



THE FRANCISCAN STAFF

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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.

Words From Warren . . .

Dear friends,

This is my second summer living in Green Valley and a desert environment. Having grown up in Canada where an abundance of rain and snow is commonplace, it still strikes me as slightly humorous to see the weather forecasters on TV get so excited when there is to be 1/10 of an inch of rain. Local stations even have contests for guessing how much rain we will have through the monsoon season.

Having now personally experienced summer heat and dryness, I can appreciate the joy the Israelites had when there were times of rain and prayers for a successful growing season and harvest. Psalm 65:9-10 speaks of God blessing and nourishing the land:

*You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.*

The monsoons, I have come to learn, are God's ways of providing the land with a respite from the dryness, "Softening it with showers, and blessing its growth." The Sonoran desert in which we live absorbs the rains from the heavens, bringing with it life and color, and soft green grasses that make our valley truly green.

In what ways do you use the summer to rejuvenate during the summer months and let God nourish you? A road trip? Visiting friends and family? Relaxing in cooler mountain areas or summer breezes by the ocean? Or do you relax around the Green Valley area?

I look forward to some R&R back at our house in Ontario on the lake. I know a large Honey-Do list is waiting for me, but at least I will be with Annette, Daniel and Cameron. Hopefully, I will get to do some relaxing and fishing!

I will be away from the second Sunday in July through the second Sunday in August. While I am away Rev. Judy Turburg and Fr. Ted Holt will be leading the services, with Fr. Tom Neyland and Deacon Becky Williamson preaching at two services. I am so blessed to have so many wonderful clergy to cover for me while I am away. If you have a pastoral need, please contact Deacon Becky.

May your summer be rich with many blessings,

Fr. Warren



Say Hello to...

Tim Doyle and Mizzi Diamond moved to Arizona from Idyllwild, CA, a small town in the mountains above Palm Springs. They wintered in Arizona for seven years enjoy-

ing the RV lifestyle before buying a home in Quail Creek. In August they became full time Green Valley residents.

Tim hails from the Buffalo, NY area where he worked in the restaurant business for 43 years. He started in a hot-dog stand and ended up owning a steak house and an Irish pub. Mizzi spent her career in New York's Hudson Valley where she worked in the New York State courts.

Living in Arizona during the pandemic meant staying home and worshipping online. They are delighted to join an active congregation at St. Francis in the Valley. Tim and Mizzi look forward to meeting fellow parishioners and becoming involved.

Prayer Chain

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

Parish Directory Cover Photo Contest

Close your eyes and think of St. Francis. What images come to mind? Perhaps you envision the tranquil beauty that is found on our campus and grounds, a special event, or one of the services that bring us together as a Parish. Whatever captures your imagination and evokes the feelings you experience when you think of St. Francis, we would like you to share that in photo form. We need an original photo or a photograph of original artwork that represents the idea of our church for the new directory's cover. The winning image will be unveiled at our annual Homecoming Gathering in October (and don't tell anyone I said this, but I heard that along with their photo being featured on the cover, there might also be a fabulous prize for the winner). The image will be displayed on the cover of our new pictorial directory, which will be distributed at our Annual Meeting in January. Entering the contest is easy, simply submit your photo to George Grove at grovegh@gmail.com. Submissions must be received no later than October 15, 2022. Get creative, have fun, and don't forget to have your picture taken, the directory just wouldn't be the same without you! *Jenica Hisko*

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in the world.*

Living St. Francis' Life and Values Right Here In Green Valley

To emphasize what Fr. Tom addressed in this column of the May/June 2022 Newsletter, I also believe that the most important thing you and I can do for ourselves and for the parish is to discover who we are as Franciscans, first as individuals and second as members of the Saint Francis in the Valley parish community. In that respect, then, what does it mean to be Franciscan?

