



THE FRANCISCAN STAFF

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Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church
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Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

Words From Warren . . .

Dear friends,

Growing up in a four-season climate, the Fall was one of my favorite times of the year. The heat and humidity of the summer gave way to cool evenings. The haze that filled the summer skies became clear nights in which the stars shimmered and twinkled with a beautiful crispness of form and brightness.

The colors of the autumn leaves were proof that God is truly an artist. Bold colors of red, gold, and orange, mixed with purples and yellows, left one in awe of Nature's beauty. Colors combined with harvests of all kinds of fruits, vegetables, and grains reminded us of how God provides for the birds and animals and for us. The coming Thanksgiving holiday reminds us to offer thanks for God's provisions and blessings.

October in Green Valley may not have the seasonal changes like the regions to the north, but like our sister churches in the northern U.S. and Canada, St. Francis in the Valley starts getting busy as seasonal residents and parish members and friends start returning to Green Valley.

I am excited about the start of various classes and seminars we are offering, beginning this month, to go deeper into the teachings and values of St. Francis of Assisi, our Patron Saint, beginning with the annual BLESSING OF ANIMALS on Saturday, October 1, at 3 PM.

On Sunday, October 2, we have the celebration of the FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI. Our guest preacher is our former Assistant Rector, Canon Pam Hyde, Diocesan Canon for Creation.

Each Sunday in October we will speak on a different Franciscan Value. The Sunday themes and preachers are as follows:

October 2, Care for Creation: Canon Pam Hyde
October 9, Compassion: Fr. Warren Leibovitch
October 16, Peace & Justice: Fr. Tom Neyland
October 23, Spirituality: The Rev. Becky Williamson
October 30, St. Francis and us: Mr. Vince Remillard

ST. FRANCIS SEMINAR

Learning about St. Francis of Assisi's teachings continues each Thursday in October at 10 AM.

*Please see Vince Remillard's article with the dates and topics.

A special Dinner and a Movie featuring the showing of Tom Hanks' movie about Mr. Rogers will be on Friday October 7, 5 PM—7:30 PM.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH and EPISCOPAL CLASS

On Sunday, November 20, our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall, will be joining us for worship and Confirmation.

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Words From Warren, continued

Confirmation and Reception into the church is open to all who call St. Francis in the Valley their church home, but have not officially become members of the Episcopal Church. Also, anyone who would like to renew their Baptismal Vows can receive the Bishop's blessings.

Members of the local communities of Green Valley and Sahuarita are also invited to join the Introduction to the Episcopal Church class that begins October 4 at 11 AM. The class will cover topics such as Episcopal/Anglican history and teachings, the Book of Common Prayer, Spirituality, Peace and Justice, a tour of the church and a lesson on what we do and use in worship. The course concludes on November 15 with a final review session and Q&A. Sign up in the Parish Office or email me at: frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org. The fall will be very busy, so please read the articles about upcoming special events like the TRUNK OR TREAT for families on October 29, and the Welcome Back celebration on November 12.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Warren

Fall Photo Sessions

Fall photo sessions for our upcoming pictorial directory have begun. You can schedule an appointment to have your photo taken by visiting the sign up table in the Parish Hall following Sunday services. As we move through the fall be sure to check in with *News from the Pews* and your Sunday Bulletins for project updates and photo scheduling availability. Please direct any additional inquiries to Lou Terry: thirdangell@cox.net.

Photo Directory Cover Contest

Our new photo directory is coming along beautifully and now it needs a fittingly fabulous cover, so we're having a contest! Capture your experience of St. Francis in an image and send it in. The winning picture will be unveiled at our annual Homecoming Gathering in November. The image will be displayed on the cover of our new pictorial directory, to be distributed at our Annual Meeting in January. The winner will also earn significant bragging rights, and fabulous prizes. To enter, simply submit your photo or a photograph of your original artwork to George Grove at grovegh@gmail.com no later than November 1. Get creative, have fun, and don't forget to have your picture taken; the directory just wouldn't be the same without you!

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

COMPASSION

When mothers bond with their children, studies have shown that the key event is The Gaze. This is when the mother looks lovingly at her infant and there is a mutual exchange. Each becomes a mirror for the other. The child sees self in the mother's eyes, and the mother sees herself in the eyes of the child. Those of us who have had this bonding experience are most fortunate. But wait! God and Creation have the same bonding, if we have the eyes to see. God looks at each of us with the loving Gaze, and if we recognize it, we return the Gaze to the Christ in us. To quote Thoreau: Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?

