



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Weekly Franciscan

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 6th, 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](#)

5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals service in the front churchyard, before the parking lot, at the large Cross. Bring your animals or photos of your deceased animals to be blessed by Father Weston.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading | [Job 39:1–18](#)

The Response | [Psalm 121](#)

The Second Reading | [Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11](#)

The Gospel | [Luke 12:13-21](#)

Parish Prayer List

We pray especially for Christine, David, Jessica, Jon, Tracey & David, Grace, Jennie, Sofia & Larry, Valerie, Rick, Debra, Eileen, Cathy, Taylor, Nancy, Bishop Isaac, Kelly & Alex, Nancy, Nick & Hilary, Linn, Joe & Molly, 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.



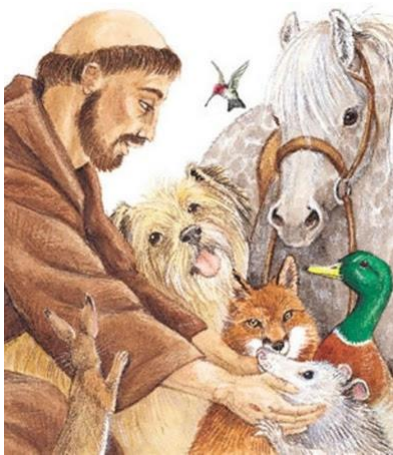
TOMORROW: Friday, October 4th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church

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.

<http://Tinyurl.com/RAHGF2024>

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



Feast of St. Francis

Blessing of the Animals service THIS 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 churchyard. Bring your animals to be blessed by Father Weston.

**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



*** 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: Time to Get Rid of Stuff!

The **Women's Group of St. Francis** will be hosting a *Rummage Sale* during the St. Francis Fall Marketplace

Donations will be accepted on Sunday mornings, October 6th and October 13th. Tables for your donations will be set up in Millen Hall.

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.

New this year: We're accepting your "Luxury Items," which would be higher-end items (\$25 and up, up, up), and we'll feature them at a special table!

Questions? Need to coordinate another drop-off time? 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.

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, 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.

In preparation for our **All Saints' Sunday Remembrance service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd**, we ask for digital photos of your dearly departed to be submitted to the parish administrator by Sunday, October 20th. Thank you!

admin@stfranciscgreatfalls.org

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.](#)

Zoom ID: 998 1159 6134; Passcode: church

Men's Group: Wednesdays 8:35 a.m.

Discussing: a six-week course on the book of Genesis entitled: *The Genesis Story: Reading Biblical Narratives*. Join us every Wednesday morning via Zoom. Questions? Contact Stu Edwards.

[Click here to connect to the Men's Group via Zoom.](#)

Zoom ID: 922 8116 0056; Passcode: church

St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

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

[Click here to connect to the St. Francis Social Hour.](#)

Zoom ID: 935 2210 0835; Passcode: church

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.

Meetings take place Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join and participate in interesting discussions. For further information contact Amelia Logan.

[Click here to connect to the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study.](#)

Zoom ID: 884 6847 1928; Passcode: not needed

Second Story Dinners: Sundays at 5:15 p.m.

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.

Dinners are made on the first, third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the month. The count for a meal typically ranges from five to eight persons. It has been as many as twelve. 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.

**Learn more about our life at
St. Francis**



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

through our new
website stfrancisgreatfalls.org:

- worship services including daily Morning Prayer
- community concerts
- pastoral care
- Creche preschool ministries
- local and international outreach events
- fellowship opportunities
- Bible studies and small group opportunities including Contemplative Prayer

Emergency Pastoral Number: 703.759.2082 x 102

Do you have a news item you would like to share through the Weekly Franciscan? Or do you have a photo from life at St. Francis you would like to submit? We welcome and rely on your participation.

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Clergy and Staff

The Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Priest-in-Charge

Mr. Larry Vote, Music Director

Mr. Sasha Beresovsky, Organist

Ms. Cristi Leslie, Creche Preschool Director

Mr. Dominic Pelegrin, Sexton

Ms. Rita Arteaga, Nursery Attendant

Ms. Lynn Fallon, Parish Administrator

2024 Vestry Members

Rick Larson, Senior Warden

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Cathryn Lee, Register

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