To define ourselves as Franciscan, I propose we begin with the founders of Franciscanism, Francis and Clare. Franciscanism, from its onset (unlike other religious orders), was the product of the yin and the yang of both genders. Consequently, to be most effective in carrying out our parish mission "to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world" we would do well to conceive ourselves, (like Francis and Clare), as reflections of masculine and feminine qualities. As Jeanette Rankin, the first USA congresswoman posited, females and males are like the left and the right hand. It doesn't make sense not to use both.

The inclusion of both genders became a realization during the lives of Francis and Clare in the formation of the Secular Franciscan Order. It includes to this day secular men and women, married and single.

The Francis-Clare gender perspective is a first step in our journey into Franciscanism. Its inclusive perspective invites everyone, current and new members seeking a spiritual home, to Saint Francis in the Valley. For more information on Episcopal Franciscans, click on the following site: <https://www.ssfamericas.org/who-we-are>

Vince Remillard

Saint Francis of Assisi

Francis, the son of a prosperous merchant, was born in 1182. His early youth was spent in harmless revelry.

Not long before his death, on September 14, Holy Cross Day, Francis received the marks of the Lord's wounds, the stigmata, in his own hands and feet and side. Pope Gregory the Ninth, canonized Francis in 1228, and began the erection of the great basilica in Assisi where Francis is buried.

The feast day of Francis of Assisi is October 4.

-from *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*

Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance and United Society Partners in the Gospel as the churches prepare to mobilize on potential immediate and long-term responses to assist Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania, Hungary and other parts of Europe. Donations to Episcopal Relief and Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund (<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukrainereponse>) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

Valley Assistance Mix and Mingle Luncheon

A luncheon get-together for seniors, sponsored by Valley Assistance, will be held in the St. Francis Parish Hall on Wednesday, July 20, at Noon. We will be serving a light lunch (soup, salad, bread, and dessert.)

Our Solo Journeymen are invited too. To RSVP, please contact Sandy Eckstein (seckste2@gmail.com) or 410-808-3881 before Thursday, July 14. (Drivers will be needed too.) Sign up after services on Sundays July 3 and 10.

Volunteers Urgently Needed

The more we do to enhance our outreach to the community and to our parishioners, the more help we need to make things happen, AND the more opportunity there is for service to your Parish. By 'help' we mean people, ready, willing, and able to pitch in. Of the several areas of parish life in need of volunteer help, one of the most important is for audio and visual (sound and camera) assistance for Sunday services and for occasional events such as memorial services; i.e. we need help with anything that requires recording and broadcasting. We have good folks eager to train you for this important ministry.

And we always need Ushers and Greeters for Sunday morning services. Let Gerald know of your interest (gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org).

Parish Offices will be closed...
Independence Day Monday, July 4

Senior Warden's Thoughts

Following the Vestry Retreat in February 2021, Fr. Warren and Canon Black at the Diocese encouraged us to create a covenant to guide us in our role as the Vestry members. Vestry members contributed ideas of what would be most important to include in our own Vestry Covenant. Our first St. Francis in the Valley Vestry Covenant was approved by the Vestry at the May 11, 2021 meeting and has been posted on the Vestry bulletin boards located in the Church vestibule and the Church hall. Since first arriving at St. Francis, Fr. Warren has also encouraged our church and Vestry to learn more about St. Francis of Assisi and see how we, as a church, can become more like him and follow his path. There have been several workshops and discussion groups which moved us to update our Vestry Covenant to better reflect our Franciscan values. I am now honored to share this covenant with you below.

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, as expressed in our Mission "to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world", we as Vestry of St. Francis in the Valley Parish, agree to the following covenant:

We will, as Christ taught...

- Lift one another up in prayer
- Show reverence for all persons
- Strive to be instruments of peace in all situations
- Offer hospitality to all
- Care for and respect all of God's creation, caring especially for the church grounds and property
- Be responsible stewards of every resource entrusted to us
- Seek ways to generously share our blessings and bounty
- Be a presence of joy and hope in our congregation

"I have done what the Spirit has called me to do; now you must do as the Spirit directs you."