Francis recognized Christ's Gaze and returned it, not only to him but to all creation. This enabled Francis not only to love all human beings but to enter into their suffering, especially the rejected. The root words of "compassion" are "suffering with." He became one with them and was moved to do what he could to help them.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

To live peace and justice requires a radical change in most of us. This is a prophetic value. Prophets live on the outer edge of the inside which enables them not to get caught up in the illusions of power, security or possessions. Evil hides even more in systems and institutions than in individuals. Our spirituality forms our inner lives and then are lived outwardly in the world.

Francis saw this and his values were transformed from being the life of the party to taking action: for reconciling all people; for advocating for the down-trodden and the rejected; and for living simply.

Peace and Good, +*Tom Neyland*

Prayer Chain

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

Parish Offices will be closed...

Columbus Day

Monday, October 10

Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon Eucharist is scheduled for October 8 at 4 PM in the Parish Hall.

Franciscan Activities

As Fr. Warren has stated in the September Newsletter, we will be focusing on St. Francis and Franciscan Values during the month of October. The purpose of these activities is to show how our Parish can pursue Franciscan values that have been held and followed for more than 800 years.

► October 6, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Review of Francis' life and spirit.

► October 7, Parish Hall, 5 PM—Potluck dinner and movie MR. ROGERS.

► October 13, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Zoom presentation by Dr. Arthur Remillard on the spiritual connection between St. Francis and Mr. Rogers.

► October 20, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Presentation and discussion of the Franciscan perspective on the Care for Creation.

► October 27, Parish Hall, 10 am—Presentation and discussion of the Franciscan perspective of Compassion. *Vince Remillard*

Desert Fathers, Desert Mothers:

THE PURSUIT OF ABUNDANT SIMPLICITY

On Saturday, October 15, the St. Clare Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King will sponsor a day of quiet reflection on the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the early Church. These men and women were typically recluses who lived in the deserts of the Middle East, devoting themselves to prayer and often severe ascetic practices, but also frequently called upon by pilgrims to offer instruction in the faith. This day of reflection will begin at 9 AM in the Chapel and conclude by 3 PM, closing with Holy Eucharist. All parishioners (and family/friends) are invited to participate. For more information or to register, contact Judy Turberg judy.turberg@gmail.com, or sign up at the DOK table in the Parish Hall on October 2 or 9.

Forward Day by Day

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

Senior Warden's Thoughts

Welcome October. Lots of wonderful things are happening this month, a month dedicated to St. Francis. We begin with the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 1, and end with our "Trunk or Treat" party on Saturday, October 29. Fr. Warren will be conducting an Introduction to the Episcopal Church series and the Remillards and Tom Nyland will be doing a St. Francis series. And the Diocese holds its Convention in October as well.

During this busy month, I hope you will choose something to Participate in. And perhaps you could invite a friend to join you. Our newest event is "Trunk or Treat," our own mini-Halloween event. We are looking for folks to volunteer to bring their cars and decorate their open trunks in a Halloween theme. The children will go trunk to trunk and get Halloween treats (which we'll supply). Then into the Courtyard for a movie and inside for a hot dog and slushy and some cotton candy. We'll have tours of the campus and info about us. We're inviting area families to get to know us. Wouldn't you like to help? Sign-up on Sunday or call Tisha Stril at 425-524-3123.

Remember always, to welcome new faces and help one another. It's your willingness to serve that allows St. Francis to be of service to our community.

Sending you Blessings for a busy but happy October.

In Christ,
Jullie Reppenhagen, Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Notes

Happy St. Francis Month at St. Francis in the Valley! As this article is submitted on September 23, the monsoons continue!

Heavy rains in July, August, and September, some bringing hail, have damaged all the Church roofs, some skylights, and caused some leaks into the Parish Hall and classrooms and some erosion on the grounds. The assessments of the Church insurance adjusters and Church heating and cooling vendor will soon let us know the amount of repair or replacement coverage. The flat roof has had temporary repair to prevent leakage.

The grounds and landscape team led by Craig Reid and Reg Kahrmanis are cleaning up episodes of muddy sidewalks and restoring and repairing a washed out walkway on the side parking area (Allegria), and shoring up vulnerable areas of erosion with rock and gravel. They could use some help for

the next 4-6 weeks.

