

The Franciscan



The Bishop's Committee

From our Vicar... JUNE 2016



• Bishop and Rector •

The Rt. Rev. Jon J. Bruno

(213) 482-2040

The Rev. Sarah Kitch

(805) 526-5141

(818) 442-4514

stfrancis.simi@gmail.com

Bishop's Warden

Amy Brown

805-231-5502

amysbrowns@aol.com

Junior Warden

Clerk

Donna Shiver

805 208-5866

Donna.shiver@fruitgrowers.com

Finance

Vicky Beasley

805 501-1305

VickyBeasley@colorandlight.us

Worship & Fellowship

Scott Eben

310 629-8137

carpettech@sbcglobal.net

Communications

Katherine Todd

805 241-4772

krostodd1@gmail.com

Service/Outreach/Fellowship/Education

Amy Rasmussen

805 630-2224

amyr@amgen.com

Pastoral Care

Lee Haack

805 583-0498

dukehaack@sbcglobal.net

Christian Education

Susan Swoish

805-501-5203

sis@swbusinessadvisors.com

Membership

Joe Zepf

818 770-1279

Have you ever noticed the rhythm of church life as we follow the seasonal calendar from fall to winter, spring to summer? The church calendar begins in Advent (winter and December) and carries us through Epiphany (January), Lent (March or April), and our high feast and celebration of Easter (April). Fifty days later we extol the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church with Pentecost (May) and then... And then it's summer.

We have followed all the feasts and festivals of the church and then, suddenly, it all becomes quiet. The summer takes on a kind of respite. The activities of summer are all beach, camping, vacations and family life that is welcomed and hailed to relax and enjoy!

Ah summer! How marvelous to carve out this luxury time to share in anticipated activities and uncommitted time. The sheer revelry to know we don't have to be somewhere. Oh yes, there is still work for many of us, and the obligations of "making a living" still remain. However, knowing that summer includes the weekend away, the vacation and the long summer's nap, seems to calm some of the hustle and rush of the rest of the year.

It is a time to rest and relax. Summer is a season that thrives with vibrant colors of plants and greenery, cool water at the lake, and moonlit nights. It is a welcome change and transition in our lives. At the same time, it is a time of creativity, taking on a project long delayed, reading a book that has been on the shelf forever. It is a time of creativity in the church as well. It is a time of restoration, putting things away from festivals, and giving attention to areas that have been neglected.

Continued



Published monthly by St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church 280 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley CA 93065
Email: stfrancis.simi@gmail.com Website: stfranchischurchofsimi.org 805.526.5141 FAX 805.520.3819



It is a time of reflection and wondering what awaits us in the time to come.

Will there be a new study group? What would I like that study group to be? Can I participate in the landscaping project around St. Francis? What about volunteering at the Samaritan Center? Perhaps I'll make time to meet with Sarah and ask her all those questions I haven't gotten around to asking. These can be our summer musings and reflections as we lay on our back in a hammock.

Let's be creative this summer as we receive this gift of rest. Take time to read a book and share it with a friend or tell Leslie and we'll put it in the library. Give yourself time to ask God, "What would you have for me to grow? How can I participate with you in a different way in the Kingdom Work?" It might be cleaning out the garage, or joining a prayer group. It might be coming to Jazz on the Patio and picnicking on the patio. Whatever it is, may it be refreshing and blessed as we enter the rhythm of the church in summer!



Sarah



Come Celebrate Dr. Liz Linn

Our Liz Linn has earned her doctorate degree in psychology. We will be honoring her with a Lamb Roast Dinner at Vicar Sarah's home, 18210 Napa Street, Northridge, on June 5 at 6:00 pm.



Congratulations to Brainerd Dharmaraj!

Brainerd has received favor from Bishop Jon Bruno. He is preparing for the formation retreat in November to interview with the Commission on Mission and Ministry.

*Let home be a nest
Feathered deep with love and
trust,
Where wings can be stretched.
Diantha Ain*



“Jesus says, ‘From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.’ We have been created in the image of God, who is generous, and it is of our essence to see the world in the same way, and to live with enormous generosity.” Br. Curtis Almquist, Society of Saint John the Evangelist

St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church is an enormously generous church. We serve our sister church in Belize with faithful sponsorship for two students as they continue in their education. We often bring in food and needed items for the Samaritan Center. We open our doors in hospitality and welcome all people and hope they are comfortable and feel at home among us.

