



THE FRANCISCAN STAFF

The Newsletter of the people of
Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church
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Green Valley AZ 85614

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Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

Looking Ahead

VESTRY OFFICERS

Tuesday, 7 May at 10:30 AM
in the Rector's Office

ALTAR GUILD LUNCHEON

Wednesday, 8 May at 11 AM
in the Parish Hall

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursdays, 9 May & 6 June at 9 AM
in the Conference Room

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays, 14, 21 & 28 May and
11 & 25 June at 8 AM
in the Conference Room

VESTRY

Tuesdays, 14 May and 11 June at 6 PM
in the Conference Room

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 11 June at 11 AM
in the Conference Room

TRUST COMMITTEE

Thursday, 16 May at 11 AM
in the Library

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursdays, 16 May and 20 June
at 10 AM in the Conference Room

OUTREACH

Monday, 20 May at 10 AM
in the Library

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, 28 June at 5 PM
in the Parish Hall

From our Interim Rector . . .

LOVE THE LITURGY

Nobody takes worship more seriously than Episcopalians. We want to be engaged by our scripture, our sermon, our music and our prayers. Something reported by participants in the Day of Discovery was desire for deeper engagement in worship. One gem of a response was Love the Liturgy.

So...as an interim experiment starting in May, let's worship with a consecration prayer which is individualized each Sunday by themes drawn from the scripture lessons for that Sunday. The form of the prayer stays the same: every Sunday there are four paragraphs in the consecration:

1. The first paragraph evokes one or two themes from the Sunday scripture.
It varies week to week.
2. The second, short, paragraph is the Sanctus; it is the same every week.
3. The third paragraph asks the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and wine as Christ's body and blood. No change.
4. The last paragraph applies the day's themes to current situations—among us, and throughout the world. It changes with the weekly lessons.

These prayers were created with great imagination and skill by Anglican priests Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. Invite God to open your heart and mind as you listen to these consecration prayers recall themes you've just heard in the readings, and which reinforce the thrust of the sermon. Then, as you are moved, let Pam and me know what you think!

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Interim Rector

From our Assistant Rector...

When I was called to ordained ministry and began my discernment process within the church, I was instructed to start meeting with a spiritual director and given the name of one in Sedona. Since I lived in Flagstaff, we agreed to meet at her cabin in Oak Creek Canyon, which was about the most beautiful place on the planet where one could experience spiritual direction! But I digress...

I've learned many important things through the spiritual direction I've received, but perhaps the most fundamental one is to pause frequently and ask myself, where is God in this? Where is God in what's happening right now in my life? When I'm struggling with a situation that's out of my control or not unfolding the way I anticipated, where is God in it? When I have to make a decision, where is God in that decision-making process? When I sit down to pray or when I prepare to lead a service, where is God in the prayer and worship?

It's easy to forget that God is present in everything we do, say and experience in our lives. We go about our busy days and so often think that we alone engineer what happens to us—and that we can dictate the outcomes. But we're in a partnership with God, whether we realize it or not. And it truly changes how we look at and experience our own lives when we live them in divine partnership instead of trying to tough them out as sole proprietors.

When I was in seminary, my spiritual director was an Episcopal priest who was a very wise and spiritually-gifted woman. She had a wonderful way of reminding me that I walked each moment of each day in partnership with God, and that my frustrations came from disregarding him. "I'm totally overwhelmed with school work and my internship and I don't have any time for my husband, my home life and my prayer life!" I would wail to her when we met. "Well, where's God in that?" she would ask me. "I don't know...nowhere," I'd reply, meaning it in an accusatory way. "Have you tried inviting him in?" she'd reply.

God stands ready and waiting for us to invite him into our lives. And it truly makes a difference when we do. The burdens we bear become lighter when we ask God to be present with us in the difficult parts of our lives, and the joys we experience are sweeter when we share them with him. And the first step in inviting God into our lives is figuring out when he's already present and when we've left him out. Consider asking yourself throughout the day, "Where is God in this?" and when your answer is "Nowhere," invite him in. See what shifts in your life when God is fully your partner, at work with you in your life.

