



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,

Happy September!

It's hard to believe we are into the last quarter of the year. Summer has flown by.

September also means that we are beginning to gear up for what I believe will be the busiest fall season since before the pandemic! Are you ready? Our church calendar is already quite full with outside groups booking space and our church activities beginning to gear up.

Weekly Lectionary coffee/snack group: Are you interested in an informal coffee/snack time group that looks at the upcoming Sunday readings? Day and time to be determined.

September is also the time that the church begins to plan for the next year's budget and programs. Committees and groups will soon be contacted for their 2023 financial requests for any funding to run their programs. Committee chairs, please start looking at your ministry and financial needs.

As Covid passes into the rear view mirror, we need to evaluate what activities need to continue, be discarded, or changed. Currently, we face the challenge of needing more volunteers to run activities and ministries.

One specific need is the Social Activities Team (S.A.T.). It currently has no formal coordinator and is in need of more helping hands to make sure our Welcome Back event on Saturday November 12 is a success. *As a side note, we will have a dunk tank that day to "Dunk the Rector," and anyone else who volunteers!

We also need more volunteers to be Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, Altar Guild, and a few more readers. We currently have one service on a Sunday, and will stay that way for the foreseeable future. However, if our attendance continues to grow and there is a need for a second service, we currently do not have enough volunteers to make it happen. If you are interested to join or learn how to be an Usher, Greeter, etc., please let me know.

Upcoming in October!

Now is the time to mark your calendars for several classes coming in October, as well as special Sunday guest speakers to celebrate the Season of Creation and our Patron Saint, Francis of Assisi. (please see Vince Remillard's article in this Newsletter).

Beginning with the Blessing of Animals on Saturday October 1 at 3 PM, we kick off a month of celebrating St. Francis of Assisi as we go deeper into understanding his teachings and values, and how they relate to our Parish.

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A Thousand Thanks!

A big thank you to Coordinators Sophia Witte and Tisha Stril, all the volunteers, and to the contributors of food and craft materials who made our first VBS a successful Children's outreach! We look forward to more outreach initiatives to families in the area. *Fr. Warren*

Save the Date!

On Saturday, October 15, the SAINT CLARE CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING will sponsor a day of quiet reflection on the Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers of the early church. All are welcome—members of the Parish and those beyond our doors. Watch the Sunday service leaflets in September for more details, or email judy.turberg@gmail.com.

New in our Parish Library

Most of us are retired and have enjoyed productive careers, whether work or homemaker, taking care of others. Now some of us just want to take care of ourselves. There are many activities in Green Valley to help us do just that.

If we are serving others, this book *WONDER DRUG: 7 Scientifically Proven Ways That Serving Others Is the Best Medicine for Yourself* by Doctors Trzeciak and Mazzarelli will highlight seven health benefits we are receiving while doing that. If we are not, it will gently challenge us starting with a quiz, *How Self-serving are You?*

The authors encourage you to start small. It is an eye opener, and you are encouraged to check it out at our own St. Francis' library. *Tom Neyland+*

Parish Directory Cover Photo Contest

Close your eyes and think of St. Francis. What images come to mind? Whatever captures your imagination and evokes the feelings you experience when you think of St. Francis, we would like you to share that in photo form. We need an original photo or a photograph of original artwork that represents the idea of our church for the new directory's cover. The winning image will be unveiled at our annual Homecoming Gathering in October. The image will be displayed on the cover of our new pictorial directory, which will be distributed at our Annual Meeting in January. Entering the contest is easy, simply submit your photo to George Grove at grovegh@gmail.com. Submissions must be received no later than October 15, 2022. Get creative, have fun, and don't forget to have your picture taken, the directory just wouldn't be the same without you! *Jenica Hisko*

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

In our continuing effort to define ourselves as Franciscans, the Stewardship committee under Fr. Warren's aegis gathered on several occasions this year to examine how our parish ministries reflect Franciscan values. The committee began by listing our ministries and also by noting how these ministries reflect Franciscan values. This was followed by an examination of how other St. Francis parishes, monasteries, religious orders, and universities, selected and interpreted Franciscan values. From our review of other Franciscan institutions and of our parish ministries we were able to delineate four Franciscan values for our parish:

1) **COMPASSION.** In short, this is the ability to look through each other's eyes so as to view the heart. Compassion was Francis' strongest personal trait and is largely recognized as so in Franciscan communities. Compassion, some say, is the greatest 'miracle' Francis performed.