St. Francis of Assisi is an enormously generous church.

Each member has prayed and sought the Lord as to a pledge for our church life. We have committed some of our resources to sustain our community and shared fellowship together. We offer our resources when others have need and seek to be faithful to fulfill what we have pledged to the Lord.

This summer, as we participate in our various activities and summer fun that takes us away from our communal life in shared worship, may we continue to be faithful to our pledges and keep the church sustained through the summer months? The summer is a quieter time around St. Francis, with our occasional Jazz on the Patio, Weddings, and hospitality offered to user groups on the grounds.

Let us do our part in faithful partnership of all that God has given us to keep our tithes and pledges monthly. If we have missed some of what we pledged in January to give to the church, may we seek the Lord to catch up and be a blessing to all who worship and fellowship at St. Francis.

As Jesus is generous with us, may we be generous with one another, and all for Christ’s sake. Amen.

Parish Prayer Needs:

Please keep the Perry Family in prayer.

Music Program: Pray for more regular singers.

Healing: Jean, Braydon (baby born with half a heart), Hank, Fr. Steve, Al, Mary, Rich, Yvonne, VanNessa, Dee, Jeff, Jim,

Jan, David, Margie, Jan, Lee, Trish, Sue, the wife of Wayne, Tony, Mark, Michele, Eric, Louise, Jean, Tony, Bob & family, Edith, Rana, Howard, Mary, Donna.

For Comfort: George and the Schneider family. Suzanne Mudge and family.

Members and News



Yes, this is a big thank you to all who are donating time, talents and treasures for the landscaping project. You are appreciated!

ECW

Episcopal Church Women



We meet the 1st Friday of every month in the church at 6:30 and would love to have you join us.

Sylvia Moya

Library News



Greetings fellow readers!

This month the St. Francis Library is featuring three books by authors searching for God. Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, writes about *Who Needs God*. It turns out that we do. Rabbi Kushner shows us how faith can enrich even the most fulfilling lives. He shows us how the resources of a religious faith will renew, refresh and replenish us.

The second book, *Loving God*, by Charles Colson, is a book that is difficult to put down. Colson teaches through vivid storytelling and historical events. Colson is an evangelical author whose main message, loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself is still what it is all about.

The third is *When God Doesn't Make Sense*, by Dr. James Dobson. If you, like me, have had some setbacks in your life and struggled with the "why" questions. this book might give you some insight. Dobson uses personal experiences along with scripture to help us cope with the trials of life.

Happy Reading!
Leslie Lonergan

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

By, Kathy Todd

Saturday Night at St. Francis on the Patio was an extraordinary evening of outstanding music, food and community. The phenomenal performances by **Scott Eben** and **The Copycats** took us to "**Forever in Blue Jeans: The tribute to Neil Diamond**". The audience thoroughly enjoyed the musical entertainment and the patio was rocking!

We thank all who gave of their time and talents to make this evening so special. We must say a special thank you to: Derek Silbermann, our Director of Music, The Copycats: Michael Langland guitar, Jim Xavier Drummer, Rick Cosentino Percussion and vocal, Rebecca Ray Vocal, Anthony Fox Vocal and Derek Silbermann on Keyboard. And of course to Scott Eben the voice of Neil Diamond. A thank you to Ginny Morgan for organizing the food and set-up. Thanks to Amanda and Xenia de la Rocha and Bernadette Schnaible for serving the food and the clean-up. Kudos to Joe Zepf our bartender and to Tony Fox and Craig McGuire for their help in setting up the stage and sound equipment and assisting the musicians with their requirements.

Thank you to our parishioners, especially David and Susan Swoish for their behind the scenes contributions and all who brought deserts and those who worked to bring this remarkable evening together. And to the audience for attending. God was truly present during this wonderful celebration.

Name Badges



If you need a name badge, please sign up in the Narthex. There is a sign-up sheet on the table next to the wall. Your name badge will be put into the basket there for you to pick up. Do not hesitate to ask for a new one if yours has been misplaced. Wearing your badge is one way of making all feel welcome.

