



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9220 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, Virginia 22066
www.stfrancisgreatfalls.org

The Weekly Franciscan

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 10th, 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, Archdeacon Holly Hanback
with 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](#)

and

11:15 a.m. Adult Forum on the Vocational Diaconate with Episcopal Diocese of Virginia,
Archdeacon Holly Hanback, in Millen Hall

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading | [Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17](#)

The Response | [Psalm 127](#)

The Second Reading | [Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

The Gospel Reading | [Mark 12:38-44](#)

Parish Prayer List

We pray especially for Lawrence, Ginger & Ed, Art, Barbara, Steve, Dave, and Catherine; Lynda, Melissa, Paula, Trevor, Clara Sue, David, Jessica, Jon, Tracey & David, Grace, Jeanne, Sofia & Larry, Debra, Taylor, Kelly & Alex, Nancy, Nick & Hilary, Linn, and Dut.

Altar Flowers

Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tory Salzer in loving memory of her brother, Eric Sievers on his birthday November 9th, and by Karen Butler, in loving memory of her husband, Neil and her daughter, Molly.



Priest-in-Charge Weston Mathews with Kelsey Pendergraft & Duncan Haight after their wedding on Saturday, November 2nd, at Woodbine Skilled Nursing Facility in Alexandria, Virginia, where Duncan's father, Nick, is receiving rehabilitation services.



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Help to Make the Future of St. Francis Bright!

Pledging for 2025 Stewardship Campaign

We are still in the middle of our Stewardship Campaign for 2025. Thankfully, we have received 36 pledges totaling \$239,560 which is 40% of our goal. The goal for 2025 is \$600,000 as we are getting ready to reach our full potential.

In order to achieve a balanced budget, hire a Director of Family Ministries, strengthen pastoral care and enhance our outreach and music programs, we must garner \$600,000 in pledged giving.

Add your light to brighten our future and please send in your pledge TODAY (or put it in the collection basket on Sunday).

Thank you to these Franciscans who have pledged so far:

Terri Adams

Kathy & Dana Anderson

Clara Sue Ashley

Carolyn & Dut Brown

Sharon Callaway

Carmela & Charles Condro

Lynda Davis

Mimi & Brice Eldridge

Sarah & Rick Entsminger

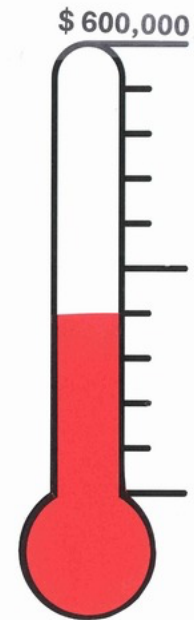
Brenda & Chris Giragosian

Val & Bruce Goddard

Lisa & Joe Hawke

Elizabeth & Joshua Kim

Loriana & Weston Mathews



Jessica & Kevin Maxson

Beth & Walt Meyer

Jennifer & Ray Murphy

Linn Perkins

Larry & Reyna Pratt

Jane & Bill Rachal

Tamber & Mike Ray

Molly & Joe Reynolds

Leslie Siegmund & Jack Mathias

Judy Stocks

Jeanne & Larry Vote

Sandy & John Walker

Pat & Paul Ward

Nan & Allen Young

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous



Creche Singers Sunday & Guest Preacher Sunday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. service

The **8:00 a.m. spoken service** of traditional Rite I Holy Eucharist will be held as usual.

Join us at the **10:00 a.m. service** to see and hear the Creche Singers perform during the "Call to Worship." In honor of Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11th, this service will also feature patriotic hymns.

An Adult Forum will be held at 11:15 a.m. with guest preacher Archdeacon Holly Hanback of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia in Millen Hall, directly following worship.



Two representatives from St. Gabriel's in Leesburg to visit St. Francis during worship this Sunday to promote:

St. Gabriel's Annual BBQ Fundraiser in Leesburg on Saturday, November 16 at Noon

St. Gabriel's (San Gabriel) in Leesburg will hold its annual BBQ fundraiser on **Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. James' (14 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg, VA)**. Volunteers from St. Gabriel's will make a brief announcement at both services, and you can join them during coffee hour to learn more about their social justice ministries, purchase tickets, or make a donation.

Proceeds from the event will support the following programs:

Educando Con Amor (Educating with Love): A free 9-week STEAM summer camp in Sterling and Leesburg.

Food Justice Ministry: In partnership with Shelter House.

Episcopal Borderland Ministry in Texas.

The Very Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church ~ Iglesia San Gabriel

8 Cornwall St. NW. Leesburg, VA 20176

Office: 703-779-3616 Cell: 571-293-0070

www.saintgabriels.net

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/StGabrielsEpiscopal/>



Tickets are available online at saintgabriels.net/bbq or via this QR code.

Prices are \$25 for adults (ages 13+), \$10 for children (ages 4-12), and free for children ages 3 and under.

