



St. Francis  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## The Weekly Franciscan

### **The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 29th, 2024**

You are welcome to the

**8:00 a.m.** Service of Holy Eucharist Rite I with  
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant and Preacher  
and

**10:00 a.m.** Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with  
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant and Preacher  
and the St. Francis Choir

Children's Chapel is offered during the Sermon

Coffee Hour Follows Each Service in Millen Hall

[The 10:00 a.m. Service is also live-streamed on YouTube](#)

[View this Sunday's Worship Bulletin](#)

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

The First Reading | [Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22](#)

The Response | [Psalm 124](#)

The Second Reading | [James 5:13-20](#)

The Gospel | [Mark 9:38-50](#)

### **Parish Prayer List**

We pray especially for Grace, Jennie, Sofia and Larry, Valerie, Rick, Debra, Eileen, Cathy, Taylor, Nancy, Annette, Justin, Toni, Isaac, Elie, Kelly and Alex, Kelly, Nancy, Gene, Nick and Hilary, Linn, Joe and Molly, Steve, Ellen, and Dut.

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

### **2024 Year-to-Date Financial Information**

As of August 31, 2024:

Budgeted Revenue - \$405,800      Actual Revenue - \$449,760\*

Budgeted Expenses - \$438,867      Actual Expenses - \$424,422

\*Includes \$52,400 in prepaid pledges received in 2023 which is not reflected in the budgeted revenue.

Thanks to the advice and watchful eyes of the Finance Committee, St. Francis cash flow has remained positive throughout the summer months. Giving statements were sent to many parishioners as a reminder of where they stand with their pledge for 2024. If you did not receive a statement from the treasurer and would like one, please email me, the Treasurer and I will happily send it to you. Keeping up to date on pledges is always a good thing.

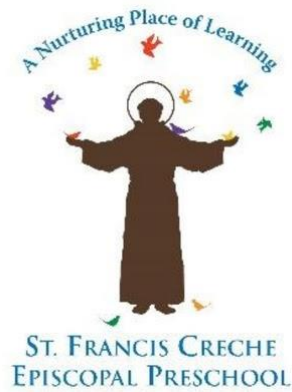
Franciscans are generous with their time as well which can be seen at the numerous events at St. Francis. Grate Patrol, Rise Against Hunger and the Fall Marketplace happen because of the time and talent given by parishioners. If you haven't signed up to help yet, now is the time to put your name down. Come

join the crowd and let's have fun together.

Although we have not changed how the weekly Franciscan emails are sent, that will be happening. I encourage everyone to accept the opt-in invitation that has been sent to all email addresses in the database. If you would like to receive another invitation, please let me know.

Molly Reynolds

Treasurer [treasurer@stfranciscgreatfalls.org](mailto:treasurer@stfranciscgreatfalls.org)



## Creche Happenings



This year the Creche is off to a great start! The teachers and students have adjusted to being back at school, and the parents are already participating in school events and activities. Thank you to the IWC for hosting the Teacher Breakfast on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Parent Welcome Coffee on September 10<sup>th</sup>. These events made both the parents and the teachers feel very special.

Our "Back to School Night" on September 19th was a lovely event in which the parents were able to meet one another as well as church members and Creche Board members. This was the first of many events that will

bring the church and the Creche together.

A highlight for the children was the first Chapel with "Mr. Weston." His gentle manner and calm voice had them all engaged, and we ended with high fives and fist bumps!

**Northern Virginia Junior Cotillion  
Great Falls Chapter**

**presents**

**The 2024-25 Season of Junior  
Cotillion**

**at**

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**



The purpose of the Junior Cotillion program is to give young people social skills through instruction in etiquette, manners, and character education, training in standard ballroom dance, and providing opportunities to practice and enjoy these skills.

Junior Cotillion is open to all 6th, 7th & 8th grade students. It meets once a month for an hour and a half class in October, November, December, January, and February, with a Spring Ball in March.

