



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

MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, November 3 after services
in the Parish Hall

VESTRY OFFICERS

Tuesday, November 5 at 10:30 AM
in the Rector's Office

HOME TOUR COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 7 at 9 AM
in the Library

STEWARDSHIP GRATITUDE DINNER

Friday, November 8 at 5:30 PM
in the Parish Hall

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 12 at 11 AM
in the Conference Room

VESTRY

Tuesday, November 12 at 6 PM
in the Conference Room

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays, November 12 & 26 at 8 AM
in the Conference Room

DOK QUIET DAY

Friday, November 15 at 8:30 AM
in the Chapel and Parish Hall

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Monday, November 18 at 10 AM
in the Library

BORDER MINISTRY

Wednesday, November 20 at 1:30 PM
in the Parish Hall

WOMEN'S GROUP

Thursday, November 21 at 10 AM
in the St. Francis Room

From our Interim Rector . . .

ARIZONA PEACEMAKING

In October, our Episcopal Diocesan Convention unanimously passed a resolution that every congregation will acknowledge and honor the native tribes which are the historic custodians of Arizona's land.

People of Native American ancestry worship today in congregations throughout Arizona. One of our best-known Native American Episcopalians is the Reverend Debbie Royals, vicar of the church in Benson. Canon Royals is passionate about the need for our diocese to reconcile with the 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona on whose lands Episcopal congregations worship today. Here in Green Valley, we of St. Francis live and worship on the ancestral lands of the Pascua Yaqui and Pima tribes. Congregations are asked to respect and honor these tribes in our worship, in our church meetings, and in our publications. We can do this with a sentence such as, "*We acknowledge the traditional peoples of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Pima tribes for their care of this land.*"

This acknowledgment of Native Peoples is now the express intention of our diocese; beginning November 10 we of St. Francis will join Episcopal congregations all over Arizona in paying our respects in the Prayers of the People on Sundays, and at the beginning of our Vestry meetings.

As Arizona Episcopalians, we are taking these symbolic steps to replace four centuries of Anglo discovery and domination with a future of respect, appreciation for native cultures, and cooperation and sharing of the land. Nothing in these steps compromises Christian faith. To the contrary, we believe we bring peace to Arizona, and we deepen faith, by expressing respect and care for the earlier custodians of this land.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Colville

Our New Rector

The Wardens and Vestry are pleased to announce that The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch has accepted the call to become Rector of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church. Fr. Warren—born in Montreal and ordained to the priesthood in 1992—has served as Rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, for the last eleven years and, before that, St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Barrie, Ontario, for fifteen years. Fr. Warren and his wife Annette, a speech therapist, have three sons: Jamieson, a software engineer, Daniel, a landscaper and musician (plays the bassoon), and Cameron, a senior in high school. And, lest we forget, the family includes a Jack Russell named Piper.

In July, 2019, Fr. Warren completed a doctorate in Educational Leadership specializing in Faith Formation and Congregational Development at Virginia Theological Seminary. His many interests include cooking, reading, astronomy, almost anything having to do with nature, and daily walks with his wife.

We are unsure at this point just when Fr. Warren will be with us—perhaps before January 1, 2020—but we are eager to welcome him and Annette to Green Valley, and we look forward to their ministry here at St. Francis.

Our sincere thanks to the members of the Rector Search Committee, who put in countless hours, meeting weekly for nearly eight months, during which the Parish Profile was developed, along with the Ministry Portfolio, the nationally distributed resource to which prospective candidates responded. Many hours were spent between the weekly meetings working on special assignments, conducting reference checks, participating in Skype interviews of candidates, and spending numerous hours with the three candidates who were ultimately brought to Green Valley. Please express your gratitude to each for their service to our Parish. Search Committee members are: Marybeth Bates, Kim DeMarco, David Dunn, Janice Hall, Orji Isiogu, Bernie Ravenelle, Roger Williams, Connie Wilt, and Committee Chair, BrandE Faupell. And a very special thanks to Neal Hursh, who provided countless hours of his time and talents supporting the Committee's work.