Leslie Lonergan



Susan Russell, Vicar Barbara Mudge and Larry Brown

Rev. Barbara C. Mudge has gone 'home' to be with the Lord and her husband, John and many, many friends. She was in the hospital awaiting further bowel surgery. May the blessings that only come from God comfort her family and friends as we remember our dear friend and rejoice in her Homecoming! Please remember that the tears we shed in times like this are Liquid Love!!!

This photo was from the day Vicar Barbara Mudge was ordained at St. Francis, June 1, 1996.

Condolences may be mailed to Suzanne Mudge, 3017 Lopez Rd., Pebble Beach CA 93953. A memorial service is being planned for August in Laguna Beach. Details as they become available.



(Pictured here Sam Anusiam and Scott Eben, as St. Francis.)

Street Fair Fun!

Here is a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Street Fair, especially: Scott Eben, Ginny Morgan, (Great cut out of St Francis), Tony Fox, the Lonergans, Kathy and Tom Butler, Sam Anusiam, and all who sat at the booth and smiled happily as well as helped share about the Music Festival.

Big Thank you to Scott and Derek and the band for playing at the Fair!



Hello Everyone! There is good news in the garden today. Here are the changes coming up for our church grounds:

1. New low use watering system in the biblical garden. I will be replacing the plants we lost as well as adding more. New signage that will hopefully stand up to the traffic back in that part of the landscape.
2. Sprinkler repairs near the labyrinth so we can add some perennial blooms to enhance the peace and enjoyment for those using the labyrinth.
3. The water to the grass in front of the office has been turned off. This area is going to be rototilled and mulched. A fun swing is going to be hung from one of the trees there. I am looking for ways to draw children out into the garden while maintaining our natural aesthetic.
4. The water to the west of the central path in front of the church has been turned off. This will allow more water time to go to the largest section of grass in the front and also to the grass near the courtyard. Fortunately we are receiving another monetary donation, which will allow us to add new irrigation and low water use plants to this area.

Our grounds are going to be a beautiful example to those visiting the church of what can be done responsibly in a low water use garden. Thank you so much to the people whose donations have made this possible!

Renee McGuire

June 2016 at St. Francis

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm AA PH	2 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm EFM	3 Office Closed 8 pm AA Church	4
5 Pentecost 3 Preaching, Mother Christian 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Eucharist with Music & Baptism 6pm Liz Linn's Party 6:30 AA PH	6 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm AA PH	7 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Men's Group 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	8 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 12:30 pm Sam Center Brd Mtg 7-8 pm Lectio Divina, Dharmaraj 7:30 pm AA PH	9 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 Office Closed 6:30 pm ECW Mtg 8 pm AA Church	11
12 Pentecost 4 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6:30 AA PH	13 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm AA PH	14 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	15 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm AA PH	16 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 Office Closed Franciscan Articles Due 8 pm AA Church	18
19 Pentecost 5 Father's Day 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Eucharist with Music Belize Collection Noon BC Mtg 6:30 AA PH	20 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm AA PH	21 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	22 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7-8 pm Lectio Divina, Dharmaraj 7:30 pm AA PH	23 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 Office Closed 8 pm AA Church	25
26 Pentecost 6 10 am Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist with Music Recycling 6 pm Jazz on Patio 6:30 AA PH	27 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm AA PH	28 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	29 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm AA PH	30 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	July 1 Office Closed 8 pm AA Church	2 Office Closed Monday, July 4!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED THROUGH ST. FRANCIS



Want to be involved with the Samaritan Center?? Renee McGuire is heading up a Tutoring Program offered to all who need help in computer skills, literacy, and empowering clients to get on their feet. As well, Joe Zepf has been part of a Men’s Mentoring Program offering everything from help in filling out forms, to a listening ear. Talk with Renee or Joe about the various opportunities that are available as we partner our mission and ministry with the Samaritan Center.

Our church members have asked what useful items **The Samaritan Center** can use the most. All shelf-stable goods are helpful, as well as cleaning products and trash bags. In particular, the Kitchen is always in need for the following for daily lunches given to clients:

- **Juice or any Beverages in Pouches**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Jelly (grape, strawberry, any kind for sandwiches)**
- **Lunch Bags**

Update of Needs for the Samaritan Center. . .trash bags tall kitchen size and 33 gallon, napkins, aluminum foil, Styrofoam soup bowls, ammonia, bleach and tube socks for men and toilet paper. Eggs, Rain Ponchos, Milk (ongoing need for a while), Beans & warm gloves for both men and women, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants & Sweaters.

