



THE FRANCISCAN STAFF

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

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

Looking Ahead

VESTRY OFFICERS

Tuesday, September 3 at 10:30 AM
in the Rector's Office

ALTAR GUILD

Wednesday, September 4 at 10 AM
in the Chapel

WOMEN'S GROUP

Thursday, September 5 at 10 AM
in the St. Francis Room

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, September 10 at 11 AM
in the Conference Room

VESTRY

Tuesday, September 10 at 6 PM
in the Conference Room

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays, September 10 & 24 at 8 AM
in the Conference Room

PSALMS & PROVERBS

Wednesday, September 11 at 10 AM
in the Conference Room

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Monday, September 16 at 10 AM
in the Library

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, September 23 & 30
at 1:30 PM
in the St. Francis Room

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BRUNCH

Friday, September 27 at NOON
in the Parish Hall

From our Interim Rector . . .

EXTENDING PASTORAL CARE

At St. Francis we, your clergy and staff, want to hold up our end of a relationship with every parish member. We have learned about a way to keep in touch by initiating contact with every member, and now we are really excited to share it with you, and to implement it in our parish. This is a ministry of telephone contact around the parish. At home, you get a phone call from the church office. A parish volunteer introduces herself, or himself, asking, 'We're calling to ask how you are. Have you any concerns you would like us to pray for?' If you report a serious concern, the caller may ask, 'Would you like to add this concern to the Sunday prayer list? Would you like us to let the clergy or the prayer team know about this?' The caller may even ask, 'Would you like me to pray about this right here on the phone?'

Isn't this a great phone call? There is no pressure. The person can respond freely yes or no to every invitation. It's not rocket science; it's pastoral care. It's carried out by volunteers with warm personalities and an easy conversational style...all on the phone! Phone calls are made to everyone in the parish two or three times a year. This ministry is called TeleCare, and any information you share is as confidential as you wish it to be kept. We will begin this fall, as soon as we have a corps of volunteers. Please prayerfully consider this ministry of phone care. If it sounds right for you, or if you'd like to know more, let Pam or me know of your interest.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Colville

From our Assistant Rector...

As some of you know—especially those of you who were in my Lord's Prayer class last fall and winter—I'm a big believer in being intentional about the prayers we say and hear in our liturgy. Many of us know some of these by heart, or at least find them extremely familiar to us. Lately, the prayer that has been on my heart and which I have focused on being intentional about is the Collect for Purity—the first collect that the celebrant at Holy Eucharist says:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When I listen to the words of this collect as I pray it, I find a poetic quality to it. It provides me with a wonderful way to orient myself to the worship into which I am entering. The Collect for Purity beautifully sets the context for this time of being in the presence of God, and it invites us into prayer.

We begin by acknowledging that we are known. All that we are is open to God. Our hearts, our desires, our secrets. We can hold nothing back. We come as we are, warts and all, without pretense. Because we are fully known and fully loved by the One who created us.

Then we present our petition. Cleanse us, Lord. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts—not the thoughts of our minds, but our hearts. Make our hearts pure. We know that most of the time there's a bunch of garbage in our hearts—anger, jealousy, pride, righteous indignation, etc.—but as we come to be with you, help us to let go of all those things. We know we can't do that without help, so we ask the Holy Spirit—your spirit within us, Lord—to inspire us. Breathe into us a pure spirit, so that our love of you may be all that it can be, and so that we come to worship with a song of praise in our hearts that may be worthy of you, our almighty and loving God.

Beautiful, isn't it? It's something we can say any time we enter into prayer.

To hear this prayer without truly listening to it is to miss so much. Its value to us comes not in its recitation, but in its internalization. In our realization that we are deeply known, in our desire to have our hearts purified, and in our invitation to the Holy Spirit to move within us. Next time you hear the Collect for Purity on a Sunday morning, listen carefully to it and see how it speaks to you. Then see what it opens up for you in the worship that follows.

Rev. Pam

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Senior Warden's Notes

Five (5) lessons to cause us to think about the way we conduct ourselves in the presence of others, and practice stewardship (continued).

As I indicated to you in my column in the last issue of the Franciscan Staff, I recently came across an article in one of the national church publications, which caught my interest mainly because the article's five short stories focused on how we interact with those around us. And in a more positive sense how it is so easy for us to miss opportunities to have a positive influence on the lives of our friends and strangers. When we then take the lessons learned from these five stories and pair them with our common every-day practice of stewardship, we achieve a better understanding of how we react with those around us.