St. Francis on his deathbed.

Our Vestry is honored to serve the Parish of St. Francis in the Valley. We will continue to work hard to follow our Vestry Covenant and the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi as we go about building the Kingdom of God here in Green Valley.

Sending you Blessings for a wonderful and safe summer.

Jullie Reppenhagen, Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Notes

Summer is definitely here. I hope everyone is enjoying their time here or your cooler getaways!

1. Lynch Roofing with whom we had a five year warranty of labor and supplies (initiated December 2019) for the Church's flat roofs walked the roof with Deana Bond, Lead Sexton, the week of May 30 and repaired 10 remaining gaps in the protective coating per the photos taken earlier by Deana.

2. Gary Homman, Sexton, resigned his position effective the third week in May. We wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

3. In an effort to provide people with cold, filtered drinking water, we have installed an upgraded water fountain and water bottle filler on the wall near the office restrooms. The height is in line with the American Disability Act (ADA).

4. The project to further shore up the blacktop along the St. Francis side of Allegría Street with river rock and add base fill then grade and level is near completion. We are forfeiting the last parking space to accommodate some heavier rock work to better divert running water and avoid sand and gravel erosion in the side parking lot.

5. We continue to await a solid date for installation of metal, safety handrails leading up to the Chapel door and another set along the upper level handicapped parking spaces.

6. A new motor is being installed in the men's restroom in the Courtyard.

7. Our pest control company has sprayed the outside along the buildings as well as inside. Insects will hopefully be few or taking their last breaths if you see any!

8. The wonderful, metal flower fountain on the east end of the Courtyard has sprung a leak in its basin. It is being cleaned and protective coat applied.

9. The outside of the west Chapel door has been sealed with plastic and sandbags to prevent potential entry of rainwater into the Chapel.

10. The cement, parking space stops are being painted white in sections of parking areas. The purpose is to improve drivers seeing spaces clearly especially during low light times. Another safety measure implemented at St. Francis in the Valley!

11. Thank you to Clarke Green, a very cheerful employee, for stepping up to cover not only his usual Sexton duties but also to cover for Deana Bond, Lead Sexton, during her vacation.

Thank you for your acknowledgments and support,

Kristi Menix, Junior Warden

Smile!

SUMMER PHOTO SESSIONS

If you haven't had a chance to have your photo taken for our new church directory, and you are spending your summer here in Green Valley, there's still time, and we can't wait to see you. During the summer months photo appointments will be available one Sunday a month following our church service. You can schedule a photo session for July 17, or August 14 by emailing Lou Terry at thirdangell@cox.net. To all of you who have had your photos taken for the new directory, thank you, the pictures are fabulous!

Dinner and a Movie

After a two year hiatus our summer "dinner and a movie night" will once again be held on the last Friday of each month in June, July, and August. Dinner begins at 5 PM and the movie at 6 PM. More information to come in Sunday leaflets and News From the Pews.

How to Access Service Videos

Go to the Parish website (www.stfrancisgvaz.org), scroll down to the bottom of the page where you will see the current video, click on the arrow ▶ to start the video, and enjoy!

Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon Eucharists are scheduled for July 9 and August 13 at 4 PM in the Parish Hall. Watch for further details.

Friends Of the Library

As you may know, a concerted effort is being made to make the St. Francis Parish Library THE place to go for exciting reads on all kinds of subjects (at least those appropriate for a church library; you'll have to go elsewhere for romance novels). Joyce Davison and an active Library Committee have put in many hours getting things going, but there's much more to do. Some of it requires money. There's not at present a budget for our Library and, until there is (and perhaps long after), we invite you to join the FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY. Your donations of cash and books (preferably new) will be most welcome and greatly appreciated. (There are some rules and regs involved, so please don't just dump a pile of books at the Library door.) More information will be forthcoming so please stay tuned.