Rev. Pam

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Senior Warden's Notes

The annual spring migration is well underway, when a good portion of our parish membership returns to states to the north, east, and the northeast, and even some to least expected destinations. It is sad when our fellow parishioners leave, although temporarily, and they will be missed. But, it won't be long before preparations are once again in place to welcome them back in the fall.

Meanwhile, a number of "housekeeping" functions at St. Francis continue to require our attention and maintenance regardless of the time of year. Volunteer staffing of positions in the Parish Office still need to be filled. Various positions supporting our Sunday and Wednesday morning services require the same number of volunteers during the "slower" summer months, as are needed during the busier winter months.

To be more specific, we need new faces in the ranks of those members serving as Acolytes, Crucifers, Lectors, along with the key roles of Greeters and Ushers. Nor can we expect the same people to always be available week-after-week to fill these positions. Soon, there will be an appeal to recruit new people to train-in and fill many of these significantly important volunteer positions. We hope you will say "Yes" when the opportunity presents itself for you to serve in a new ministry of volunteer service at St. Francis, especially during these summer months.

I am always happy to help with any questions you might have. Just give me a call.

Wayne North, Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Notes

Craig Reid and his wonderful team of volunteers are making great strides clearing up the growth caused by winter rains. They have placed more stones, sprayed needed areas and continue to work to keep ahead of the growth. More outdoor volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Our Parish operations—offices, sound systems and the like—are becoming more and more dependent upon technology and we could use more "techies" to help our team. If this is an area that you enjoy, please consider sharing your talents with the Parish. Contact Neal Hursh (neal@stfrancisgvaz.org) or Julie Reppenhagen (jrepp@snet.net).

To all who volunteer to keep St. Francis running so smoothly, thank you so much for all that you do!

Julie Reppenhagen, Junior Warden

New Faces at St. Francis

DEBORAH HARBY is the new Financial Officer here at St. Francis in the Valley. She received her B.A. in Biology from Michigan but moved to Arizona before the next snowfall. She is transferring from a fifteen-year career managing financials for an insurance agency in Tucson. In addition to number crunching, she is a long-time volunteer with the Sahuarita School District and a parishioner at Our Lady of the Valley Church. She married her high school sweetheart seventeen years ago and they are raising their two children Alexa, 11, and Logan, 8, in Sahuarita where they continue to cheer for the Detroit Lions from the privacy of their home.

DEACON BECKY WILLIAMSON "There are many deacons in all parts of our diocese. Some of them may be aware and others may not have a clue—yet, regarding their ministry. I was in the latter category for many years. I have been a teacher, coach, counselor, social worker, Hospice Chaplain, and Spiritual Director during my work life. I was raised in the mountains of Wyoming and Colorado where I learned about the spiritual life in nature. All of this helped to formulate some concept of ministry through the 50+ years before my ordination.

"I kept feeling a call to something and had this call reflected to me by others, like my friends and priests. I considered everything other than ordained ministry—a new job, a Ph.D., anything else. The priesthood was not it either, although that was the only pathway known to me for many years. Nothing seemed to satisfy a desire that was in me but it still did not have a voice.

"Working in the Maricopa County Jail system as a Mental Health Counselor was a time when an idea of my ministry began to take shape. I sat with many inmates and found that I was often listening to inmates spiritual journeys. The desire to sit with others spiritually just would not be quiet, so I pursued something I was unable to define fully, but faith carried me through the ambiguity. My pathway was revealed and in spite of everything else, it made sense to me. My partner Sue's faith allowed her to trust it too. Funny that the obvious decision came when it did.

"Attending Spiritual Direction school for two years starting in 2008 and later, during Deacon Formation in 2009, and while attending Clinical Pastoral Education in 2011, I learned the gift of Holy Listening.