Life's Second Important Lesson - Pickup in the Rain

Late one evening, an elderly African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 60's. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance, and put her into a taxicab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, but asked for, and wrote down the man's address and thanked him. Several days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached... it read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away... God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others."

/s/ Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole

Now I ask you . . . what lesson(s) did you learn from reading this short story? While you think of your answer, my memory brings back to my mind, something I heard long ago . . .

"Work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like you do when nobody's watching."

Wayne North, Senior Warden

On Stewardship

I believe it was Mahatma Gandhi who said "Actions express priorities." Since retiring, I've thought a bit about that. Do my actions express what I have always said are my priorities? In other words, am I working on the right things? Am I fulfilling my best and proper role during my time on earth (and please may I have a copy of the memo that tells me what my proper role is; I seem to have misplaced the original!!)

All jokes aside, I see people all around St. Francis whose actions express their stated priorities, and the priorities expressly laid down for us in the Bible: feed the hungry; clothe the poor; visit the sick; love our neighbors as ourselves; serve others selflessly; love the Lord. Whether I'm watching people on Sunday as they usher, serve at the altar, read the lessons, and greet parishioners, or I'm there on a mid-week visit, I see people fulfilling God-given, important, purposes. People volunteer to serve on committees; show up and sort food stuffs; count the generosity that is given when the plate is passed; prepare social activities; plan (and teach) educational classes on a variety of interesting subjects. The list could continue. It's a rich, abundant, life that occurs at St. Francis—every single day. And that is made possible by all of you who have committed yourselves to the work of St. Francis Episcopal church. You are indeed serving as the heart and hands of Christ in the world. Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do, for the Parish and the community.

Brand E Faupell, Stewardship Ministry Chair

Refugee & Border Ministry

Special Guest Lecturer, Peg Bowden, well-known speaker, blogger and author of *A Land of Hard Edges: Serving the Front Lines of the Border* will speak in the Parish Hall at NOON on Wednesday, September 25, on *Our Neighbors Across the Fence*. The Refugee and Border Ministry group has invited Peg, a retired nurse and local resident, who now spends her time volunteering at the migrant shelter, El Comidor, in Nogales Sonora. She will share her wealth of knowledge about the humanitarian crisis on our border and her experiences serving the strangers in our midst.

Save the Date!

You will want to mark Friday, 5:30 PM, November 8, on your calendar so you won't miss the annual St. Francis GRATITUDE DINNER.

Social Activities

The SAT will be sponsoring our September Brunch Potluck on Friday, September 27, at NOON with an informational presentation at 12:30 PM by Mark Haskoe from AARP who will speak to us about Tax Credits in Arizona. Valley Assistance, Imago Dei and Youth on their Own will also be represented.

AT THE SAME EVENT we will be conducting a 'Parish Kitchen Shower' to raise funds to purchase better equipment for our kitchen and to ensure our kitchen elves are able to work in a safe environment. We will be displaying some of the items needed such as cutlery, cookware, and a gas griddle/grill. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Outreach

Our Outreach project for September will be gift bags for the elderly distributed to Valley Assistance Services. Starting Sunday, September 1, gift bags will be available in the Parish Hall complete with lists of items to donate. As always your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you from your Outreach Committee.

Talents Unlimited Boutique

The Boutique will be open again on September 15, following both services. We have many new fall items, and happily still offer unique items made by our very own parishioners: Pastels by Jean Schwafel, Knitting by Rita Beil, Celtic Cross Quilts by Margaret Murphy, St. Francis Note Cards by Neal Hursh, and Pottery by Nancy Child-Hickman. Please know that **all** Boutique profits go directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, which in turn goes to help the needy in our community. You are assisting in this much needed ministry of St. Francis when you buy in our unique Boutique. And please note that we hope to open the Boutique again on Wednesdays later this fall. Managers of the Boutique are Wendy Hill, Pam Yeager, Carol Vleck, Ric Pike and Jylene Wright. We look forward to seeing you soon. *Jylene Wright*

Parish Offices will be closed . . .

Labor Day

Monday, 2 September

Maggie's Gift

Maggie Covert, a long time and much loved member of St Francis died on January 15, 2019. She left a significant estate and in her will she designated St. Francis the beneficiary of 50% of that estate. It is estimated St Francis' portion of the estate will exceed \$850,000.

