



# THE FRANCISCAN STAFF

The Newsletter of the people of  
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*Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.*

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## Words From Warren . . .

Dear friends,

The summer is almost here with its June heat and monsoon rains. Many of our seasonal members are in the process of leaving or have left till the fall or next winter. We will miss them till they return.

While it gets quieter here at St. Francis in the Valley over the summer months, activities don't stop. Saturday, May 6, at 2:30 PM will be our first annual Kentucky Derby Party in the Parish Hall where you can watch the race live and enjoy some snacks and drinks!

The SAT is also planning to have the monthly Dinner and a Movie night in June, July and August on the last Friday of each month at 5 PM. Keep an eye out for more information.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:

Thursday, May 4, at 12 PM – St. Francis in the Valley is one of several area churches hosting the National Day of Prayer worship services. This is a chance to come and pray with some members of our sister churches, for our great country, families, schools, and our military. Please join us for a short service with patriotic music followed by a light lunch.

Saturdays, May 13, and June 10 – Saturday Eucharists continue in May and June at 4 PM in the Parish Hall. The services feature guitar and piano music!

Sunday, May 28, at 9 AM - We will be having a special MEMORIAL DAY service during our regular 9 o'clock Eucharist. I am happy to announce that our wonderful Sherrif's Auxiliary Honor Guard will be here to do the Posting of Colors and a special Flag Folding ceremony that will include an explanation for each of the twelve folds. Trumpeter Mike Finkelstein will be with us to play Taps.

We also welcome The Rev. Laura Adelia, our Diocesan Missioner for Veteran & Military Ministries, as our guest preacher. Rev. Laura will then meet during coffee time with anyone interested in establishing a Veteran Ministry at St. Francis.

The DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION will be laying a wreath at the beginning of the service, and I will be providing everyone who comes to the service with Remembrance poppies sent to our parish for our Memorial Day from the Legion members in my former parish town of Lindsay, Ontario.

Please make it a point to attend this special Sunday service and invite any Veteran and/or families you know. I will be sending letters of invite to the local Police, Fire, and EMT's.

For those who are still around the Parish in the summer, I am hoping to establish some study

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*Words From Warren, continued*

groups that meet at the church or in homes during the summer but will also continue into the fall and winter.

I am looking for experienced study leaders who may be interested in helping me set up several groups for learning, reflection, and general discussion on topics of interest. Please email me if you are interested in being a leader, whether you can start this summer or beginning in the fall.

Please keep our upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS) in your prayers as we plan to welcome children in grades 1-5 during the week of June 19-23. If you are interested in helping during the VBS with the children or behind the scenes, please speak to Sophia Witte or Tisha Stril.

Have a blessed and relaxing summer. Take some time to reconnect with family and friends, and may God watch over you if you are traveling.

Blessings and peace,

*Fr. Warren*

**Franciscan Focus**  
St. Francis and the Fifth Crusade  
Peace and Justice  
Part 2

In Part I of our Franciscan Focus, I described the events and the desperate situation that beset the Christians in the Fifth Crusade in Egypt during Francis' stay there. Francis became disillusioned in his efforts to offer the solace of God's love to the beleaguered Crusaders who had suffered several military defeats and with the immorality prevalent in the Crusader's camp.

In spite of the Sultan's concessions and offers to negotiate a peace, all such attempts had been disregarded by Cardinal Pelagio, whom Pope Honorius III had put in charge of the crusade. Pelagio thought he could win in battle the peace conditions that the Sultan offered. He also wanted a decisive victory because he was trying to support the Italian merchants who wanted to continue their profitable trade in Egypt. Pelagio knew that if he succeeded it meant that it could cut off Egypt from Palestine (then occupied by the Muslims) and the Arab supply lines to the Egyptian wheat fields. This would put pressure on the Arabs to sur-

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render Jerusalem itself.