As with any property, caring for it year round is essential. Our very responsible and hard working landscape and grounds team is looking for more hands to lighten its load. If you could spare some time, even 1-2 hours in the coolness of mornings, please contact Craig Reid, text 520-288-9393 or ctreid83@gmail.com; Reg Kahrmanis, text or call 520-331-1896 or regkahr@gmail.com; or Lead Sexton Deana Bond, deana@stfrancisgvaz.org or 650-906-5912, Monday—Thursday. Ask how you could help and choose what fits you. Tools are provided. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

The new AV/streaming system recently installed in the Church and Chapel is functioning well. The sound booth walls have been paneled with matching oak plank. We are working with a couple of wood workers who will help design and install matching covers for the top/ledges of the sound booth. Stay tuned! Our lead sexton, Deana Bond is coordinating the finishing work.

One oak tree in the Courtyard is very sick. We have called an arborist to advise us about this tree as well as the other three, which still look healthy.

To ensure 24/7 security of Church buildings, a reminder to those of you entrusted with keys and codes: please ensure the said interior and exterior doors are closed tightly and locked when you leave, no matter the time of day. Thank you!

The grounds is experiencing an ant infestation that is not responding to ordinary controls. We are working with our pest control company to assist with extermination.

The Church's American and Church flag hung at halfmast to honor those lost on September 11, 2011 and the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II.

We continue to work with a lighting company and electrician to design and install updated lighting above the altar area of the Church proper. The new, brighter lighting will be suitable for regular usage as well as to support performances like True Concord. We have located a lift to rent to provide safety for the electricians working at the high ceilings.

Kristi Menix, Junior Warden

How to Access Service Videos

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

The St. Francis Boutique

Our Boutique is a special ministry of St. Francis. If you are new to the Parish, you may not know that proceeds from the sales go directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help local residents who have financial needs?

In recent weeks we have had several local residents come for some assistance. Examples include help with electric bills or rent. What a blessing it is to be able to help people, especially in these post-Covid times in which the economy and unemployment have been challenging to many people.

The Boutique is run by Jylene Wright and Wendy Hill, along with a handful of volunteers. Other than the summer months, the Boutique is open on Sundays after church, and during the busy seasons like Christmas, open hours include Wednesday mornings.

If you are looking for something for yourself or for someone special you will find jewelry, figurines, greeting cards, purses, wood craft items, paintings, and much more! Currently, the Boutique is taking orders for St. Francis shirts and hats.

Take a moment on a Sunday to visit the Boutique and say hello. *Fr. Warren*

Handbell Ensemble

Our Handbell Ensemble will soon be rehearsing in the Choir Loft on Tuesdays at 10 AM and new members are welcome. If you can count to four and maintain a steady beat, you're in! Just contact Sophia Witte by text at 520-509-5037 or email at smw_witte@yahoo.com.

Parish Choir

The St. Francis Parish Choir is back in session. Rehearsals are held at 2 PM on Thursdays in the Choir Loft. New members are always welcome and needed in all sections of the choir. Get in touch with the Choirmaster at gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org and let him know of your interest.

Introduction to the Episcopal Church

Fr. Warren will be teaching a one-hour introductory class on the Episcopal Church on Tuesdays from October 4 to November 15, from 11 AM to NOON. If you are new to the Episcopal vibe—or would just like to brush-up your knowledge—this is the class for you. If you would like to attend, just speak with Fr. Warren or email him (frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org) and let him know you would like to register for the class.

Friends Of the Library

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

Great Musicals Movie Night

BROADWAY ON THE BIG SCREEN

Join us on Friday, October 28 for a screening of one of the great movie musicals, hand-picked by St. Francis Director of Music Gerald Near. Gerald will give a brief talk about the musical beforehand, complete with interesting facts and even a few musical examples.

We will follow the summer 'Dinner and a Movie' model with potluck supper and fellowship at 5 PM.

Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ronald Aigner
- 4 Ken Adams
- 5 William Holt
- 5 FJ Phillips
- 6 Diane McAllister
- 7 Patricia Peissig
- 7 Ellen Sax
- 7 Country Wagaman
- 9 Ed Hook
- 9 Barbara La Barre
- 9 Charlotte Neyland
- 10 Joseph McCarthy
- 10 Nancy McGibbon
- 11 Marion Carlisle
- 11 Millie Roach
- 11 Judy Sackman
- 12 Jim Ratley
- 13 Sandy Barnard
- 14 Stephen Secaur
- 15 Thomasina Reid
- 16 Daniel Messier
- 17 Phebe Anderson
- 17 Stan Ravine
- 18 Tisha Stril
- 19 Tim Dorgan
- 19 Mitch Ghoca
- 21 Ken Warren
- 22 Larry Howell
- 23 Judy Bush
- 23 Ann Tenpenney
- 24 Sophie Luffman
- 26 Sandy Eckstein
- 27 Robert Long
- 28 Becky Williamson
- 28 David Wright
- 29 Jim Barnes
- 31 Chris Arundell

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Kahrimanis, Reg & Tamara
- 2 Junggren, Fred & Pris
- 11 Green, Christopher & Kristin
- 16 Bates, Bob & Mary Beth
- 17 DallaMura, Bart & Janet
- 23 Bonser, Jerry & Theresa
- 24 DeMarco, Russ & Kim
- 28 Mullaly, Wally & Helen
- 31 Stril, Mark & Tisha



Ralph and Alice Walker moved to Green Valley in June from the Central San Joaquin Valley of California. Their home church has been St. Augustine's Episcopal of Oakland, California for the last twenty-seven years.

They have been married for 47 years and have one son in Tucson, Arizona, one daughter in Berkeley, California, and one grandson in Memphis, Tennessee. He is a first-year student at the University of Memphis and performs with *The Sound of the South*.



Liz and Tim Dorgan recently relocated from Chicago where they attended St. James Episcopal Cathedral.

Having met at the University of Illinois, Liz and Tim have spent the vast majority of their married lives in the greater Chicago area where they raised their four sons, who now live in Tennessee, Oregon, Colorado, and Paris, France. Liz is a retired nurse whose interests include gardening, cycling and yoga. Tim spent his career in advertising/marketing; he enjoys golf, photography, writing and following all of his favorite Chicago sports teams.

The Dorgans have another recent addition to the family: Wrigley, a nine month old labradoodle, is enjoying his new home and appears to be the most popular member of the family.

PARISH MEETINGS AND EVENTS — OCTOBER 2022

Saturday, 1 October

Blessing of Animals, 3 PM

Tuesday, 4 October

Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR
Intro to the Episcopal Church
11 AM, Parish Hall

Wednesday, 5 October

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel
Stewardship, 11 AM, CfR

Thursday, 6 October

Life & Spirit of St. Francis,
10 AM, Parish Hall
Parish Choir, 2 PM, Loft

Friday, 7 October

Mr. Rogers Movie, 5 PM, PH

Saturday, 8 October

Holy Eucharist, 4 PM, PH

Monday, 10 October

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, 11 October

Intro to the Episcopal Church
11 AM, Parish Hall
Vestry, 4 PM, CfR

Wednesday, 12 October

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel
DOK, 9:30 AM, VR
Memorials Cmte, 10 AM, SFR
Stewardship, 11 AM, CfR

Thursday, 13 October

Zoom presentation on
Francis of Assisi, 10 AM, PH
Library Committee, 10 AM, L
Parish Choir, 2 PM, Loft

Monday, 17 October

Hearts & Hands, 10 AM, CfR

Tuesday, 18 October

Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR
Intro to the Episcopal Church
11 AM, Parish Hall

Wednesday, 19 October

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel
Mix & Mingle Lunch, 12 PM, PH

Thursday, 20 October

Franciscan Studies, 10 AM, PH
Parish Choir, 2 PM, Loft

Tuesday, 25 October

Intro to the Episcopal Church
11 AM, Parish Hall

Wednesday, 26 October

Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel
DOK, 9:30 AM, VR

Thursday, 27 October

Franciscan Studies, 10 AM, PH
Parish Choir, 2 PM, Loft

Friday, 28 October

Great Musicals, 5 PM, PH

Saturday, 29 October

Trunk or Treat, 5 pm

CALENDAR LEGEND

PH - Parish Hall

VR - Vulliamy Room

CfR - Conference Room

SFR - Saint Francis Room

2022 Parish Statistics**Transfers In**

Mark & Tisha Stril

Transfers Out

Bill & Alicia Baucom

Al Saterbak

The Rev. Pat Kirk

Deaths

Jerry McAllister

Grace Marben

Julie Ratley

Barbara Phillips

Richard Tinney

Lee Cornelison

Nancy Pearce

Lois Weinert

Edith Hawkins

Arizona Episcopalian Magazine

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

**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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your@e-mail.address?

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