Jerusalem Marketplace

Join us this summer as we travel to Jerusalem, without leaving Green Valley. As part of outreach to our local community, St Francis will be offering a Vacation Bible School during the week of June 6-10. During this week, elementary school children will travel together in small groups, worshipping, learning about the culture of Jerusalem in Bible times, exploring the Jerusalem Marketplace, and experiencing true Bible stories.

Co-directed by Sophia Witte and Tisha Stril, volunteers will be needed to help lead the small groups, provide snacks, build and decorate the Marketplace, and help with costumes and crafts. We will put a date on the calendar soon to discuss the volunteer opportunities! Contact Sophia or Tisha with any questions or ideas and a willingness to volunteer.

More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, consider inviting family and friends to attend this exciting event! Junior High and High School Youth will be welcome as Group Helpers.

Forward Day by Day

FORWARD DAY BY DAY devotional booklets for May, June, and July (2022) are available in the Parish Office during the week, and on Sunday mornings you can find them in the Parish Hall as well as the Office.

C.S. Lewis Class

Clive Staples Lewis was arguably the greatest Christian apologist—as in 'one who speaks or writes in defense of someone or something'—of the twentieth century. (His books and essays are admired across denominational lines in the twenty-first century too.) Lewis tackled many of the teachings of the church which trouble, or at least tend to puzzle, contemporary Christians; he approaches them with clarity and a genuine interest in making them not only understandable, but also a solid foundation upon which to build a lasting faith. Lewis brings to his apologetic work the same depth of understanding and deftness of thought he exhibits in his celebrated work as a scholar. If you would you be interested in a study/discussion group on the thought of C.S. Lewis, email Gerald at gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org and he will be glad to get information to you on a proposed recurring class devoted to this great Christian thinker.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 Edna Dunn
3 Glenn Matto
4 Karen Packer
6 Carolee Castro
6 David Dunn
10 John Stanford
13 Shirley Gough
13 Paul Ohri
13 Sharon Thornby
14 Hal Aasen
14 Barbara Hook
14 John Johnstone
14 Linda Lies
15 Janet DallaMura
17 Carol Crain
17 Mary Staples
18 Nancy Helgath
19 Richard Welch
19 Barbara Workman
20 Gloria Cadwalader
21 James Luffman
22 Bill Barkley
22 Sandra Hammond
23 Lucy Nielsen
26 Jean Schwafel
26 Janice MacLaren
26 Kaye Tinney
27 Cheryl Tardy-Albin
27 Penelope Williams
30 Gary Chambers
31 Jean McEachran

July ANNIVERSARIES

6 Matthew & Deborah Harby
7 Harry & Carol Lyons
11 Mizzy Diamond & Tim Doyle
12 Cheryl & Nancy Tardy-Albin
14 Leroy & Ceci Vaughn
19 Stan & Kathy Ravine

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 George Burridge
6 Kristi Menix
6 Jean Ross
7 Nancy Albin
7 John Davis
7 Ceci Vaughn
8 Harvey Eaves
8 Janie Hessong
10 Ken Barratt
10 Kenneth Huszar

10 Edith McCully
11 Carol Hinterthuer
12 Lou Moore
13 Marsha Tripp
14 Pat Valandry
16 Dorothy Blakely
18 Tim Doyle
18 Joan Archibald
19 Weston Barnes
19 Darlene Gregory
19 Kenneth Nielsen
20 Charles Tripp
20 Ric Pike
20 Ginny Wagner
22 Donald Richards
23 David Barnes
24 Nancy Enzie
24 Jonell Kotouc
25 Phil Vande-Riet
26 David Blackburn