Join Seekers for a movie

Seekers next project will be to undertake the difficult job of watching a movie – *The Whales of August*. This film is an oldie (1980s) but goodie starring Bette Davis, Lillian Gish, Vincent Price, and Ann Southern. The discussion probably will center around some of the necessary adjustments and losses we face as age rushes upon us. Two sisters, both old and one blind, try

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Senior Warden's Notes

I welcome you to read this, the fourth of five installments of my series on everyday events which can shape one's views on stewardship, and more importantly how we interact with those around us. Do we look for opportunities that will have a positive influence on the lives of friends and strangers? As I stated in last month's column, when we take the lessons learned from these five stories and pair them with the every-day practice of our most common forms of stewardship, we achieve a better understanding of how we can influence the lives of those around us in a more positive light.

LIFE'S FOURTH IMPORTANT LESSON - THE OBSTACLE IN OUR PATH . . .

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about moving the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition, and the condition of others at the same time.

Wayne North, Senior Warden

New Altar Guild Meeting Schedule

Starting in December, 2019, Altar Guild meetings will be scheduled around liturgical season changes in lieu of monthly meetings. Meetings will be scheduled a week or two in advance of the beginning of Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Advent. The dates will be published in service leaflets and the Parish Newsletter.

Meetings will be focused on the special Altar Guild responsibilities for each season, i.e. seasonal colors, banners, flowers, etc. Meetings may be limited to the Captains or a delegate, or any members who want to attend. Please contact Norma Pool (625-5644) with questions or comments.

Music Everywhere

On the way to lunch recently at a local casino—and while walking through their very large courtyard—I was aware of music in the air. I wasn't sure, at first, of the source of what I was hearing (it was the usual popsy fare one associates with such background noises) but eventually realized it was coming from speakers encased in what were intended to look like rocks but which actually looked like something that might have been deposited by a cow. The yuck factor was actually blown away by the silliness of it all.

Why was any of this necessary, I wondered, when the sound of birds—free for the taking—would have been by far easier on the ear? We were outside, after all, and there were trees with birds in them.

Once inside the restaurant I was greeted by the disembodied voice of Frank Sinatra crooning one of his signature tunes; pretty good stuff, actually, coming as it did from what we know as the Great American Songbook. Sinatra was supplanted eventually by more up-to-date stuff which, to my superannuated ears, all sounds alike.

Lunch over, and on the way to the car, more music from the pasture and, finally, silence (except for the roaring of eighteen-wheelers on the freeway). My ears were tired and I was glad to get in the car and away from it all.

There must have been a time, I thought, when people could eat a meal without the accompaniment of canned music (it would have been a time before the 'cans,' obviously) but, in fact, music has been played in dining rooms for centuries. The diners were usually, but not always, persons of rank and consequence. The music was, I'm pretty sure, far superior to what passes for supper club fare in our day. But back then the distinction between the kind of music that occupied the background (music that had only to be *heard*) and the kind of music which assumed the persons to whom it was directed paid quiet attention to it (music that had to be *listened* to) was not so finely drawn. The former might have been written by Mozart or Haydn. And the kind of music Mozart wrote for the stage sounded quite like the music he wrote for the church.

Nowadays people—some people anyway—complain that Mozart's masses sound like opera music, although nobody seems to think his operas sound like church music. At least I haven't had to listen to Mozart or Haydn in the casino dining room and, as far as I know, Sinatra never tried to make his way through *Don Giovanni*. *Gerald Near*

Save the Date!

You will want to mark Friday, November 8, 5:30 PM, on your calendar so you won't miss the annual St. Francis GRATITUDE DINNER. And watch for your annual Estimate of Giving packet, soon to be coming your way.

Quiet Day on Teresa of Avila

Quiet Day On Teresa Of Avila – On Friday, November 15, the Saint Clare Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King® will sponsor a Quiet Day of reflection on the life and teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila. Three of the most significant aspects of Teresa's legacy will be presented by The Rev. Judy Turberg, DOK Chaplain. Time for quiet reflection will follow each presentation, and we conclude the day with a celebration of the Eucharist. We'll meet in the Chapel from 9 am to 3 pm. The program is free; bring your own bag lunch. ALL are welcome—men, women, friends and neighbors are invited to join us for this day of quiet reflection on one of the great saints and teachers of the Church. For more information or questions email judy.turberg@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group

We are again sponsoring a series of Grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin on Monday, November 11, and run for five consecutive Mondays from 1:30-3:30 PM. The group is open to the community, non-denominational, no charge and facilitated by Jeannie North, BSN, MC. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, call to register or to obtain additional information: 520-625-1370.