But the situation continued to be increasingly desperate for the Christian soldiers. Their frustration was expressed in drinking, stealing and mingling with prostitutes. Even worse were the unspeakable atrocities the Christians committed. At one point, they had caught some Muslim spies coming to their camp and they tortured them by cutting off their ears, noses, lips, and gouging out their eyes. Following this, the Muslims quickly sought revenge and kidnapped women and children from the Christian camp and impaled them. And yet, even after all these atrocities, the Sultan offered more generous peace conditions and a large amount of money, only to be refused again by Pelagio.

Francis, who in his youth had been a knighted soldier, imprisoned, and accustomed to the horrors of war, could not just stay in the Crusader's camp and ignore the deplorable events and conditions that he witnessed. He confronted Pelagio and declared that if the Muslim peace negotiations were not going to be accepted, he wanted to go speak to the Sultan in person. Angrily at first, Pelagio told Francis to depart from his presence. Francis, however, was not to be denied from doing what he considered the work of God. Finally, Pelagio relented but disavowed all responsibility for the welfare of Francis and his fellow Franciscans.

Francis was not naive as to what would occur to him by entering the Sultan's camp. He believed he would suffer martyrdom at the hands of the Muslims. But he sincerely welcomed even this fate since its reward was eternal life in heaven. As it turned out, however, the Muslims spared his life because they thought Francis was a peace negotiator or holy man, since he dressed like their own mystics.

The Sultan who Francis met was hardly the beligerent tyrant the Christians imagined. Instead, he was a refined educated man, fond of religious poetry, an intellectual who had studied medicine and surrounded himself with learned men. Even more, the Sultan was tired of a war that solved nothing.

*In the following Newsletter, we will examine the extent to which Francis was successful in negotiating an end to the conflict.*

*Dr. Vincent Remillard*

## From the Social Activities Team

*Inside every adult is a feisty little kid who wants to jump and play and blow bubbles. - Author Unknown*

It's the goal of your Social Activities Team (SAT) to help that feisty little kid realize that being an adult can be a riot of fun; and with that in mind, we've spent quite a few hours discussing and planning events to get us through the long, hot summer.

But first, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Lenten soup, salad, and speaker series and the Seder Passover meal. With the help of some of the best volunteers ever, this annual series gets better every year.

So, what's next? On Saturday, May 6, we're hosting a KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY where you will enjoy all the excitement of the 149th *Run for the Roses* LIVE on the big screen in the Parish Hall. There will be a wagering window, a hat contest, a Mint Julep bar, and lots of great food—all the elements that make the Derby THE DERBY.

On June 30 we're bringing back the monthly Movie Potluck night and at some point, we're planning a Murder Mystery dinner (we're still working on a date). And that brings us to October and the Homecoming Barbeque—a fifty-year tradition celebrating the return of our winter residents and St. Francis' day. In the meantime, we're always open to suggestions for new and/or different activities to add to the calendar. If you have an idea, just give one of the SAT a call or attend an SAT meeting held the fourth Monday of each month at 2 PM in the Conference Room.

Remember—time flies whether you're having fun or not. The choice is yours.

### Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at [jnjrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnjrats@gmail.com).

### Parish Offices will be closed...

Memorial Day  
Juneteenth

Monday, 29 May  
Monday, 19 June

*Do we have...*

**your@e-mail.address?**

## Senior Warden's Thoughts

May is here and June is coming. We begin to feel that Summer is on its way. For the Green Valley area, we have the outdoors at our feet, if it's not too hot. For those who have returned to cooler climes, you can enjoy all times of weather.

Now, with life slowing down a bit, it's time to seek some inner quiet. Time to look at all that that is around us, all that the Lord has made—trees, mountains, lakes, plants, animals, people—and be thankful. It's time to slowly reenergize—to rest, to heal, to slowly increase our energy level so we can go forth in Christ's name to be Kind, Loving, Helpful, and Forgiving to others. Enjoy being a Servant of the Lord. This is what he wishes for us to be.

Happy Summer.

Blessings.