2) **SPIRITUALITY.** Francis' life and work were directed uniquely to living closely with Christ himself. His spirituality was more than a reflection of holiness but rather a quest to subsume the very DNA of Christ.

3) **CARE FOR CREATION.** Francis had a reverence for all life forms (human, animal and vegetable) and for the total environment. In his **CANTICLE OF CREATION**, it is significant to note that Francis sees Christ as sharing existence with all life forms and also with inanimate creation such as fire, wind, water, Brother Sun, Sister Moon and all the cosmos.

4) **PEACE AND JUSTICE.** Francis saw that justice, and notably divine justice, exemplified in bearing the burdens of others, is a precondition for peace.

In future articles in the Newsletter, Fr. Tom and I will focus on each of these values in more detail, so as to provide an understanding of what it means to be Franciscan at St. Francis in the Valley.

Peace and Good, *Vince Remillard*

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...
Labor Day Monday, September 5

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/ukrainereponse>) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

Annual Blessing of Animals

Bring your furry and cuddly friends (the animal ones, that is) to the annual BLESSING OF ANIMALS in honor of Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 1, 2022. The event begins at 3 PM. Although the service will be held in the church, provision will be made to bless animals too large to be taken inside. Don't miss this wonderful, and always unpredictable, parish event.

► **THEN COME BACK SUNDAY MORNING** at 9 AM for the annual service in honor of our Patron Francis of Assisi. (Francis' feast day is October 4, but the feast may be transferred to a Sunday for parishes named for the Saint.) The guest speaker will be our former Assistant to the Rector, The Rev. Pam Hyde, Canon for Creation Care, the Diocese of Arizona.

Music at St. Francis

The St. Francis Parish Choir will begin their fall season with a rehearsal in the Choir Loft on Thursday, September 22 at 2 PM. If you are interested in joining the choir—a congenial and interesting group—please get in touch with Gerald (Choirmaster) via email at gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org. He will be delighted to hear from you. Singers are needed in all sections of the choir, but especially tenors. You are not required to read music or to have extensive background as a vocalist; a decent singing voice and a willingness to learn is all that's required. We will reward you with first-class professional training.

Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon Eucharist is scheduled for September 10 at 4 PM in the Parish Hall.

Senior Warden's Thoughts

Fall is coming and we've had a quiet summer. We want to welcome all the new faces that have joined us for worship over the recent months and we look forward to getting to know you all a bit better.

As things begin to get busy we are hoping that many of you will join us in serving your church and community. We talk of sharing our time, talents, and treasure with our church. Ministries where you can share your time and talents can be found on our website www.stfrancisgvaz.org under the MINISTRIES menu. But often, we forget the meaning of Treasure. It takes money to support a church like St. Francis. Our rooms are used by over 30 support groups like AA, Al anon, Overeaters Anonymous, etc. We have clubs and organizations that use our rooms, and we have our own ministries that meet and worship on our own campus. We have to pay for our wonderful clergy, staff, music, utilities, office supplies (bulletins, etc.) and so on. As you can see, we need everyone's help. So, when the Stewardship Campaign comes around in the Fall, we hope you'll be willing to share your Treasure with St. Francis.

Sending you Blessings for a wonderful and safe September.

In Christ,

Jullie Reppenhagen, Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Notes

Hello, to All! Hoping everyone is staying well and cool during these uncertain times that COVID 19 has wrought and the sometimes extreme monsoon rain patterns that have dispatched in our area!

◇Buildings

Heavy rains and hail in July damaged some roof tiles as well as portions of the flat roofs of our complex. Deborah Harby, Finance Officer and Office Manager, along with Deana Bond, Lead Sexton, have been working with a restoration company and insurance adjuster on a claim for the immediate and long-term repair work. The flat roof areas of damage have been repaired to prevent interior damage. The solar panels were evaluated and deemed undamaged by the recent hail.

◇Church Interiors

Seven sets of aging, deteriorating blinds have been replaced in the office complex.

One large, oil filled door hinge has been replaced on the door of the men's restroom in the office complex.