Boutique News

Our doors are now open on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Please spread the word. And of course we will continue to be open every Sunday after both services. Remember: all proceeds go directly to support the Green Valley Community through our Clergy Discretionary Funds. You are helping the needy when you shop in the Boutique.

Parish Offices will be closed . . .

Veteran's Day

Monday, 11 November

Ministry Fair

After services on Sunday, November 3, we will once again be putting on our annual Ministry Fair. The Fair provides an opportunity for all parishioners to learn about the many activities available at St. Francis. Ours is an active parish with lots of rewarding ministries looking for participants. And there's a cookie contest too. See you at the Fair!

Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

You are invited, Thursday, November 28 at 1 PM to join us for Thanksgiving Dinner. Please sign up in the Parish Hall after services to let us know you will be attending, to bring a side dish or to volunteer to serve our guests. Donations are being accepted also for purchasing Turkey, Ham, Salmon, mashed potatoes, carrots, sauerkraut and gravy. Please indicate the number of guests so we know we will have enough food. This annual event is for the community too, so bring a guest. No one should be alone Thanksgiving Day.

St. Francis Parish Choir

Parish Choir Rehearsals – Our Fall Choir season has begun and we are looking for singers in all sections of the ensemble; if you would like to join this congenial group, get in touch with Music Director Gerald Near through the Parish Office (625-1370) or via email at gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org. Rehearsals are held Thursdays at 2 PM in the Choir Loft.

Christmas Stars



Santa's elves invite you to take part in our annual Christmas Stars ministry for the Salvation Army. Pick up a Star after Sunday services on November 17, 24 and December 1. Gifts must be turned in to the Parish Office by December 11. Each Star will have a recipient's name and desired gift. Help us pass along some Christmas joy!

La Joya Communion Service

A reminder to all residents of La Posada that we offer a weekly Service in the Celebration Room at La Joya. Gary LaBarre leads a weekly service of communion from the reserved sacrament. One of the clergy leads a service of Holy Eucharist once a month, usually the second Wednesday. You are welcome to attend even if you're not a La Posada resident.

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to live together in spite of one of the sisters being very crotchety and uncooperative. Guess which actress plays that role? Doesn't sound like a winner, but it is.

Join us at 12:30 to 1:50 PM every Thursday in the Conference Room. For more information call Anne Charter at 625-9591 or 975-3229.

Hearts & Hands Care Teams

Our Care Teams are available to parishioners in need of short term assistance during a crisis such as illness or temporary disability. Care Team members can provide home visits, assistance with meals (on a limited basis), or run errands as well as provide information about assistance available through Community organizations. If you need to arrange for Care Team assistance, please contact Julie Reppenhagen at 520-207-5458 or jrepp@snet.net. Our goal to provide Helping Hands to others.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

We are always in need of new LEMs. Come and participate as a Lay Eucharistic Minister in this time-honored tradition, or if you or a loved one would like to request a visit, please contact Deacon Becky Williamson at 480-204-0022 or, via email, at 1beckyw@cox.net. If you would like to train to become a part of this important ministry Becky would be happy to train you and add you to our active visitor list

Do we have...

your@e-mail.address?

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
- 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
- 26 Marilyn Findley
- 27 Diane Ward
Stephen Schwarzmann
Diane Holt

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Roger & Margaret Ward
- 6 Linda & Leon Lies
- 9 Stephen & Diane Schwarzmann
- 12 Ann Brodt & George Burrige
- 14 Joe Gabriel & Sherri Cadeaux
- 19 Donna & Barry Sheridan
- 21 Robert & Pat Ashley
- 25 Susanne & Victor Reed
- 30 John & Martha Smith

2019 Parish Statistics

Baptisms

Darrin Dale Hoiland, Jr.

Ric Pike

Deaths

Rod Thompson

Maggie Covert

Nilo Larriva

Bruce Zimmerman

Olive Clapp

John Zimmerman

Leon Adams

Barbara Gonzales

Elizabeth "Betsy" Suter

Russ Symes

Mary Beth Minkley

Marleen Bell

Transfers In

Ford & Cathy Demming

Carolyn Gates & Will Wiemer

Ken & Angelique Warren

Jack & Barbara Bundy

Michael & Mary Staples

Transfers Out

Robert & Anna Johnson

Jennifer Symons

The Rev. Daniel & Phyllis

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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.