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

4 Roger & Penelope Williams
6 Nancy & Steve Hickman
8 Larry & Sue Howell
9 Al & Brenda Quick
10 Nancy & Bill Symons
17 Stu & Marilyn Findley
17 Robert & Sharon Thornby
18 Neil Messick & Mary Hart
18 Robert & Katherine Vint
19 Neil & Nancy Helgath
20 Hal Aasen & Lou Moore
20 Ed & Barbara Hook
23 Ben & Jan Travis
27 William & Nancy McGibbon
30 Frank & Phebe Anderson
31 Rolando & Paula Altamirano
31 Roger & Barbara Miller

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CHURCH



PARISH MEETINGS AND EVENTS — JULY/AUGUST 2022

Monday, 4 July

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, 5 July

Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

Wednesday, 6 July

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

Thursday, 7 July

Stewardship, 10 AM, CfR

SATURDAY, 9 JULY

Holy Eucharist, 4 PM, PH

Monday, 11 July

Morning Prayer, 9 AM, Chapel
Bible School, 9 AM, Parish Hall

Tuesday, 12 July

Bible School, 9 AM, Parish Hall
Vestry, 4 PM, CfR

Wednesday, 13 July

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel
Bible School, 9 AM, Parish Hall
Memorials Cmte, 10 AM, SFR

Thursday, 14 July

Bible School, 9 AM, Parish Hall
Library Cmte, 10 AM, L

Friday, 15 July

Bible School, 9 AM, Parish Hall

Sunday, 17 July

Photo Directory Sessions, 10 AM

Monday, 18 July

Morning Prayer, 9 AM, Chapel
Hearts & Hands, 10 AM, CfR

Tuesday, 19 July

Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

Wednesday, 20 July

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel
Mix & Mingle, Noon, Parish Hall

Monday, 25 July

Morning Prayer, 9 AM, Chapel

Wednesday, 27 July

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

Friday, 29 July

Dinner and a Movie, 5 PM, PH

Monday, 1 August

Morning Prayer, 9 AM Chapel

Tuesday, 2 August

Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

Wednesday, 3 August

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

Thursday, 4 August

Stewardship, 10 AM, CfR

Monday, 8 August

Morning Prayer, 9 AM, Chapel

Tuesday, 9 August

Social Activities, 11 AM, CfR
Vestry, 4 PM, Conference Room

Wednesday, 10 August

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel
Memorials Cmte, 10 AM, SFR

Thursday, 11 August

Library Cmte, 10 AM, L

Saturday, 13 August

Holy Eucharist, 4 PM, PH

Sunday, 14 August

Photo Directory Sessions, 10 AM

Monday, 15 August

Morning Prayer, 9 AM, Chapel
Hearts & Hands, 10 AM, CfR

Tuesday, 16 August

Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

Wednesday, 17 August

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

Monday, 22 August

Morning Prayer, 9 AM, Chapel

Wednesday, 24 August

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

Friday, 16 August

Dinner and a Movie, 5 am, PH

Monday, 29 August

Morning Prayer, 9 AM, Chapel

Wednesday, 31 August

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

CALENDAR LEGEND

PH - Parish Hall

VR - Vulliamy Room

CfR - Conference Room

SFR - Saint Francis Room

2022 Parish Statistics**Transfers In**

Mark & Tisha Stril

Transfers Out

Bill & Alicia Baucom

Al Saterbak

The Rev. Pat Kirk

Deaths

Jerry McAllister

Grace Marben

Julie Ratley

Barbara Phillips

Richard Tinney

Lee Cornelison

Nancy Pearce

Arizona Episcopalian Magazine

The AZ Episcopalian magazine is now available online. The current issue has a variety of articles showcasing all the great things going on around the Diocese. If you would rather receive it by mail—or to sign up to receive it online—contact Deborah (Finance Officer) through the Parish Office (520-625-1370 or deborah@stfrancisgvaz.org) to sign up. It's FREE!



Do we have...

your@e-mail.address?

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 Parish Administrator Gerald Near. 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 Gerald 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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