In July 2019 we received an initial distribution in the amount of \$600,000. We are exceedingly blessed to receive such a gift, and the Vestry is very mindful regarding the best use of these monies. First is to make sure that the funds are safe (FDIC insured) and earn market returns. Secondly to establish a process for deciding the best use of the of these funds for the church. We will seek input from many sources including the congregation, staff, building and grounds, the new Rector, and we expect to spend the funds over a considerable period of time. Meanwhile we will continue to operate the Parish within the constraints of the established 2019 budget.

We should all be thankful for Maggie's generous gift to St Francis, a community that meant so much to her and which she loved. It will be of significant help to us. She is a wonderful example to all of us as we deal with our own stewardship decisions.

We will continue to keep our St Francis family informed as we move forward in making decisions and spending the funds.

Erik T Ringkjøb, Treasurer

Rector Search Process

On August 9, The Rector Search Committee received the names of eight (8) candidates for the Rector's position here at St. Francis. The search committee chair, BrandE Faupell, and committee members immediately began to review the credentials of each of the candidates, and made the necessary arrangements to schedule and conduct Skype interviews with the candidates, after which their references are being contacted. The candidates who best fit the profile of who St. Francis is looking for, will be invited to come to Green Valley for further interviews and the opportunity for all parties becoming better acquainted.

Please be watching for further information, which can be found in the Sunday service leaflets, announcements at Sunday services, the weekly "News from the Pews," and next Parish Newsletter.

Wayne North, Senior Warden

Annual Homecoming Party

Fall approaches and our many parishioners are returning to Green Valley (AKA God's Country) for the Winter. So come to the Homecoming Party on Friday, October 25, at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be having Philly cheese steak, pizza from Two Girls Pizzeria, grilled hot dogs, and lots of side dishes and, of course, ice cream sandwiches. What a deal at \$12 per person! Please sign up in the Parish Hall (we also need your \$12 at that time). For more information email Sandy Eckstein at seckste2@gmail.com.

Brunch Potluck

Join us on Friday, September 27, at NOON for a Brunch Potluck with speaker Mark Haskoe from AARP who will address the topic *Arizona Tax Credits and You*. We will also be welcoming attendees from Valley Assistance, Imago Dei Middle School, and Youth on their Own.

The event will include a 'Kitchen Shower' to raise funds for Parish kitchen appliances and cookware.

The event is open to the public. Sign up in the Parish Hall and let us know what bit of deliciousness you plan to add to the festivities.

THE
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CHURCH



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Geoffrey Hill
Janet Hill
- 3 Virginia Scott
- 4 Norman Fisher
Eva Jenkins
- 5 Donald Hart
Pat Kirk
- 6 Mark Day
- 7 Gilda Nelson
Julie Breitenbucher
Eric Oliveri
Joan Henrich
- 8 William Schnelle
Wally Mullaly
- 9 Dana Micari
Doug Brozovsky
- 10 Anne Gillespie
Pamela Barnes
Michael Staples
- 11 Susan Tenney
Kristi Thompson
Kathryn Wanek
Tom Neyland
- 12 Donald Krumwiede
- 15 Nancy Gardner
Bob Allen
Mista Wilt
Barbara Bundy
- 18 Virginia Golden
- 19 Daniel Ryan
Sylvia Smythe
- 20 Gary LaBarre
David Kinsey
Pat Ghoca
- 22 Judith Burgess
- 23 Kate Hutson
- 24 Eric Gough
Tom Gierada
Claudine Parks
- 25 Paula Altamirano
Kathleen Grier
Barbara Glover
- 26 Sue Richards
Mark Eckstein
Susanne Reed
Marilou Johnstone
- 28 Nancy Milsovic

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Norm & Gilda Nelson
David & Katherine Barnes
- 6 Dorothy & Stephen North
Lanny & Kathryn Helgeson
- 8 William & Marie Miller
- 11 Don & Sue Richards
- 17 Jim & Pat Richey
- 18 Kenneth & Joan Jakubiak
- 19 Richard & Sandra Welch
- 26 Jill & Lee Foerster
- 29 Geoffrey & Wendy Hill

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

Transfers In

Ford & Cathy Demming

Carolyn Gates & Will Wiemer

Ken & Angelique Warren

Transfers Out

Robert & Anna Johnson

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.

De Colores, My Friend!

If you recognize the above salutation, then you have identified yourself as a “Cursillista” . . . one who has participated in a Cursillo weekend, not here in Green Valley, but somewhere beyond our immediate area of southern Arizona.

I am searching for and hoping to find a reasonable number of Cursillistas who would be interested in forming a “Fourth Day” community here at St. Francis. As you recall when completing your Cursillo weekend, you were introduced to the “Fourth Day” concept, which is similar to a Group Reunion of your fellow Cursillistas, who gather together at a convenient time and place to celebrate mutually the experience of having shared a Cursillo weekend together.