November

Parish Events Only

Friday, November 1

8:00a -Bulletins – L
1:00p -DOK – SFR

Saturday, November 2

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, November 3

8:00a -Holy Eucharist
9:00a -Ministry Fair – PH
9:10a -Commemoration of All
Faithful Departed – MG
10:00a -Holy Eucharist
11:00a -Ministry Fair – PH

Monday, November 4

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl
10:30a -ESL – CR

Tuesday, November 5

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L
10:30a -Vestry Officers – RO
1:00p -Stephen Ministry – SFR,
L, CfR, VR

Wednesday, November 6

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl

Thursday, November 7

9:00a -Finance – CfR
-Home Tour Cmte – L
10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl
12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR
2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, November 8

8:00a -Bulletins – L
5:30p Gratitude Dinner – PH

Saturday, November 9

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, November 10

8:00a -Holy Eucharist
10:00a -Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 11

Parish Offices Closed

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl
1:30p -Grief Support – SFR

Tuesday, November 12

8:00a -Men's Group – CfR
11:00a -Social Activities – CfR
6:00p -Vestry – CfR

Wednesday, November 13

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl
9:30a -DOK – VR

Thursday, November 14

10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl
12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR
2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, November 15

6:00a -KBI Brkfst Prep – Ktchn
8:00a -Bulletins – L
8:30a -DOK Quiet Day – Cpl, PH

Saturday, November 16

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, November 17

8:00a -Holy Eucharist
10:00a -Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 18

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl
10:00a -Outreach – L
1:30p -Grief Support – SFR

Tuesday, November 19

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L
1:00p -Stephen Ministry – SFR,
L, CfR, VR

Wednesday, November 20

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl
1:30p -Border Ministry – PH

Thursday, November 21

9:00a -KBI Brkfst Prep – Ktchn
9:30a -Trust Committee – L
10:00a -Women's Group – SFR
10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl
12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR
2:00p -Parish Choir – Loft

Friday, November 22

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, November 23

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, November 24

8:00a -Holy Eucharist
10:00a -Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 25

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl
1:30p -Grief Support – SFR

Tuesday, November 26

8:00a -Men's Group – CfR

Wednesday, November 27

9:30a -DOK – VR

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl
1:00p -Thanksgiving Dinner – PH

Friday, November 29

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, November 30

No Parish events scheduled

Calendar Legend

CfR - Conference Room,
L - Library, VR - Vulliamy Room,
PH - Parish Hall,
MR - Meditation Room,
Cpl - Chapel, CR - Classroom,
Ctyd - Courtyard,
MG - Memorial Garden,
SFR - St. Francis Room,
Lby - Labyrinth,
RO - Rector's Office,
Ktchn - Kitchen



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.

Cruzando Fronteras

HERE'S WHAT'S NEEDED NOW

Our diocesan border ministry, Cruzando Fronteras, is so grateful for the faithful support it receives from St. Francis! The list of items needed for the asylum seekers they assist has recently changed. Current needs: toilet paper •soaps •shampoo •razors •bed sheets •towels •feminine products •diapers (all sizes) •baby wipes •sandals/flip flops •shorts •sneakers •undergarments (all sizes) •socks •backpacks •coloring books (child and adult) •crayons/pens/coloring pencils/notebooks for ESL class •peanut butter/jelly •snacks/snack bars •rice/beans (pinto), cereals, oatmeal. Could you help provide some of these? Collection boxes are in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall.

As always, funds are also a priority need. If you can provide monetary assistance, donate through the Cruzando Fronteras webpage at fronteras.azdiocese.org, or drop a check made out to St. Francis with "Cruzando Fronteras" in the memo line in the offering plate or at the Parish Office.

Home Communion

If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or the Sacrament brought to you at home, please let Deacon Becky Williamson know by calling her at 480-204-0022 (or via email at 1beckyw@cox.net). We are happy to bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone who cannot attend services for any reason.

Stephen Ministry

Have you given any thought to becoming a Stephen Minister? Would you like to explore the basics, the training or anything else about this vital ministry?

For more information contact: Marybeth Bates (emmymex@yahoo.com or 206-259-0361); Mark Eckstein (az9261954@gmail.com or 433-807-2277); Cheryl Tardy-Albin (ltybbear1@gmail.com or 520-235-9031); or BrandE Faupell (bfaupell@gmail.com or 435-512-0286).

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.

Prayer Chain

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

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.

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.

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 Deborah Harby in the Parish Financial Office to update your

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