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Rector Search Update

The Rector Search Committee has been meeting weekly since before the Day of Discovery (held March 16 at St. Francis). Based on all the input from parishioners on the Day of Discovery, the Search Committee has begun to write the Parish Profile and to answer numerous questions from the Office of Transitional Ministry at the National church offices. Each member of the Search Committee has agreed to write a portion of the Parish Profile, which we are now preparing to put into draft form as a full document describing the parish and what knowledge, skills and abilities we seek in a new priest. It has been an exciting few months of coalescing as a group and working with all the information that came out of the Day of Discovery.

When the Parish Profile is finalized and approved, it will be on the church web site as well as used by the Office of Transitional Ministry to advertise our open position. We are striving to have the profile in final draft form sometime in May, and approved in June. Once the position is advertised, the Diocese will begin to receive applications that will be passed onto the search committee for evaluation. The Search Committee has already begun to determine how applicants will be evaluated (also called a rubric, which is based on the information received at the Day of Discovery). The Committee will continue to meet weekly until the Parish Profile has been approved, and will resume meetings when applications are received.

Be An Honorary Grandparent

St. Francis is in the sixth year of its partnership with the Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson. This is our partnership ministry with one of the five Arizona Episcopal Schools, a member of the Southwestern Association and the National Association of Episcopal Schools. On 18 May last year we celebrated the graduation of nineteen 8th grade scholars, presenting each graduate with a \$100 Visa Gift Card. Attending graduation ceremonies at the Tucson Museum of Art were thirty-four members of our parish family along with Fr. Dan and Phyllis, and Rev. Pam and Doug.

This particular group, along with additional members of St. Francis, contributed toward the purchase of the gift cards. This spring's graduating class has 20 eighth grade scholars, and we invite you to share in recognizing their achievement by becoming an "Honorary Grandparent." Your personal check can be made payable to St. Francis with Imago Dei Graduation on

the memo line. Contact Wayne North at 399-9208, or through the Parish Office, for details on making a contribution, or if you wish to attend the graduation on a date yet to be announced in late May, at the Tucson Museum of Art. Why not do both?

2019 Tour of Homes

TOUR OF HOMES WRAP-UP

Our 2019 Tour of Homes, St. Francis' major fund raiser, is now in the history books. The preliminary numbers are in.

Income	
Ticket Sales	\$9,645.00
Gourmet Table	1,207.20
Silent Auction	2,524.00
Total	\$13,376.20
Expenses	
19th Hole	\$1,800.00
Gifts	250.00
Misc./PR	2,313.47
Total	\$4,363.47
Profit	\$9,047.73

The final results will be distributed to groups that are supported by St. Francis in the Valley. We will post the list in the Summer Newsletter.

Again, the 2019 Tour of Homes would not have been possible without the efforts of a wonderful team of volunteers, who cooked, baked, served, cleaned up, drove, called, hosted, set up signs, wrote articles, set up homes, made posters, sold tickets, sold goodies, auctioned lovely articles, prayed for us and more. Thank you all so much and thank you St. Francis in the Valley.

Sandy Eckstein and Julie Reppenhagen, Co-chairs of the 2019 Tour of Homes

Outreach

In May Outreach will be collecting peanut butter, and in June baby items (food, formula and diapers, sizes 5, 4, & 6). As always your donations are greatly appreciated. Thanks you from your Outreach Committee.

Coming in May

Three daytime sessions on Isaiah: the prophet who sparked a spiritual reformation and inspired Jesus! Wednesdays, May 15, 22, and 29, 10:30 until Noon in the Conference Room, led by Fr. Colville.

Can you help?

Our church has made a commitment to go to the Comedore in Nogales, Mexico to feed the immigrants every third Friday, including the summer months. We are in need of volunteers from our Parish and community friends you may know who would be interested. Please see sign-up board in Parish Hall. Contact Sandy Eckstein at seckste2@gmail.com for details and background check as required by the Catholic Archdiocese for volunteers.

