that were pointed out in the book. For instance, there are songs that celebrate our individuality ("I Did It My Way"). We celebrate individual rights as per the Constitution (free speech issues are raging across campuses as we speak). The Gospel writers, according to the authors of the book, would have found this individualism to be odd, perhaps not even understandable. For them, there was the group, the community, the whole (and not the individual) around which life revolved. When a gospel writer said "you", the reference was to the community and not the individual. With this in mind, some of the readings on Sunday are sounding a little different to me!

I have begun to wonder about "stewardship" in the context of our Western ideas – is it 'my' money going to support 'my' church? What part of the church is corporate? (the authors would say ALL of the church is the corporate body). Certainly when our offerings are taken to the altar, and we recite "all things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee" we are probably going back to that early corporate understanding of community, and our reliance on God for everything that we have. I certainly have to be reminded of that regularly!

It is wonderful to see that corporate behavior frequently at St. Francis, in the social activities where we reach out inclusively to many people, in our feeding and clothing of the hungry, in our sharing common resources for the greater good. I feel bad about people in our midst who don't have such a 'community' around them. Where do they turn in times of trouble, or stress, or to share good news and celebrations? We are blessed to have the community of St. Francis.

As a year ends and another one begins, I like to look at some of the 'words (and thoughts) to

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live by' that I have collected throughout a year. Allow me to share two with you here, as we welcome 2019.

1. From the Farnam Street Principles (a blog where I get to learn the latest from thought leaders, business tycoons, authors of many genres, etc.):

"All that we write about, think about, and strive for at Farnam Street draws inspiration from one of these five principles:

-Direction Over Speed

-Live Deliberately

-Thoughtful Opinions Held Loosely

-Principles Outlive Tactics, and

-Own Your Actions"

These actions would serve anyone well, whether in business or private life.

2. I also keep on my desk these directions for how to make a REAL apology (and I'm getting pretty good at this, as I make lots of mistakes!!). From a friend, Tina Gunsalus, the "4 R's of an apology":

-Remorse: "I'm sorry"

-Responsibility: "I did it"

-Rehabilitation: "What I will change to do better in the future"

-Recompense: "How can I make it up to you now?"

So for all of you who have participated in the community of St. Francis, in whatever capacity, I wish to thank you. Our parish is such a blessing to its members and to the community as a whole.

BrandE Faupell,
Stewardship Chair

Evensong

Solemn Evensong and Te Deum 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 – as well as the St. Francis Parish Choir – under the direction of Gerald Near with J. Michael Case at the organ, will sing choral works from the great Anglican tradition. As always, we invite your financial support; please make checks payable to St. Francis in the Valley with 'Evensong' in the memo line.

Budget Time Is Upon Us

Please return your Estimate of Giving for 2019 if you have not done so. The Finance Committee is hard at work trying to set the budget for next year. If you've lost your Estimate of Giving form we'll gladly provide you with another.

Gift for Bishop and Laura Smith

On January 13 Bishop Smith will be making his last Episcopal visit to St. Francis before his retirement. We'd like to present the Bishop and Laura with a monetary gift for their years of ministry and leadership. If you'd like to contribute to a purse for them please clearly mark your donation "Bishop Smith." Please submit your donation by January 6.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

If you have a yearly income tax liability with the Arizona Department of Revenue, you can make a significant gift to the Imago Dei Middle School, a member school of the Arizona Episcopal Schools Foundation, and partner with St. Francis. And it won't cost you a dime! You get the tax credit and the students get an exceptional education that prepares them for a bright future. Over forty members at St. Francis are already doing just this. Won't you join them? A brief informational meeting will be held between services the first and second Sundays in December in the Conference Room next to the Parish Hall. Meanwhile, call Wayne North at 399-9208 if you have questions, or would like further information.

Annual Parish Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held, as usual, on the third Sunday of January, the 20th this year. Typically, we hold an information meeting the Sunday before to talk about the budget for any who might be interested in knowing more about the finances of the church. This year we will not be able to hold that budget meeting, but a short presentation will be made at the annual meeting. Bishop Smith will be making his annual (and final) visit on Sunday, January 13. As usual, he will be at both Services and will offer a presentation to the congregation between the two Services.

Hey kids, what time is it?

No, not Howdy Doody time. It's time for all of us who are responsible for Annual Reports to start working on them; otherwise we won't meet the deadline, Monday, 14 January 2019, will we? Please email your report – in either the body of an email or in Word format – to the Parish Administrator: gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org.

Senior Warden's Notes

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toast the consecration of Bishop Jennifer Reddall.

And don't go away just yet, but instead take your calendar and put a "hold" on Saturday, the 16th of March. This is a very special event, one in which we will be encouraging everyone to participate. More information will be given to you in coming weeks, but for now plan to meet together in the Parish Hall on Saturday, the 16th of March with lunch and refreshments provided.