*Jullie Reppenhagen*, Senior Warden

## Junior Warden's Notes

Please welcome Jim Ratley, new Junior Warden for St. Francis in the Valley. He replaces Kristi Menix who served 2.5 years. He assumes responsibility the week of April 24 after transition meetings.

Activities and Projects:

1. Matt, Lead Sexton, is replacing a small number of soiled ceiling tiles throughout the meeting rooms and offices.

2. The grounds team will soon tackle an excavation project: April 25 and 26. We are renting a Bobcat (budgeted) to do erosion prevention, dirt, and gravel work east of the office complex. Thank you, Mark Stril, Reg Kahrimanis, and Craig Reid and other grounds team members.

3. April 24-29: Carpet and baseboard replacement project in Parish Hall, front office, Madeline Williams Room, and all adjacent halls. Carpet color: Hot Ashes! This project is trust and benefactor funded.

4. May 2 and 3, replacement of deteriorated pavement in the staff parking area and West, lower level of handicapped parking. New signage and striping will be also occur. This project is funded by trust and insurance monies.

5. One parking space at the north entrance into the Chapel will be striped as a no-parking space and sign added to designate a safer way to drop off and pickup space especially helpful to individuals with

mobility issues and devices. Thank you, Bernie Ravenelle for this safety suggestion.

6. The Green Team led by Susan Burch and Jon Nichols helped St. Francis celebrate Earth Day on April 22 and 23 by distributing packets of bird seed, planting turpentine and a fairy duster shrubs on the grounds, giving tours to parishioners of various areas on Church grounds where passive water harvesting has been manually created—thank you, Reg, and lastly, showing a music-enhanced slide presentation during coffee hour featuring beautiful photos of God's Creation at St. Francis and the grounds team, who keeps our campus beautiful and functional, and photos of God's Creation outside of St. Francis like nearby Madera Canyon. Great job, Susan and Jon and team!

7. You will notice new, blue recycling containers in multiple places around our campus. Please note that paper must be at least 2 x 2 inches for recycling and post it notes are recyclable as the adhesive breaks down in the recycling process. Soda cans and other cans are being collected. We have learned that we can take our cardboard to the Sahuarita Food Bank to be bundled and sold by the Food Bank. Thank you, Carol and David Vleck, for being the St. Francis link to the Food Bank.

8. An architect has assessed the columbarium wall of the Memorial Garden to recommend how to stop the brick deterioration and to restore some affected brick. We are waiting on his report, so we can select a contractor to do the work.

9. The East entrance to the Courtyard has been enhanced with a 3-tiered fountain planted with cacti and succulents. A statue of St. Francis oversees this new addition! Thank you, Susan Davis. Also, you will notice a rejuvenation of pots and plants across from the planted fountain. One pot has received colorful rejuvenation from Paula Altamirano, talented St. Francis artist. Thank you, Paula.

Honored to serve our lovely St. Francis in the Valley,

*Kristi Menix*, Junior Warden

## Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon Eucharistic celebrations are scheduled for May 13 and June 10 at 4 PM in the Parish Hall.

## Hearts & Hands

### IMAGO DEI MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

You are invited to participate in our partnership ministry with the Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson. Imago Dei is a tuition-free, community supported school that serves boys and girls in Grades 5-8 from low-income families. The school is focused on educating the whole child and breaking cycles of poverty.

St. Francis has been in partnership with Imago Dei since 2011. This year, as in years past, we will once again purchase \$100 Visa Gift Cards for each of the twenty graduating scholars in recognition of their academic achievement. Our goal is to raise \$2000. This will be the HEART AND HANDS MINISTRY project for May. If you would like to contribute to making graduation a little more special for these twenty Imago Dei scholars, please make a donation of any amount by check, payable to St. Francis, with the notation "Imago Dei Graduation Gift" on the memo line. You may put your check in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or deliver it to the Parish Office. A table will be set up during coffee hour to receive donations the first Sunday in May.