Social Activities

Please put Friday, June 28 on your calendar to join us for our Potluck-Movie night at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. A sign-up sheet will be on the easel in the Parish Hall to select your category of choice starting June 9th. The title of the movie will be chosen soon and be posted by the sign-up sheet.

Vestry News

At the April meeting, the members of the Vestry approved the appointment of Sandy Russell to fill a vacancy on the Vestry for the remainder of the current 2019 term, after which he becomes eligible for re-election to a full two-year term. Welcome Sandy to the St. Francis Vestry.

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kim Moss
- 3 Judy Craig
Babbie Lynton
Bonnie Selcho
- 4 Reg Kahrmanis
Carol Berg
- 5 Glenda Brown
Joseph Chidester
Bruce Folkers
- 6 Cindy Duggin
- 7 George Grove
- 9 Pam Hyde
- 12 Kim DeMarco
- 13 Robert Ashley
Elsie Lewis
Harry Lyons
- 14 Kelly Smith
Mary Turner
Ed Wanek
- 15 Patricia Gustin
- 16 Judy Richards
Carolyn Gates
Dorothy North
- 17 Neil Helgath
- 18 Joan Henley
- 20 Cailee Hamm
- 21 Louise Hursh
- 22 Robert Thornby
Patricia Mabie
- 23 Shoo Adams
Mary Ellen Benarth
Gail Haight
- 24 Grace Marben
Dick Sampson
- 25 Lois Plante
- 26 Allana Swain
Julianne Reppenhagen
- 27 Carol Lyons
- 28 Terri Chavez
Bill Wells
Dorothy Zimmerman
- 29 Sean Hamm
Cayo De Mendoza
- 30 Mary Beth Minkley
Nancy Secaur
- 31 John Browne

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Russ & Kim Kessing
- 5 Beth-el Klein & Phillip Batwin
- 8 Ann Paulson & Ramon Silva

- 13 Neal & Louise Hursh
- 14 Robert & Joan Henley
- 17 Jim & Pam Barnes
- 19 Julie & Ken Breitenbucher
- 23 Dick & Margaret Sampson
- 24 Bill & Linda Schnelle
Mark & Sandy Eckstein
- 28 Charles & Marjorie Gardner

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Pantoja
Lila Stoffel
Sherri Cadeaux
- 2 Edna Manahan
- 3 Jack Gardner
Carolyn Moorehead
- 4 Christopher Green
William Symons
- 7 Joyce Bair
- 8 Marie Miller
- 9 Cyndy Gierada
Barbara Adams
Joe Turberg
- 10 Kathryn Helgeson
Susan Heacock
- 12 Don Hayden
- 13 Aleksei Hamm
Ted Bair
Nancy Symons
- 15 Craig Reid
- 16 Barbara Miller
- 17 Melissa Bentley
Victor Stevens-Rosenberg
- 19 Ben Travis
- 20 Lou Terry
Bernie Ravenelle
Erik Ringkjob
Phyllis Messier
- 23 Jerry Bloom
Jan Gaylord
- 24 Roger Hinterthuer
Sarah Goodman
- 25 Vern Hughes
- 26 Mike Gaydos
Mona Kiefer
- 27 Wendy Hill
Anne Charter
Roger Miller
Donna Sheridan
Robert Tenney
- 28 Russ Kessing

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(28) John Challman
Christine Palmer
Bob Ogus
Al Quick

29 Shirley Ryan
Susan Davis
Carol Vleck

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 George Grove & Lou Terry
- 2 Ted & Diane Holt
- 3 Cindy & Richard Duggin
- 4 Mike & Nancy Kerns
Joe & Rae Turberg
- 5 James & Sophie Luffman
EJ & Marsha Sherry
- 8 Jim & Judy Bush
Alex & Lila Stoffel
- 13 Tom & Cyndy Gierada
- 15 Vincent & Joyce Remillard
- 16 Don & Tedesa Hayden
- 18 Fred & Kathleen Keller
Orji & Jenny Isiogu
- 20 Charles & Laura Rowley
- 22 Linda Berg & Kenneth Witte
- 23 Eloy & Justine Saavedra
- 24 Greg & Kim Moss
- 26 Robert & Susan Tenney
John & Karen Packer
- 30 Lucy & Kenneth Nielsen

