

Newsletter for September 12, 2024

FRANCISCAN Weekly Newsletter

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, PROPER 19, 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.

Please join us!

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

READINGS for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 19, YEAR B

OLD TESTAMENT: [Proverbs 1:20-33](#)

RESPONSE: [Psalm 19](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [James 3:1-12](#)

THE GOSPEL: [Mark 8:27-38](#)

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.

A Message from our Music Director

Franciscans,

It is wonderful to be back in full swing with the new program year. Also, a great pleasure to welcome Weston into our midst as priest-in charge. I am especially excited about his enthusiasm for music at St. Francis and look forward to many new musical adventures going forward.

Regarding music for this fall there are some new elements that we will add to our Sunday liturgies. One of them is the restoration of the processional and recessional by the altar party and choir. We will process into the sanctuary accompanied by Sasha's prelude and follow it with the opening hymn and will recess following the post communion hymn and blessing.

Another new element will be a "Call to Worship" that will be sung by the Choir or

elements thereof. It will precede the prelude/procession and is designed to encourage congregants to become focused on the liturgy that will begin momentarily. There will be a variety of genres of music presented at this time with the hope that it will aid in this task. We hope this will be an enjoyable "coming together moment" for all as we begin the Sunday liturgy.

I ask that you mark two dates on your calendars that will feature special music at St. Francis. The first is **All Saints Sunday, November 3rd**. At the **10 am service** the Choir accompanied by an instrumental ensemble will sing *Requiem* by John Rutter. It will be integrated into the service with slides of those who have recently passed being shown during the movements sung during the offertory and communion meditation. This will be the third year that we have celebrated All Saints in this manner. Each time has been a moving and prayerful experience. Rutter's music is especially poignant on this subject. Plan to be present and if possible bring a friend.

The other date to mark is **Saturday, December 7, at 3 pm**, when we will present a special Advent Concert which will include the singing of some of our favorite Advent hymns, poetry and the performance with orchestra and soloists of J. S. Bach's immortal Advent Cantata 140 - Sleepers Awake (Wachet Auf). Not only will this be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the season of Advent through music and poetry, it will be a time to invite others in our local community to attend a function at St. Francis. This program is designed to be about 60-70 minutes in duration.

Finally, if you or someone you know is interested and experienced in choral singing, I am always happy to discuss the possibilities of singing in our parish choir. The Choir performs a great service to the Parish and is a substantial commitment of time, but the rewards are great and the camaraderie of the group is excellent. Feel free to contact me directly at levote@smcm.edu if you have any interest.

Larry Vote,
Music Director

Sandwiches for the Homeless on Sep. 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](#).

TABLES OF 8ish Begins the Fall

We hope many Franciscans will sign up to participate this Fall.

How it works: You sign up as a couple or a single and get placed in a group of 8 people.

Groups gather once a month at each other's homes to enjoy a meal together. The groups are created by the coordinators. Homes are rotated within the group and the host for evening usually provides the main dish, while others in the group provide sides and dessert.

How to sign up: There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex or please email [Kathy Anderson](#).

We are asking everyone to sign up **by September 29**. That Sunday we will assign groups and contact those who are participating. We hope to have everyone schedule two dinners before the holidays.

This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow Franciscans and it is so much fun. Please consider joining us this fall. If you have any questions please email **Kathy** at the above email address or call or text at **(571) 225-8831**.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

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](#)

It's Time to Begin Baking for the COUNTRY KITCHEN!

Cookies, pies, roll, cakes, scones, breads, muffins, etc. can be prepared now and frozen. If you don't have freezer room, the church freezer has enough space. Please label your donation(s) with your name and the contents of your container. Home canned products are also welcome.

Please contact [Kris Young](#) for more details and to sign up. Thank you!

Sasha's Auction Concert: SAT-2-NOV at 4:00 pm

We still have 36 spots available for a special concert, by our Organist, Sasha Beresovsky to be held on **November 2 at 4:00 pm**.

Come and enjoy Sasha's marvelous talent **at Ray and Jennifer's home in Great Falls** in their newly arranged piano room. Sasha's lovely sounds will be followed by a festive reception provided by the Wards and the Murphys.

The cost to attend is \$50 per person. Reserve your spot now. To pay on-line, [click here](#) and choose "Auction Concert" from the dropdown box or put a check in the collection plate with "Auction Concert" in the memo line.

Attendees will be furnished the address and parking instructions prior to the event.

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 [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.*

