

*FRANCISCAN Weekly Newsletter for Sept. 5,
2024*

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
PROPER 18, YEAR B**

Both in-person services are offered, as always, and we welcome you to the 8:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite I and to the 10:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music.

This will be the Rev. E. Weston Mathews' FIRST Sunday to preside and to preach for us.

Please join us!

If you wish to access the 10:00 am live-streaming from our NEW website

[CLICK HERE](#)

READINGS for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 18, YEAR B

OLD TESTAMENT: [Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23](#)

RESPONSE: [Psalm 125](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [James 2:1-10, \[11-13\], 14-17](#)

THE GOSPEL: [Mark 7:24-37](#)

NOTE: The video loop that was playing prior to the beginning of our September 1 Sunday service contained highlights from the August 26, 1984 consecration of our church – 40 years ago. To see this video or the entire unedited version, go to the St Francis YouTube channel. Explore it by going to our new St. Francis website, www.stfrancisgreatfalls.org, clicking on Live Stream and checking out the video under the Take a Look at our YouTube Channel, or simply [CLICK HERE](#)

NOTE: Please remember to wear your name badges on Sundays this fall to help The Rev. E. Weston Mathews as he learns the names of our parishioners.

You are cordially invited
To a Welcome Brunch
for the Rev. E. Weston Mathews
As he begins his ministry at St. Francis
Sunday, September 8, at 11:30 am
Millen Hall, St. Francis Episcopal Church

If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Jennifer Murphy or Leslie Siegmund.

Regarding The Rev. E. Weston Mathew's Welcome Brunch

[Click here](#) if you would like to contribute to Father Weston's Welcome Brunch on September 8 after the 10:00 service.

Dear Franciscans,

This week, with great joy and hope, I begin serving as your priest. In mutual ministry we begin a new chapter in the life of Saint Francis and with friends in our wider community.

Through meetings with Transition Minister Shirley Smith-Graham and Father David Lucey, vestry leaders and officers, Saint Francis and Crèche School staff, and others, I've spent the last month learning about the gifts and graces of our spiritual community. I sense a great deal of love and a sweet, sweet spirit in this place after reading several parish histories and watching worship and special offerings on YouTube, including a video production of the 1984 sanctuary consecration by Bishop Peter Lee.

I have also had a chance to connect with some local church and community leaders at the Great Falls 4th of July celebration and to experience community on a couple Saturdays for coffee at Katie's Cars and Coffee. My clergy friends in the North Fairfax Region and I are looking forward to working more closely together and lifting up the witness of Saint Francis as part of the larger body of Christ.

As a result of all of these early impressions, I'm even more excited now than I was when the Search Committee and Vestry affirmed my call to be with you.

Sunday is a big day for all of us. Please invite your friends and our mission partners to church and to our celebration following worship. There will be many opportunities for us to get to know each other this fall and beyond. I have a lot to learn from each one of you, and I pray we will learn and grow together following Jesus Christ. Thank you for every way you make Saint Francis a special community of faith.

Weston

The Rev. E. Weston Mathews
Priest-in-Charge
Saint Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls

Sandwiches for the Homeless on September 21

Lots of help needed on **Saturday, September 21**, to make sandwiches and bagged meals for DC's hungry and homeless. We will meet in **Millen Hall** at **12:30 pm**. All ages are welcome. The meals will be delivered that evening to the Salvation Army Grate Patrol, which serves the homeless in DC.

For more information, please contact Ginger Roll at rollginger@icloud.com

To celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, St. Francis is hosting a community-wide event to package 15,120 meals to support *Rise Against Hunger's Pathways to End Hunger*. We encourage individuals and families to join us to assemble these meals in this fun and meaningful event at **St. Francis Church on Friday October 4, 2024 from 6:30 – 8:30PM**. Please volunteer by signing up at the link below. We need **80 volunteers** to assemble these critical meals.

<http://Tinyurl.com/RAHGF2024>

End World Hunger Your impact starts with a meal, and leads to self-sufficiency, sustainability, and brighter futures! For more information on the Rise Against Hunger program, go to <https://www.RiseAgainstHunger.org>

St. Francis Fall Marketplace

This year, the newly named **St. Francis Fall Marketplace** will include vendors, bake sale, rummage sale, books, hotdog lunch, and more! We need volunteers. If you're interested in helping out or are just curious about the event, please contact Leslie Siegmund or Sandy Walker.

RUMMAGE SALE : 'Ready to get rid of some stuff?'

The **Women's Group of St. Francis** will be hosting a *Rummage Sale* during the **St. Francis Fall Marketplace on October 19, 9am - 2 pm.**

We welcome household goods including kitchenware, glassware, small working appliances, linens, gently used clothing, artwork, decorative items, children's toys etc. Small furniture pieces (i.e end tables, small chairs) accepted. Please, no items heavier than 15 lbs. *Items not sold at the rummage sale, will be donated to local charities.*

Donations will be accepted on Sunday mornings at the church starting October 6th.

Questions? Please contact **Janet Durfee**.

Crafters and Woodworkers Needed!

We're planning to sell crafts at the **Oct. 19 Fall Marketplace**, and we need crafters to contribute! Any kind of handmade item is welcome, including Christmas ornaments, baby items, woodcrafts, etc.

Call **Clara Sue Ashley** for more information.

Basket Auction at the St. Francis Marketplace

Last year our Basket Auction at the St. Francis Rummage Sale was a HUGE success... So – It will be on Again!

We need your creative juices to think about super fun and biddable baskets. They should be based on an exciting concept and filled with corresponding goodies. We know there is no end to the imagination of our fellow Franciscans!!

Because of space constraints, we absolutely MUST know in advance if you plan to donate a basket. [Click here](#) to let us know you will be preparing a basket.

Questions? Contact **Jennifer Murphy**.

Ongoing Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer offered MON-FRI, at 8:00am via Zoom.

All are invited to immerse themselves in this supportive offering from St. Francis Church.

*Please note that **Evening Prayer** has been suspended for now, but if you have an interest in this, please contact the Priest-in-Charge, Weston Mathews, at rector@stfrancisgreatfalls.org.*

Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 pm

We hope you can join us again the Fall via Zoom videoconference!

For more information and any questions, please contact the coordinator for the program: Kathy Anderson.

Men's Group Meets WEDNESDAYS 8:35am

Discussing: The Gospel of John.

Join us every WED morning. Questions? Contact Stu Edwards.

St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesday at 5:30pm, each week

Join us for casual conversation. Grab your favorite beverage and let's reconnect!

Zoom ID: 935 2210 0835; Passcode: church

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS) at 5:00pm

Meetings take place Thursdays at 5 pm. Everyone is invited to join TABS and participate in interesting discussions.

For further information contact Amelia Logan.

Second Story Dinners: Sundays at 5:15

Needed: Volunteers to prepare and deliver Sunday dinners to the Second Story Teen Crisis Center on Gallows Road. Volunteers work solo or in pairs, according to their wishes. At this time there is still no contact with the staff or the residents.

Dinners are made on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. The count typically ranges from five to 8. It has been as many as 12. Volunteers receive reminders when their Sundays are coming up.

Please contact Jennifer Murphy if you would like to volunteer for this ministry or if you have any questions.

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