For our friends who have yet to experience a Cursillo weekend, a Cursillo is simply defined as an intensive three-day “short course” in Christianity. Cursillo is an experience that can empower committed Christians to live their Christian Life to the fullest.

Communicate with Wayne North at wknorth@cox.net or call him at 715-205-8374 if you would like to share your Cursillo experience as part of a “Fourth Day” Community, or to experience an Episcopal Cursillo weekend for yourself.

Grief Support Group

Grief Support Group – We are sponsoring a series of Grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin on Monday, September 23, 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.

September Parish Events Only

Sunday, September 1

8:00a -Holy Eucharist
10:00 -Holy Eucharist
2:00p -Symes Memorial
3:00p -Memorial Reception – PH

Monday, September 2

Parish Offices Closed

No Parish events scheduled

Tuesday, September 3

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L
10:00a -Bible Study – SFR
10:30a -Vestry Officers – RO
1:00p -Stephen Ministry
– SFR, L, CfR, VR
5:00p -Search Committee – L

Wednesday, September 4

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl
10:00a -Altar Guild – Cpl

Thursday, September 5

10:00a -Women’s Group – SFR
10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl
11:00a -Centering Prayer – CfR
12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

Friday, September 6

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, September 7

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, September 8

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

Monday, September 9

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl

Tuesday, September 10

8:00a -Men’s Group – CfR
10:00a -Bible Study – SFR
11:00a -Social Activities – CfR
5:00p -Search Committee – L
6:00p -Vestry – CfR

Wednesday, September 11

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl
9:30a -DOK – VR
10:00a -Psalms & Proverbs – CfR

Thursday, September 12

10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl
11:00a -Centering Prayer – CfR
12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

Friday, September 13

8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, September 14

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, September 15

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

Monday, September 16

9:00a -Morning Prayer – Cpl
10:00a -Outreach – L

Tuesday, September 17

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L
10:00a -Bible Study – SFR
1:00p -Stephen Ministry
– SFR, L, CfR, VR
5:00p -Search Committee – L

Wednesday, September 18

9:00a -Holy Eucharist – Cpl

Thursday, September 19

9:00a -KBI Breakfast Prep-Ktchn
10:00a -Communications – L
– Women’s Group – SFR
10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl
11:00a -Centering Prayer – CfR
12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

Friday, September 20

6:00a -KBI Breakfast Prep-Ktchn
8:00a -Bulletins – L

Saturday, September 21

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, September 22

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

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

8:00a -Men's Group – CfR
10:00a -Bible Study – SFR
5:00p -Search Committee – L

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

10:15a -Centering Prayer – Cpl
11:00a -Centering Prayer – CfR
12:15p -Seekers Discussion – CfR

Friday, September 27

8:00a -Bulletins – L
12:00p -SAT Brunch – PH

Saturday, September 28

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, September 29

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

Monday, September 30

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

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

Do we have...

your@e-mail.address?



Letters

Thank you, thank you: With a heart full of thanks we wish to express our gratitude for all the cards, telephone calls, and transportation to medical appointments so lovingly offered. Your prayers and kindness has helped us through this very difficult time in our lives

Eric & Shirley Gough

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.

Need a ride to a Parish Event?

Our St. Francis Men's Group is offering rides to those in need of transportation to Parish events. If you are unable to provide your own transport and would like to schedule a ride, please call the Parish Office, 625-1370.

Prayer Chain

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

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.

Reserving Meeting Time and Space at Saint Francis

Individuals wishing to reserve meeting space at St. Francis and/or discuss room set-ups should make those arrangements through Administrative Assistant Bethel Klein. It is **essential** your meeting be logged into the Master Calendar. If you need it, be sure to ask for 'set-up' and 'clean-up' time as part of your booking.

One week prior to your event please inventory the pantry next to the kitchen and let Bethel know if there are enough supplies to meet your needs. A parishioner usually shops for us twice a month. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Getting Your Event into Parish Publications

Sunday Bulletin notices should be given to the Parish Administrator by NOON the Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish the notice to appear. Notices should be in written form and sent via email whenever possible.

Franciscan Staff material should be given to the Parish Administrator NO LATER THAN the 10th of the month preceding publication.

Address Changes

Please let us know if your e-mail address, street address, zip code or telephone number changes. Get in touch with Deborah Harby in the Parish Financial Office to update your information for our records.

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ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARTY

October 25

at 5 PM

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