Many things happen with your gift. First, you will receive credit for your tax purposes. Second, St. Francis will not have to pay the Diocesan assessment on this contribution. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Graduation will be held May 19 at 5:30 PM at the Tucson Museum of Art. You are cordially invited to be there as honorary grandparents. Contact Barbara Bundy (571-332-8713, [bjbundy@verizon.net](mailto:bjbundy@verizon.net)) if you have any questions about the St. Francis partnership ministry with Imago Dei.

## Spring Shopping in the Boutique

Spring has sprung and the Boutique has many new items to offer, including new, different-sized St. Francis statues, painted and unpainted. There are colorful new handbags, table runners and crosses, AND the prices on our beautiful Hummel figurines have been reduced. Open after the 9 o'clock service, come take a look. The Boutique will close the end of May and reopen in the fall after Labor Day.

*Jylene Wright*

## Holy Eucharist at the Grand Canyon

The Rev. Pam Hyde, Canon for Creation Care and former Assistant Rector here at St. Francis, will be celebrating Holy Eucharist at the very edge of the South Rim of the Grand Canyon—within Grand Canyon National Park—at 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 20. Registration and attendance will be available on a first-come basis. Accessing the site and attending the worship service may be difficult as walking along a paved trail to the outdoor site will be required. For more information and to register, please go to <https://forms.gle/rKq7h89WPXUEoWR56>. Registration is limited to 45 people and spots are filling up fast!

## Forward Day by Day

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

## A Gift of Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers to be placed on the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for many blessings, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 and let her know of your interest. If she is not at home, just leave a message with your name and phone number and she will return your call. Flower donation is \$35.

## Music Groups at St. Francis

Our Parish Choir and Handbell Ensemble have been disbanded for the summer, but we look forward to seeing all our dedicated members again come fall—look for rehearsals to begin again in late September. The Saturday music group continues through the summer months; contact them directly for more information. New members are always welcome in all our ensembles. Our music programs contribute directly to the liturgical life of the Parish—please consider becoming a member.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Stewart McKendry
- 2 Kim Moss
- 3 Judy Craig
- 3 Janet Ohri
- 3 Bonnie Selcho
- 4 Marcia Allison
- 4 Carol Berg
- 4 Reg Kahrimanis
- 5 Joseph Chidester
- 5 Bruce Folkers
- 7 George Grove
- 10 Olivia Mastandrea
- 11 Caylee Malone
- 12 Kim DeMarco
- 12 Carmen Figueroa
- 13 Joyce Kaminski
- 13 Harry Lyons
- 14 Kelly Smith
- 16 Carolyn Gates
- 16 Dorothy North
- 16 Judy Richards
- 17 Henry Ramirez
- 18 Joan Henley
- 19 Joyce Davison
- 19 Jennifer Skelton
- 20 Cailee Hamm
- 21 Louise Hursh
- 21 Don Misner
- 22 Patricia Mabie
- 22 Robert Thornby
- 23 Shoo Adams
- 23 Mary Ellen Benarth
- 23 Gail Haight
- 24 Carolyn Carter
- 26 Julianne Reppenhagen
- 26 Allana Swain
- 27 Janet Graff
- 27 Carol Lyons
- 28 Terri Chavez
- 28 Bill Wells
- 29 Cayo De Mendoza
- 29 Sean Hamm
- 29 Edward McDonald
- 30 Nancy Secaur

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jesse & Carmen Figueroa
- 5 Gary & Pam Chambers

- 8 Ann Paulson & Ramon Silva
- 13 Neal & Louise Hursh
- 17 James & Pamela Barnes
- 17 Ellie Paredes-Garcia & Andrea Paredes
- 19 Julie & Ken Breitenbucher
- 24 Mark & Sandy Eckstein