June handbell workshop series

New to handbells? A seasoned ringer? Rusty but have some experience? Join Sylvia Smythe, assisted by St. Matthew's own Sharlyn Matthews and Sophia Witte for a fun series of four Handbell Workshops offered on the Monday mornings in June, 11 AM-NOON, in the Choir Loft. We will cover a wide range of topics and levels of the art of handbell ringing. Whatever your level, join us for the sheer joy of ringing bells, at one, several or all of the workshops. Contact Sylvia Smythe, ssmythemusic@gmail.com, or 626-824-4409 for more information.

2019 Parish Statistics

Baptisms

Darrin Dale Hoiland, Jr.

Deaths

Rod Thompson

Maggie Covert

Nilo Larriva

Bruce Zimmerman

Olive Clapp

John Zimmerman

Olive Clapp

John Zimmerman

Leon Adams

Barbara Gonzales

Transfers In

Ford & Cathy Demming

Carolyn Gates & Will Wiemer

Ken & Angelique Warren

Transfers Out

Robert & Anna Johnson

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.

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.

Summer Bible Study

Beginning on the first Tuesday in May (May 7), a Summer Bible Study will be offered for anyone interested in the material to be covered. The class will run until the last Tuesday in August (August 28). The meetings will be held beginning at 10 AM and ending at 11:30 AM in the St. Francis Room. Because seating is limited and, because of the nature of the class, enrollment will be very limited. If you're interested in this class, don't delay signing up. Call Anne Charter, 625-9591. Be sure to leave a message if you're not able to speak to her directly. The "nature of the class" means it is a book discussion, not a lecture presentation.

Three books will be used during the sessions. They are from a series of books including thirteen separate volumes each written by a member of the Anglican Society of Biblical Scholars. As such the books reflect the Anglican point of view. Their special value is that they emphasize context and interpretations that are not literal. Most of the writers are Episcopal priests or bishops.

The three books are *THE LAW* by Kevin A. Wilson, *SECOND ISAIAH* by Stephen A. Cook, and *DANIEL* by Edmond A. Desueza and Judith Jones. All the books are available from the usual sources.

Do we have...

your@e-mail.address?

Parish Offices will be closed . . .

Memorial Day

Monday, 27 May

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“Then on January 29, 2011, I was ordained to the diaconate at Trinity Cathedral. I have never looked back and I thank God for the clarity of this ministry in the last decade while serving at St. Augustine’s in Tempe.

“Happily for me, as someone who embraces change, the last 10 years of my life never have been the same year-to-year, and the understanding of my ministry has constantly evolved. Moving to Green Valley seemed a perfect fit for Sue and me. God was nudging us from the first visit and continued until we bought a home and moved here. It really was a ‘God thing.’

“Working with older folks has been my ministry almost from childhood. Some of my best friends are in their second half of life and I am drawn to them like a magnet. I love listening to their stories about their lives with the realization that they have the same worries and concerns that affect us all.

“I believe I have felt freer to respond to gentle nudges by the Holy Spirit. My paid vocation (was then Hospice Chaplain) has informed and become a unified part of my diaconal ministry. Now that I am retired from the vocational world of work, I am thankful (almost) every day that I am allowed to serve as a deacon in God’s mission in the world and I am extremely thankful to be serving at St. Francis in the Valley.”



Letters

Dear St. Francis Folks –

Thank you for the help organizing and getting ready for Bruce’s funeral. We were glad to give thanks for his life and witness in the Parish he had such deep roots in.

Sincerely,

The Zimmerman Family

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.

Prayer Chain

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

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.

Home Communion

If you, or someone you know, would like to have the Sacrament brought to you at home, please call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) to arrange for this service. We are very happy to bring the Sacrament 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 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 Rae Turberg in the Parish Financial Office to update your information for our records.

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