



Looking Ahead

GRATITUDE DINNER

Friday, 2 November at 5:30 PM
the Parish Hall

SECOND HALF OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY

Saturday, 3 November at 9 AM in
Parish Hall

ALTAR GUILD

Wednesday, 7 November at 10 AM
in the Chapel

REV. PAM'S STUDY GROUP

Wednesdays, beginning 7 November
at 6 PM in the Conference Room

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 November at 9 AM
in the Conference Room

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 13 November at 11 AM
in the Library

VESTRY

Tuesday, 13 November at 6 PM
in the Conference Room

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 15 November at 10 AM
in the Conference Room

TRUST COMMITTEE

Thursday, 15 November at 11 AM
in the Vulliamy Room

THANKSGIVING EUCHARIST

Thursday, 22 November at 9 AM
in the Chapel

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, 22 November at 1 PM
in the Parish Hall

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

From our Rector . . .

As most of you know, we elected a candidate to succeed Bishop Smith upon his retirement. The Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall was chosen VI Bishop of the Diocese of Arizona. She will be the first woman to be elected bishop in the Diocese of Arizona. Jennifer is currently the Rector of Church of the Epiphany in New York, NY, the Diocese of New York. The next step is for her election to be consented to by a majority of the bishops in the Episcopal Church with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees. If she receives the consents she will be ordained and consecrated on March 9, 2019, at the Church of the Nations in Phoenix. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside.

Transition, by its nature, can consist of both anxiety and hope, grief and hopefulness, letting go and carrying on. It can be unsettling and exciting all at the same time. If well-managed, transition can lead to a wonderful time for discernment and move us into a new vision. We embrace the best of what was and incorporate our hopes and dreams for the future. Transition provides an opportunity to re-focus, re-prioritize and re-energize.

You and I will soon be immersed in the transition experience. Actually, we've already begun. Personally I find it both painful and exciting. Looking ahead at spending quality time with my wife and having the opportunity to visit children, family and friends at our leisure is a welcome thought. Leaving behind a wonderful, beloved congregation is difficult to even think about. Perhaps the best advice for all of us is, "Take a deep breath...It's going to be okay...God is with us."

WEEKDAY SERVICES

While Sunday Services are the normative experience of the gathering of the community for worship, other worship opportunities are offered throughout the week. These are smaller in attendance and somewhat simpler in form.

On Mondays at 9 AM we invite you to gather in the Chapel for Morning Prayer from the Daily Office. Morning Prayer is a form of common worship that traces its roots to the Monastic Traditions in the Christian Church. It provides us a peaceful, spiritual way to start an ordinary day.

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From our Assistant Rector...

If you're like me, from time to time you get to the point in the service on Sunday where we say the Lord's Prayer and your mind starts to wander. You think about what you need to do later, or how you didn't sleep well, or how you have to remember to make an appointment with the vet for your dog. Because you know the Lord's Prayer by heart, you can say it without even thinking about it. It's like driving a route you drive every day. You know it so well that you can let your mind meander off to other things.

But I'd like to challenge you the way I once had someone challenge me. "Prayer is intentional," he said to those of us in his seminar at church. I'll never forget the message. "If you aren't thinking about what you are praying when you pray the Lord's Prayer – or any other prayer, for that matter – then why even say it? Why bother? If you think about what you pray," he said, "it begins to work on you. It changes you. In a different way every time. So always pay attention to the words you're praying."

This changed the way I pray our beautiful Episcopal liturgy, and especially those parts such as the Lord's Prayer and the creeds that I know by heart. I've learned to pray them intentionally, thinking about the words that I'm saying and what they mean to me in that moment. I let the words work on me and change me as I offer them up to God. As I've grown and matured in my faith, the prayers have taken on new meanings for me. And depending on what I'm dealing with in my life, I find that certain words or lines in the prayers really jump out at me. On the days that I've snapped at someone, I feel most keenly the words of the General Confession, "we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves." On the days that I feel filled by the Holy Spirit, my whole body resonates as I pray these words of the Post-Communion prayer, "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord." In my moments of weakness, I put my heart into saying, "And lead us not into temptation," as I pray the Lord's Prayer.

So I invite you to be intentional in all your prayers – even the ones you know by heart. Pay attention to your petitions, affirmations and thanksgivings as you offer them up to God. Let the words work on your mind and your heart. It will change you.