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sherri Cadeaux
- 1 Linda Pantoja
- 3 Jack Gardner
- 3 Carolyn Moorehead
- 4 Christopher Green
- 4 William Symons
- 5 George Schappach
- 7 Joyce Bair
- 8 Marie Miller
- 9 Barbara Adams
- 9 Joe Turberg
- 13 Ted Bair
- 13 Aleksei Hamm
- 13 Nancy Symons
- 15 Craig Reid
- 16 Barbara Miller
- 17 Christina Moehring
- 19 Sharon Faletti
- 19 Victor Stevens-Rosenberg
- 19 Ben Travis
- 20 Phyllis Messier
- 20 Bernie Ravenelle
- 20 Erik Ringkjob
- 20 Lou Terry
- 23 Jan Gaylord
- 24 Roger Hinterthuer
- 25 Tom Cadwalader
- 26 Mike Gaydos
- 26 Mona Kiefer
- 27 Anne Charter
- 27 Wendy Hill
- 27 Roger Miller
- 27 Donna Sheridan
- 27 Robert Tenney
- 28 Bob Ogus
- 28 Al Quick
- 29 Susan Davis
- 29 Shirley Ryan
- 29 Carol Vleck

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 George Grove & Lou Terry
- 2 Ted & Diane Holt
- 4 Joe & Rae Turberg
- 5 James & Sophie Luffman
- 5 Sam & Christina Moehring
- 6 Ken & Sib Barratt
- 8 Jim & Judy Bush
- 15 Vincent & Joyce Remillard
- 18 Fred & Kathleen Keller
- 23 Eloy & Justine Saavedra
- 24 Greg & Kim Moss
- 26 John & Karen Packer
- 26 Robert & Susan Tenney
- 30 Lucy & Kenneth Nielsen

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## PARISH MEETINGS AND EVENTS — APRIL 2023

### Monday, 1 May

Handbells, 10 AM, Loft

### Tuesday, 2 May

Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

### Wednesday, 3 May

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

### Thursday, 4 May

Nat'l Day of Prayer, 12 PM  
Nat'l Day of Prayer Lunch, PH

### Saturday, 6 May

Kentuck Derby Party, 2:30 PM,  
Parish Hall

### Tuesday, 9 May

Vestry, 4 PM, CfR

### Wednesday, 10 May

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel  
DOK, 9:30 AM, VR  
Memorials Cmte, 10 AM, SFR

### Saturday, 13 May

Holy Eucharist, 4 PM, PH

### Monday, 15 May

Hearts & Hands, 10 AM, CfR

### Tuesday, 16 May

Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

**Wednesday, 17 May**  
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

**Thursday, 18 May**  
Library Committee, 1 PM, L

**Wednesday, 24 May**  
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel  
DOK, 9:30 AM, VR

**Monday, 29 May**  
**Memorial Day**  
**Parish Offices Closed**

**Wednesday, 31 May**  
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

**Tuesday, 6 June**  
Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

**Wednesday, 7 June**  
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

**Saturday, 10 June**  
Holy Eucharist, 4 PM, PH

**Tuesday, 13 June**  
Vestry, 4 PM, CfR

**Wednesday, 14 June**  
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel  
DOK, 9:30 AM, VR  
Memorials Cmte, 10 AM, SFR

**Monday, 19 June**  
Bible School, 8:45 AM, PH

**Tuesday, 20 June**  
Bible School, 8:45 AM, PH  
Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

**Wednesday, 21 June**  
Bible School, 8:45 AM, PH  
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

**Thursday, 22 June**  
Bible School, 8:45 AM, PH

**Friday, 23 June**  
Bible School, 8:45 AM, PH

**Wednesday, 28 June**  
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel  
DOK, 9:30 AM, VR

CALENDAR LEGEND

PH - Parish Hall  
VR - Vulliamy Room  
CfR - Conference Room

Ctyd - Courtyard  
Cpl - Chapel  
SFR - Saint Francis Room  
L - Library  
MR2 - Meeting Room 2

THE  
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CHURCH



**2023 Parish Statistics**

**Baptisms**

Billy Paul Smith  
Angel Vincent Gamon

**Transfers In**

Ralph & Alice Walker  
Susan Burch

**New Members by  
Confirmation or Reception**

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**Deaths**

Rita Beil  
Neil Helgath  
Neil Messick  
Carol Hinterthuer  
Phebe Anderson  
Robert Law  
Carol Putnam



**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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