Lastly, but most importantly, a very warm welcome to the many of you who have come and joined us here at St. Francis and in our journey to find fulfillment in sharing our mission to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

Wayne North, Senior Warden

Men's Group

The Men's Group will be having its quarterly breakfast on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:45 AM in the Parish Hall. A sumptuous full breakfast prepared by chef Mark will be served. We invite all men of the Parish to join us in Christian fellowship.

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.

New Website Address

Our new St. Francis website is up and running and it has a new address: www.stfrancisgvaz.org. Check it out!

Prayer Chain

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

Seekers Discussion Group

The Seekers Group will be starting a new project which will be a DVD about the writing of the King James Bible. It's not a lecture but an enacted presentation. This will take two weeks, January 19 and 24. The Group meets at 12:30 PM until about 1:50 PM in the Conference Room. We welcome interested newcomers at any meeting you can attend. For more information, call Anne Charter at 625-9591.

Bible Challenge

We'd like to challenge YOU to read the whole Bible all the way through in a year! If you've never read the whole thing, it's a wonderful thing to do. If you've already read it from cover to cover, consider doing it again. The folks at The Center for Biblical Studies have developed a workable program for reading the entire Bible in one year, and Rev. Pam is inviting any and all who are interested in joining her to take on this challenge in 2019. We'll begin on January 1, but don't worry if you get started a little late. Each day is a workable amount of reading so it's not too difficult to catch up.

If you're interested, email Rev. Pam (pam@st-francisgvaz.org) to let her know you will be participating, and go to <http://thecenterforbiblical-studies.org/read-the-bible-in-a-year/>, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Download the One Year Read for the daily schedule of readings. She will facilitate a discussion once a month for all the participants who wish to gather together and talk about what they've been reading. All versions of the Bible are acceptable in this challenge, but if you want the same one we use for the scripture readings on Sundays get your hands on the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). The HarperCollins Study Bible is a good option. Bibles are available to be checked out in the St. Francis Library if you don't wish to purchase your own or use one you already have.

Parish Offices will be closed . . .

Martin Luther King, Jr. Monday, 21 January

Warm Clothes for Asylum-Seekers

Many families fleeing violence in their home countries, especially tropical countries in Central America such as Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, have arrived at the U.S. border in Nogales to seek asylum with clothing that isn't sufficient to keep them warm in our winter climate. Donations of warm clothes are needed, especially warm jackets, hats/beanies, scarves, sweaters, long pants/jeans, socks, sneakers and slippers. Backpacks are also needed so that the migrants can carry these clothes with them when they leave the shelters. Items are also needed for the shelters, including blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, and hotel shampoo/soap/lotions. St. Francis is collecting these items to donate through Cruzando Fronteras—bring in new or clean, gently used items and drop them in the box in the Parish Hall, or 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.

Prayer Quilts

Have you ever wondered who makes the Prayer Quilts and how you can request one? Well, they are made by the Daughters of the King (DOK) and very special angels from the congregation and friends of St. Francis. DOK is all about prayer and service to our Parish church and others, which is why DOK chose the quilts as one of its missions. If you would like to give a quilt to someone who needs prayers, please ask him or her first if he or she would like one. Anyone may request a quilt for any reason: for peace, guidance, healing, courage, strength, grief or any other reason you'd pray to the Lord). To request a quilt, seek out a DOK member and she will help you choose one from the quilt closet. She will also fill out all required paper work for you and bring the quilt to the Sacristy to be blessed the following Sunday. You may pick it up in the Parish Hall after the 10 o'clock service or in the Parish Office on Monday.