An upgraded audio-visual streaming system has

been installed in the Church Proper over the past 4-5 weeks. Tom Cadwalader, parishioner and volunteer project manager, has collaborated extensively and closely with RMK Productions. (Incidentally, RMK helped install the prior system.) New are cameras, microphones, cables, sound booth, and monitors; video streaming of services to include, for example, memorial services, can now be filmed in the Chapel and the Church proper. The outer finishing of the wooden, sound booth will match pew color and wood trim in the Church. Deana Bond, our talented Lead Sexton, is working on the booth finishing project. Training of additional videographers and sound board staff has occurred and is ongoing. Tom and Gloria Cadwalader have generously donated two chairs for the sound booth and will donate a small, locked, cabinet, too. Thank you Gloria and Tom.

It will be necessary to rent a lift to replace the burned out bulbs/lamps and remove and install new fixtures in the tall ceilings above the altar in the Church proper and in the Chapel. Fixtures and bulbs are being bid out and the cost of lifts explored. The intent of waiting to accomplish this electrical work was to use the lift for more than this one project, such as the installation of the new AV streaming system. We have learned that current lighting was not negatively affecting the quality of streaming, so we will proceed with new lights and fixtures as soon as possible.

The kitchen ice maker was recently evaluated and functions restored.

◇Exterior Spaces/Grounds

Many helpful hands cleaned up the storm debris from the recent winds, rain, and hail. Craig Reid and Reg Kahrmanis have maintained vigilance after storms to quickly identify serious damage to structures or the grounds. Until the monsoons are over, you may see collections of ground debris awaiting transport to the waste yard. The cost of a trip to the dump has risen from \$22 to \$25.

Because of the excellent rock and dirt work completed in the northeast, front of Church property, erosion from the rains has been minimal. Thanks go to Reg Kahrmanis and Craig Reid for their sustained, and substantial efforts. Also, note the rock berm on the north, small parking lot has been re-worked to keep function and appearance. Thank you, Craig. All grounds volunteers are saluted for continuing their great beautification work: Chris Arundell, Gary La Barre, Arliene Stremming, Joyce

Remillard, Vince Remillard, Fred Keller, Jack Ross, and Mark Stril. I regret if I have missed anyone.

An outside community member recently donated twenty five hours of community service to St. Francis. This individual worked with the supervision of Deana, Lead Sexton. Work done was blowing clean all asphalt parking lots and completing other miscellaneous and helpful tasks.

T and R Iron Works of Green Valley recently installed two sets of safety handrails. One offers support to those approaching the south Chapel entrance (\$1,062.63); the second offers support to those walking the sidewalk along handicapped parking on the upper, West parking lot (\$2,618.93).

Parishioners Gary & Pam Chambers have generously donated a mobile, collapsible tent, 10' x 10' approximately. It is suitable to provide shade and cover for Memorial Garden events or those held in other spaces. Deana can be contacted 36 hours in advance to install for events.

As things dry out, the installation of the 50-gallon cistern off the labyrinth will be completed. This serves as an accessible water source for watering plants and cleaning the labyrinth surfaces.

◇Miscellaneous

Print and copy paper previously stored in the Lead Sexton's office and storage area behind the kitchen has been moved to the unoccupied office in the office complex for easy access and management. The freed up space in the kitchen storage room will house the array of tablecloths previously stored in the Lead Sexton's office.

The Junior Warden is working collaboratively with Boutique Staff and a custom logo wear company to acquire polo shirts and T-shirts as well as matching caps for purchase by parishioners and others. Items will have the St. Francis logo, symbols, and inscriptions on them. Watch for a display of shirts and caps in the Parish Hall and eventual availability of items in the Boutique.

Rick's Pest Control continues to regularly exterminate outside the buildings and inside the Church and office/meeting rooms.

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!

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, September 30 and 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.

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.

C.S. Lewis Class

Our fifth class on the life and thought of the great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis will be held Thursday, September 15, at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. We will continue our look at Lewis' essay 'The Weight of Glory,' the first essay in the collection *The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses*. The book is available through Amazon Prime (used copies are also available through Amazon). If you are interested in the class, contact Gerald via email at gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org and he will get more information to you.

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On Sunday October 2 at 9 AM, we welcome back our former associate priest, Canon Pam Hyde, who is the Diocesan Canon for CREATION CARE as our guest preacher for the Feast of St. Francis Sunday. The following Sundays in October will continue the celebration as we look at the Franciscan values of Compassion, Peace and Justice, and Spirituality.

Confirmation and Reception: Beginning Tuesday October 4—November 8, at 11 AM to NOON, we are once again offering a class for those who want to learn more about the Episcopal Church. These classes are also for anyone who would like to be Received or Confirmed into the Episcopal Church. Bishop Reddall will be with us for a Confirmation Service on Sunday November 20.