**To register please go to: [www.nvjc.net/registration](http://www.nvjc.net/registration)**

**Grate Patrol**

Delivering meals and comfort  
to those without shelter



Many thanks to everyone who came last Saturday to make sandwiches and pack bagged meals for the homeless. Special thanks to Brice Eldridge for delivering the meals along with bottled water, socks, and lawn/leaf bags to the Salvation Army Grate Patrol in DC. The meals were handed out that evening to people living on DC's streets.





# WORDS & MUSIC



## **Only At The Theater: A Gala Afternoon of Musical Fun!**

**Concert, Refreshments, and Silent Auction**

Saturday, September 28 at Four O'Clock  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
Great Falls, Virginia

For tickets and information:

<https://www.universe.com/OnlyAtTheTheater>



## **TABLES OF 8 begins in the Fall**

### **Sign-up by September 29th**

We hope many Franciscans will sign up to participate this Fall. Weston and Loriana plan to join each table once during this season, sign up and get to know them better!

**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 at the entry way of the sanctuary** or **please contact Kathy Anderson.**

We are asking everyone to **sign up by September 29th.** 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 contact **Kathy**.



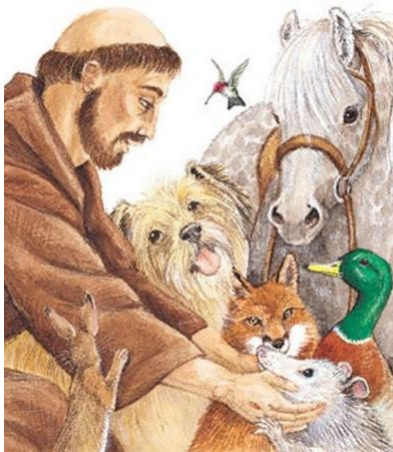
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Friday, October 4th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church

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 4th, 2024 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Please volunteer by signing up at the link below. We need **80 volunteers** to assemble these critical meals.

<http://Tinyurl.com/RAHGF2024>

For more information on the Rise Against Hunger program, go to <https://www.RiseAgainstHunger.org>



**Feast of St. Francis observed on  
Sunday, October 6th**

Regular services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
with a **special service for Blessing of the  
Animals at 5:00 p.m.** in the front church yard.  
Bring your animals to be blessed by Father  
Weston.



**\* Featuring the Difficult Run Jazz Band \***

**St. Francis Fall Marketplace**

This year, the newly named St. Francis Fall Marketplace will feature the **Difficult**

**Run Jazz Band** and 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.

### **Sponsors Needed for Fall Marketplace**

The St. Francis Fall Marketplace will occur on October 19, but you can help right now by making a donation as a sponsor. Sponsor money helps with upfront costs and is a great way to contribute to this effort. Any amount is welcome. Just note "Marketplace Sponsor" on the memo line of your check. Thanks so much!

### **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

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 Fall Marketplace, and we need crafters to contribute! Any kind of handmade item is welcome, including Christmas ornaments, baby items, woodcrafts, etc.

Contact **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, rolls, 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**

**Beresovsky's**

**Concert:**

**Saturday, November 2nd at  
4:00 p.m. in Great Falls home**

We have 14 people coming, and still have 36 seats available for this special concert by our



Organist, Sasha Beresovsky, to be held on Saturday, November 2 at 4:00 pm.

Come and enjoy Sasha's marvelous talent **at Ray and Jennifer Murphy's home in Great Falls**. Sasha's lovely sounds will be followed by a festive reception provided by the Ward and Murphy families.

The cost to attend is \$50 per person. Reserve your spot now. All proceeds will go to Outreach for distribution to the community.

To pay on-line, [click here and choose "Auction Concert" from the drop down box](#) or put a check in the Sunday 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 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.**

All are invited to immerse themselves in this supportive offering from St. Francis Church where we regularly pray for one another and our mission in the world.

[Click here to connect to Morning Prayer via Zoom.](#)

Zoom ID: 968 1679 4908; Passcode: church

### **Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

We hope you can join us via Zoom videoconference.

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

[Click here to connect to Contemplative Prayer via Zoom.](#)

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