For His Sake, *Daughters Of The King*

**January 2019
Parish Events Only**

Tuesday, January 1

Parish Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 2

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl
-Recorder Group – SFR

10:00a -Altar Guild – Cpl

6:00p -Lord’s Prayer Study – CfR

Thursday, January 3

12:30p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, January 4

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, January 5

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany

8:00a -Holy Eucharist

10:00a -Holy Eucharist

2:00p -Centering Prayer – Cpl/CfR

Monday, January 7

9:00a -Morning Prayer

Tuesday, January 8

7:30a -Men’s Group Brkfst – PH

10:30a -Vestry Officers – RO

11:00a -Social Activities – CfR

Wednesday, January 9

9:00a -Holy Eucharist

9:30a -DOK – VR

1:00p -Stewardship – L

6:00p -Lord’s Prayer Study – CfR

Thursday, January 10

9:00a -Finance Committee – CfR

10:00a -Home Tour Meeting – Cfr

12:30p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, January 11

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, January 12

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, January 13 - Epiphany I

Bishop’s Visit

8:00a -Holy Eucharist

10:00a -Holy Eucharist

2:00p -Centering Prayer – Cpl/CfR

Monday, January 14

9:00a -Morning Prayer

Tuesday, January 15

1:00p -Stephen Minintry – VR/L/
CfR/SFR

6:00p -Vestry – CfR

Wednesday, January 16

9:00a -Holy Eucharist

9:30a -Memorials Committee – L

6:00p -Lord’s Prayer Study – CfR

Thursday, January 17

9:00a -KBI Brkfst Prep – Ktchn

10:00a -Communications – CfR

-Care Team – L

12:30p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

2:00p -Parish Choir

Friday, January 18

6:00a -KBI Breakfast Prep – Ktchn

8:00a -Bulletins – L

7:00p -True Concord Concert – CH

Saturday, January 19

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, January 20 - Epiphany II

8:00a -Holy Eucharist

10:00a -Holy Eucharist

11:00a -Annual Meeting – PH

2:00p -Centering Prayer – Cpl/CfR

Monday, January 21

Parish Offices Closed

10:00a -Outreach – L

1:30p -Grief Support Group – SFR

Tuesday, January 22

8:00a -Men’s Group – CfR

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

Wednesday, January 23

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Cpl

9:30a -DOK – VR

6:00p -Prayer Study Group – CfR

Thursday, January 24

12:30p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, January 25

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, January 26

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, January 27 - Epiphany III

8:00a -Holy Eucharist

10:00a -Holy Eucharist

2:00p -Centering Prayer – Cpl/CfR

Monday, January 28

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl

11:00a -Alanon – CfR

1:30p -Grief Support Group – SFR

Tuesday, January 29

11:00a -Stephen Min Potluck – PH

Wednesday, January 30

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl

6:00p -Prayer Study Group – CfR

Thursday, January 31

12:30p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Calendar Legend

Ch - Church L - Library Cpl - Chapel

CfR - Conference Room

VR - Vulliamy Room Lby-Labyrinth

PH - Parish Hall CR - Classroom

Ctyd - Courtyard OC – Off Campus

MG - Memorial Garden

Nthx - Narthex

RO - Rector’s Office

Ktchn - Kitchen

MR - Meditation Room

SFR - St. Francis Room

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ruth Patterson
Bart DallaMura
- 2 Jim Bush
- 3 Chris Anderson
Leroy Vaughn
Russell Symes
- 5 Peter Murphy
- 6 Stephen North
- 7 Mary Messick
Margaret Sampson
Sue Howell
Pat Ashley
- 8 Katherine Barnes
- 10 Robert Marben
- 12 Maria Hemphill
- 13 Scott Whiteside
- 14 Stephen Huhta
Jay Adams
- 15 Olive Clapp
Michael Micari
Kathy Ravine
- 16 Kay Gregory
Nancy Hickman
- 19 James Collins
BrandE Faupell
- 20 Katja Zimmerman-Green
- 21 Stephanie Huszar
Taffy Farrand
- 23 Linda Berg
Dorothy Byrd
Roberta Gavin
- 24 Nancy Kerns
Lanny Helgeson
- 27 Robert Johnson
John Smith
Virginia Browne
- 28 William Peissig
- 30 Katherine Vint
Robert Vint
Jan Poole

John Burk
31 Judy Gross

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2 George & Chris Anderson
5 Wayne & Jean North
14 Barney & Vaneta Foster
28 Joe & Kathleen Chidester
Jim Modrall & Taffy Farrand
29 Bob & Grace Marben
30 Charles & Marsha Tripp

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.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers: just what are they, who are they, and what do they do? Simply put we are lay people from the Parish who are trained to walk beside someone who is going through a difficult time in his or her life. We meet, we listen, we provide a compassionate ear, a shoulder to lean on, and confidentiality.

If you think you might like to explore becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact one of us: Marybeth Bates (206-259-0361) or emmymex@yahoo.com, Mark Eckstein (443-807-2277) or az9261954@gmail.com, Cheryl Tardy-Albin (520-235-9031) or ltybbear1@gmail.com or BrandE Faupell (435-512-0286) or bfaupell@gmail.com.

2018 Parish Statistics

Deaths

Susan Masters
Emmet Ridley
Michael Andersen
Jane Nye
Dody Kinsey
Esther Nisbet
Walter Kuzmak
The Rev. Tom Pringle
Vic Wyly
Mary Alice Robinson
Douglas Wolfe
Marlene Heene
Ed Roach
Thomas Heaney
Kathleen Heaney
Mary Liddell
Joyce McGlaston
The Rev. Ernie Harrelson

Transfers In

Dorothy Harrelson
Eva Jenkins
Carol Clayton
Janie Hessong
George & Ona Gibson
Alex Stoffel & Lila Hauge-Stoffel
John & Gerlinde Juhala
Teddi Byrd
Stu & Marilyn Findley
Connie Wilt

Transfers Out

Warren & Nancy Joblin

Home Communion

If you, or someone you know, would like to have the Sacrament brought to you at home, please call Fr. Dan or Rev Pam (520-625-1370) to arrange for this service. We are very happy to bring the Sacrament to to anyone who cannot attend church for any reason.

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 Beth-el 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 Beth-el 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 Rae Turberg in the Parish Financial Office to update your information for our records.

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