Your donations go directly to feed the needs of our community. Donations can be brought to church or left at the Sam Center kitchen door. Thank you so much

RECYCLING AT ST FRANCIS



Please bring in your Recycling on the last Sunday of the month and we’ll put those cans and bottles to good use! Our efforts will help support the needs of a family in our community and will be appreciated. See what glass and metal can do? So mark your calendars now with a big “R” for recycling at the end of the month. Thank you ahead of time for all your contributions!



St. Francis Coffee Hour Schedule

June 2016

	5	12	19 Father’s Day	26	July 3
10am	DOK		ECW	Anusiem Family	DOK

July 2016

	3	10	17	24	31
10am	DOK		ECW		Joy & Bob Craig

Our coffee hour is a tradition of spending a few minutes together after our worship to connect and say hello to each other. All are invited because the “feeling of belonging” is for everyone to enjoy! It’s a blessing to host this time to refresh ourselves before we return to the “busyness” of the world.

June 2016 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	July 3	
--	--------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Susan S.	Esther D.	Val S.	Ryan M.	Shantel K.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Peter H.	Dan J.	Ken S.	Grace R.	Peter H.
LEM (Chalice)	David S.	Tom & Kathy B.	Rob & Kristen W.	Esther & Brainerd D.	David K. David S.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Emma Rachel	Sophie Andrea	Brian Wesley	Brenda Grace	Emma Rachel
Usher / Greeters	Tony F. Rebecca S	Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Joe Z.	Tony F. Rebecca S.
Altar Guild	Cora R.	Megan A.	Kathy B.	Cora R.	Megan A.
Home Communion	Brainerd & Esther D.	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Brainerd & Esther D.
Vestry Counters	Amy B. Susan S.	Scott E. Susan S.	Tom B. Cathy G.	Kathy T. Vicky B.	Amy B. Susan S.

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled – please make arrangements with someone else to substitute for you. Please contact the church office to inform them of the changes. Thank you!

July 2016 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Shantel K.	Esther D.	Val S.	Ryan M.	Susan S.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Peter H.	Dan J.	Ken S.	Grace R.	Kathy B.
LEM (Chalice)	David K. David S.	Tom & Kathy B.	Rob & Kristen W.	Esther & Brainerd D.	David K. David S.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Emma Rachel	Brian Wesley	Brenda Grace	Sophie Audrey	Emma Rachel
Usher / Greeters	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Joe Z.	Tony F. Rebecca S.
Altar Guild	Megan A.	Megan A.	Cora R.	Cora R.	Megan A.
Home Communion	Brainerd & Esther D	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Brainerd & Esther D
Vestry Counters	Amy B. Susan S.	Susan S.	Cathy G.	Kathy T.	Amy R. Vicky B.

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled – please make arrangements with someone else to substitute for you. Please contact the church office to inform them of the changes. Thank you!

PLEASE HELP UP UPDATE OUR RECORDS

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

Please check below if you would like these telephone numbers published in the church directory:

HOME PHONE #: _____

BUSINESS PHONE #: _____

FAX #: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____

YOUR BIRTH DATE: _____ SPOUSE'S BIRTH DATE: _____

BAPTISM DATE: _____ SPOUSE'S BAPTISM: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES:

1. _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ BAPTISM DATE: _____

2. _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ BAPTISM DATE: _____

3. _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ BAPTISM DATE: _____

4. _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ BAPTISM DATE: _____

5. _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ BAPTISM DATE: _____

6. _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ BAPTISM DATE: _____

OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

1. _____ BIRTHDAY: _____

Relationship: _____

2. _____ BIRTHDAY: _____

Relationship: _____

the Franciscan

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
280 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley CA 93065

Newsletter – June 2016

TO:



- **Wednesdays**
10 am Healing Service

Sunday Service:
Eucharist with Music 10:15 am

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

280 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley CA 93065
P.O. Box 940516, Simi Valley CA 93094
Phone (805)526-5141

stfrancis.simi@gmail.com
www.stfranchischurchofsimi.org