The Life and Teachings of St. Francis: Through the month of October, on Thursday mornings at 10 AM, there will be a chance to continue our learning about St. Francis of Assisi. Beginning Thursday October 6, we will re-watch the zoom lecture led by Prof. Art Remillard on March 3, 2022. The following week, on October 13, Prof. Remillard will join us for a LIVE lecture. More information to come about this lecture series including the recent Mr. Rogers movie with Tom Hanks.

We are a busy church, and I believe the fall will be full and exciting! It is time to shake the Covid cob webs off and get involved by coming out to worship and participate in the many learning and social activities. Coming together as a family is what makes our church a great place to be. If you would like to get more involved or have any ideas for ministry or social activities, please let me know.

Blessings and peace,
Fr. Warren

Prison Ministry

September is Prison Awareness month in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. We will be collecting yarn for the women of Perryville prison. The women crochet blankets for babies in local hospitals and beanies for homeless folks. If you have any scraps or skeins of yarn cluttering up your closets, please bring them to the church during September and early October. The yarn will be delivered to the Episcopal Prison Ministry representative at the annual convention. We still have birthday card requests and Perryville Notecards available in the Parish

Hall during coffee hour. Thank you for keeping those who are incarcerated in your prayers. *Rena*

TeleCare Ministry

Telecare Ministry is looking for a volunteer to make phone calls to parishioners on a quarterly basis. This wonderful ministry enables our members to remain in contact with the church. If you are interested in making phone calls, please contact Deacon Becky at 480-204-0022 to discuss this valuable ministry.

Shirts & Caps

St. Francis SHIRTS and CAPS will be available this fall through the

Boutique! Watch for additional news and visit the display outside the Boutique where you will have a chance to see available colors, sizes and prices. Once the Boutique opens again in the fall, we will be happy to assist you with your order. *Jylene Wright*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Janet Hill
- 2 Geoffrey Hill
- 3 Liz Dorgan
- 4 Eva Jenkins
- 5 Donald Hart
- 7 Julie Breitenbucher
- 7 Joan Henrich
- 8 Wally Mullaly
- 10 Anne Gillespie
- 10 Jack Ross, Jr.
- 10 Michael Staples
- 11 Tom Neyland
- 11 Susan Tenney
- 11 Kristi Thompson
- 15 Bob Allen
- 15 Barbara Bundy
- 15 Mista Wilt
- 20 Pat Ghoca
- 20 Gary La Barre
- 23 Kate Hutson
- 24 Eric Gough
- 25 Paula Altamirano
- 20 Barbara Glover
- 26 Susanne Reed
- 26 Sue Richards
- 28 Nancy Milsovic
- 28 Ralph Walke

September ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 David & Katharine Barnes
- 1 Norma & Gilda Nelson
- 6 Stephen & Dorothy North
- 8 Bill & Marie Miller
- 11 Don & Sue Richards
- 18 Kenneth & Joan Jakubiak
- 21 Warren & Annette Leibovitch
- 24 George & Shirlee Schappach
- 26 Paul & Janet Ohri
- 29 Geoffrey & Wendy Hill

PARISH MEETINGS AND
EVENTS — SEPTEMBER
2022

Monday, 5 September
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, 6 September
Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

Wednesday, 7 September
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

Thursday, 8 September
Library Committee, 10 AM, L

Saturday, 10 September
Holy Eucharist, 4 PM, PH

Tuesday, 13 September
Vestry, 4 PM, CfR

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

Thursday, 15 September
Personnel Cmte, 10 AM, CfR

Monday, 19 September
Hearts & Hands, 10 AM, CfR

Tuesday, 20 September
Men's Group, 9 AM, CfR

Wednesday, 21 September
Holy Eucharist, 9 AM, Chapel

Thursday, 22 September
Stewardship, 9:30 AM, CfR
Parish Choir, 2 PM, Loft

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

Thursday, 29 September
Parish Choir, 2 PM, Loft

Friday, 30 September
Great Musicals, 5 PM, PH

CALENDAR LEGEND

PH - Parish Hall
VR - Vulliamy Room
CfR - Conference Room
SFR - Saint Francis Room
L - Library

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

*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@stfrancisgvaz.org) to sign up. It's FREE!



Do we have...

your@e-mail.address?

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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