Rev. Pam

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Senior Warden's Notes

This is the third and final part of my three-part series on fostering a better understanding of how the Episcopal Church differs from other denominations – on what makes us unique; here are a few frequently asked questions with answers . . . a layperson's perspective.

Why do we stand, sit, and kneel at different times during the service? We believe that worshipping God should involve every aspect of who we are, including the physical. For centuries Christians have stood to praise God in song, sat to listen to God's Word, and knelt to pray and receive Christ in Holy Communion.

Why do you use robes, stained glass windows, and ritual? These practices enhance our worship experience, because they help us to stay focused on Christ. Since God is the creator of beauty, the use of sacred vestments (robes), art (stained glass), and symbolic actions (rituals) can all be used to bring God worship and glory.

Why do we use written prayers? We believe in both spontaneous prayers, as well as liturgical prayers. Written prayers connect us with the generations of Christians who prayed them before us, they allow us to pray using beautiful language, and they challenge us to pray in ways that we would not if we only prayed extemporaneous prayers on our own. In addition, we believe worship should be offered to God by the entire congregation, and liturgical (written) prayers provide a way for dozens of people to pray with one voice.

Why music and singing in church? We believe music is both a gift from God and a gift we can offer to God in worship. Music in worship is not about performance, but is intended to help us raise our hearts and minds to God. A key difference regarding music in church and music in other settings is that in worship the audience is God. We strive as we sing to direct our thoughts and attentions to God, for this reason singing in church does not require a good voice, merely a desire to honor and praise God. Also, the hymns and sung portion of the service often convey timeless truths about Christian beliefs and living.

How long does it take to learn how to worship using liturgy? Worshipping God with dignity
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and awe takes practice and effort. It usually takes people a few Sundays to get comfortable worshipping in a liturgical style. Once you learn it, the liturgy becomes natural and more comfortable to you. The liturgy provides a natural rhythm that we can settle into every Sunday to encounter God in beauty, truth, and goodness.

Realizing we often find ourselves uncomfortable in trying to explain in detail why and how we practice our faith, I hope this and my two previous messages will help you build confidence in doing so when the opportunity arises.

Wayne North, Senior Warden

Stewardship Notes

Twice in a week I've heard (by two different priests) that we are called by Jesus to be servants, that we are blessed by the Lord in order to bring blessings to others. Both of these priests asked the question "what would happen if we (either as individuals or as a parish) simply stopped doing what we are doing as religious people – would anyone notice? Would it make a difference? This is a question worth asking, and worth answering. Certainly in the case of St. Francis the answer is a resounding YES – it would make a tremendous difference, it would leave a huge hole in the fabric of our community if we simply ceased to exist (Fr. Dan gave a great sermon on this very question).

We are called to serve, and we do serve – as the heart and hands of Christ in our community. If we have the gift of prayer, we offer up prayers on a regular basis. If we have the gift of music, or teaching, or cooking, or.....(the list can be so very long!) then we serve – there is music on Sunday, multiple opportunities to study the Bible, wonderful times to break bread with our friends and neighbors at lunches/BBQs/potlucks/etc. St. Francis' is "a happenin' place" and it is because we have answered the call not to be served but to serve.

We (all of us, individually as well as corporately) are able to serve because we are good stewards of the bounty that has been poured on us in terms of time, of talent, of financial resources. Thank you all for serving this parish, this community,
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From the Refugee Committee

Fatemeh Barbari, the Afghan refugee whose resettlement St. Francis has sponsored along with her three sisters and father, had a life-changing vertebral column resection surgery on September 21. It has given her new hope for a rewarding life. Fatemeh has suffered her entire life with congenital scoliosis, which should have been treated in childhood.

As a refugee in Iran however, the necessary treatment was denied to her, until she was given refugee status by the UN High Commission on Refugees and arrived in Arizona a little over a year ago. Her condition had advanced to the stage of being life-threatening, and no orthopedic surgeon in Tucson was willing to tackle the difficult and dangerous surgery that was required. Fortunately we were able to locate a talented, Harvard-educated surgeon in Phoenix, Dr. Michael Chang, who has had experience with such advanced scoliosis in his work with patients in Mexico and China. Following a 12-hour surgery, three rods, and pins in nearly every vertebra throughout her small frame, Fatemeh is finally able to stand tall and proud for the first time since childhood. Fatemeh is now undergoing extensive rehabilitation and physical therapy, but can look forward to a normal life span and a productive life. It is not an over statement to say that Fatemeh has been given a new lease on life, and the Refugee Ministry is grateful that we have been able to contribute to helping Fatemeh, as well as her family, in their successful resettlement in our community.

Border Ministry

St. Francis' ministry on the border continues to grow! We began by collecting clothing for migrants that we donated to the Kino Border Initiative (KBI) for distribution to the people who arrive in Nogales, Sonora, with nothing in hand – either from the south seeking asylum or from the north as they are deported back to Mexico. As our diocesan border and migrant ministry, Cruzando Fronteras, began to really ramp up its activities under the leadership of the Rev. Rodger Babnew, deacon at St. Andrews in Nogales, we also began to collect diapers, formula, and hygiene items for Rodger to distribute to families that were waiting at the border for their “credible fear” interview with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Limited numbers of interviews being conducted daily has caused a backlog of people waiting on the Sonoran side, all of whom need shelter, food, hygiene items, and sometimes medicine and clothing. Generous

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financial donations from members of this parish to Cruzando Fronteras have helped Rodger to purchase chicken, rice, beans, eggs, other kitchen staples, and medical and sanitary supplies for community organizations in Nogales, Sonora, that have been quickly opening shelters for these migrants with Roger's assistance. Cruzando Fronteras is extremely grateful for all the donations that St. Francis has provided, and more is needed. Checks can be made out to St. Francis with “Cruzando Fronteras” in the memo line.

A few months ago, a group from St. Francis was formed to provide breakfast once a month for migrants at the Comedor (Spanish for “dining room”) operated by KBI on the Sonoran side. On the third Thursday morning of every month, the cooking crew descends on the St. Francis kitchen to prepare large quantities of rice, beans and eggs which are reheated the following morning, shuttled down across the border, and fed to hungry and grateful migrants by members of our St. Francis crew.

In mid-November, Rev. Pam, who is on the steering committee for Cruzando Fronteras, will be joining Rodger and others involved in border ministries across the six Episcopal border dioceses for a Border Ministries Summit in El Paso, Texas.

We are called by Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and welcome the stranger. Our border ministry is responding to that call by addressing the tremendous needs forty-three miles to our south. We are blessed to be able to respond to this humanitarian crisis and be the heart and hands of Christ to many who are suffering.

Prayer Chain

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

Christmas Card Party

The 22nd Annual Covenant Christmas Card Party will be held Friday, December 7, at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. Scrumptious food will be served by the Hansens and their staff from the 19th Hole, and harpist Christine Vivona will play beautiful holiday music to make this an even more elegant evening.

The Christmas Card Party is one of many special missions at St. Francis that has to do with looking out for one another. Here is how it works: instead of purchasing and mailing Christmas cards to all your friends at St. Francis, get one card and sign it and bring it to the party. Your card will be used to decorate the Christmas tree in the Parish Hall for everyone to enjoy. Contribute the money you save on postage and cards to the Covenant Fund.

The fund was created 22 years ago by Dorothy Baldwin (Barb Hook's mother) and is exclusively used for St. Francis parishioners needing financial assistance.

Sign up in the Parish Hall or call the Parish Office (625-1370) before November 27 so a correct head count can be given to our caterer.

Welcome Ministry

I don't know whether you have noticed, but we have been blessed with an influx of people joining our congregation this Summer. Most of them have reported feeling warmly welcomed at their early visits, and I am proud of you for going out of your way to make them feel at home. Don't stop, continue to look for new faces, and those of you who tend to be shy, give it a try. I promise you will be rewarded. "I was a stranger and you took me in" – remember?

We are always looking for folks who want to make this their special ministry. Both ushers and greeters could use a few more dedicated people. Is it your time to step up? Call me or let the Parish Office know (625-1370).

Gary LaBarre

Welcome Ministry

Parish Offices will be closed . . .

Veterans' Day	Monday, 12 November
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, 22 November

Thanksgiving Dinner

Don't eat at home alone for Thanksgiving dinner this year (November 22); we will be cooking and serving dinner once again and we invite you to join us. We would appreciate monetary donations to purchase turkeys and other necessary items. Please notify Sandy Eckstein if you wish to donate. You can reach her at 410-808-3881 or, via email, at seckste2@gmail.com

Commemorative Concert

Our friends at TRUE CONCORD VOICES & ORCHESTRA will be singing "A Concert to Honor Veterans and Commemorate the Centenary of Armistice Day" – with music by American composers – at 7 PM on November 3 at Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley. For this concert TRUE CONCORD is offering an 'Invite a Vet' option; if you know a veteran you would like to honor, a free ticket may be available through this option. Gerald Near has tickets priced at \$25 and \$40, and would be happy to answer questions. Or you may call 520-401-2651 for more information.

Outreach

Support for BLANKETS, BABIES AND BORDERS, is our November Outreach project. We will be collecting onesies, baby socks, diapers, diaper rash medication and baby blankets. Watch for the baby and the basket in the Parish Hall. Add your gifts of baby items, blankets, or a yard of fleece to make a blanket. We will make sure your gifts cuddle a newborn in Mexico.

Seekers Discussion Group

Seekers' next project will be the fifth *last* book by retired Bishop John S. Spong. The title is *Unbelievable*, and it is as usual, more than somewhat controversial. Good material for respectful discussion. The Group meets at 12:30 PM until about 1:50 PM in the Conference Room. For more information, call Anne Charter at 625-9591.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Stan Wagaman
- 2 Cindy Radford
- 3 Tedesa Hayden
- 4 Margaret Duntley
Pat Richey
- 7 LynAnn Taylor
- 10 Edwin Sherry
- 11 Jerry McAllister
Marsha Wilber
- 12 Sophia Witte
- 13 Sue Girardeau
- 15 Martha Jones
Jane Barkley
- 16 Larry Wilbur
Connie Wilt
Debra Vallengunga
- 19 Vaneta Foster
- 21 Joyce McQuiggin
Alan Swain
Bobbi Tucker
Christine Jackson
Donna Wangard
- 22 Trish Rodemeyer
William Ryan
Margaret Bowman
Mary Beth Bates
- 23 Roger Williams
- 25 Nancy Ross
Ann Brodt
- 27 Diane Ward
Stephen Schwarzmenn
Diane Holt
- 30 Pat Fisher

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Roger & Margaret Ward
- 6 Linda & Leon Lies
- 9 Stephen & Diane
Schwarzmenn
- 12 Ann Brodt & George Burrridge
- 14 Joe Gabriel & Sherri Cadeaux
- 18 Anna & Bob Johnson
- 19 Donna & Barry Sheridan
- 21 Robert & Pat Ashley
- 24 Fr. Dan & Phyllis Messier
- 25 Susanne & Victor Reed
- 30 John & Martha Smith

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.

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

Clergy Discretionary Funds

Donations to the Rector and Assistant Rector Discretionary Funds are always welcome and help us to offer assistance to people in our community who are struggling. Because of your generosity, we've been able to help people with such things as food, gas, utilities, rent, school clothing, school supplies, unexpected medical bills and burial expenses. As we see it, it's not the clergy being able to help people in need, it's all of us, together, touching the lives of people who feel like they've hit a dead end due to adverse circumstances in life. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Fr. Dan and Rev. Pam

From the Rector

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On Wednesdays at 9 a.m. we invite you to participate in a simpler service of Holy Eucharist. We also provide an opportunity for the Sacrament of anointing, laying on of hands and prayer for healing which you may request for yourself or someone else.

Both services provide an opportunity to step back from the often daily rush of a busy week and share in prayer with others. Please feel welcome to join us.

With much affection,

Fr. Dan

Stewardship Notes,
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and for fulfilling what we have been called to be—servants of the Lord.

On behalf of the Stewardship Ministry group, thank you!

BrandE Faupell,
Stewardship Chair





Letters

With all my thanks to all those that made donation to the discretionary funds. A special thanks to Rev. Pam Hyde for never making me feel ashamed for needing help.

Carrie McFarland

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.

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); BrandE Faupell (435-512-0286 or bfaupell@gmail.com) or Judy Craig (520-237-0466 or judysmyname@zoho.com).

Do we have...

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2018 Parish Statistics

Deaths

Susan Masters
Emmet Ridley
Michael Andersen
Jane Nye
Dody Kinsey
Esther Nisbet
Walter Kuzmak
The Rev. Tom Pringle
Vic Wylly

Mary Alice Robinson
Douglas Wolfe
Marlene Heene
Ed Roach

Thomas Heaney
Kathleen Heaney
Mary Liddell

Joyce McGlaston

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

Charlotte Neyland

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 Carol Lyons (520-648-8196) 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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Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

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