Worship Minister Training

LEM, Acolyte, and Chalice Bearer Training for Adults

On **SUN-17-NOV & SUN-24-NOV**, at both **9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**, training for these worship ministry roles will be offered for adults, in the Sanctuary.

Youth Training for Worship Ministry service

On **SUN-1-DEC at 11:15 a.m.**, training for Youth interested in serving as an Acolyte, Chalice Bearer and/or Gospel Book Bearer will be offered in the Sanctuary. Open to all High School, Middle School and 5th/6th Grade students.

What are these Worship Ministry Roles?

LEM = Lay Eucharist Minister who serves both as a Reader and as a Chalice Bearer.

Acolyte = Person who assists the clergy during a worship service or procession. At St. Francis this includes crucifers (cross bearers), Gospel bearers, torch bearers and, on occasion, a children's cross crucifer.

Chalice Bearer = Person who, at Communion, offers one of the two chalices.



News from Ezo Diocese

We remain in regular contact with our friends in Ezo Diocese, South Sudan. Bishop Isaac tells us that they recently held their second annual Christ for Peace event, which St. Francis supported. The theme was “A Future Awaits Those Who Seek Peace” (Psalm 37:37) and was designed to reduce conflict and violence among those in Ezo and environs. More than 3,500 people, including government and church officials, attended. [You can see more photos and read Bishop Isaac’s full report HERE.](#)

If you want to learn more about Outreach or the Diocese of Ezo, contact Jack Mathias jackmathi@aol.com or visit [St. Francis Outreach.](#)

Amadeus  Concerts



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Opera Afternoon in Collaboration with Partners for the Arts

**Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 4 p.m.
St. Francis Episcopal Church**

Frank Conlon serves as both masterful accompanist and avuncular host on this tour of treasured classics of opera and with a quartet of soloists sponsored by Partners for the Arts. This favorite annual event is beloved both by devoted followers of the voice and all listeners captivated by song and story.

[To purchase tickets CLICK HERE.](#)



Nursery Volunteers Needed

We have a wonderful nursery for babies, toddlers, and young children that runs during the 10 a.m. service every Sunday, headed by an experienced attendant, Rita Arteaga. However, there is a requirement for a second adult to be in the nursery at all times, and so we have a rotating roster of about seven faithful volunteers. We need more!

Are you able to devote one Sunday morning every few months to the nursery? It's fun, and it's an important ministry as we try to welcome more young families to St. Francis. Volunteers need to complete about 2 hours of online training. Please contact Lynn Fallon in the parish office at admin@stfrancisgreatfalls.org.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please help [Second Story](#) (a local organization dedicated to youth and their families) provide nutritious Thanksgiving meals to the many needy families in their programs. There are three ways to help.

Send or bring a \$60 check to St. Francis Church for a Thanksgiving “basket” of food. Please write “Food Drive“ on your check.

Use [PayPal-Donate Now](#) to donate \$60. Select Outreach from the optional drop-down list and put “Food Drive” in the memo field.

Assemble a food “basket” to feed six people including all of the items on the list below. Please put the grocery gift card in an envelope marked “Food Drive” and put it in the offering plate or send/give it to the church office. Food “baskets” should be put in the bin in the hall outside Millen Hall. Questions? Contact Ginger Roll at rollginger@icloud.com

Thanksgiving Food List to Feed Six People

- o Safeway or Giant grocery gift card for \$25 (for meat and milk)
- o Macaroni and cheese
- o Cooking oil
- o 4 cans of vegetables (2 types)
- o Dried black beans
- o Rice
- o Maseca (or other brand) masa flour
- o 2 cans of fruit
- o Box of dessert mix

Drive ends Sunday, November 17th

Thanksgiving Day service, 11/28 at 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, spoken service

Supporting Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

Again this year, St Francis is supporting the Episcopal Mission on the [Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota](#). St. Francis knitters are busy producing hats and scarves.



“At least 60% of the homes on Pine Ridge are without water and electricity. Winters can drop to -50 degrees.” [American Indian Humanitarian Foundation]

You can help! (1) Knit hats and scarves; (2) Put socks, gloves, and mittens in the Pine Ridge bin at Millen Hall entrance; (3) Donate for warm clothing via check (memo: Pine Ridge) or PayPal indicating Outreach.

For more information, please contact Mimi Eldridge meldridge43@gmail.com



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Langley High School Seeks Career Day Volunteers: THU-21-NOV at 9:30 a.m.

Can you spare two hours to talk to Langley High School students about your career? Langley's annual **Career Connections** is on **Thursday, November 21 from 9:30-11:30am**. This is a great event for students to hear from seasoned professionals about their career path and advice for high school students. Several parents or community members are needed. Complete the registration form [2024 Career Connections Registration Form](#) or contact langleycareerconnection@gmail.com with any questions ASAP.

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, 703-476-9065 or kquinnanderson@gmail.com .

[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 at elchivogoat@cs.com

[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. The Kerygma Study selected for Advent: "The Light Will Shine."

This study consists of five lessons and we would like to finish by December 12 before the Holidays. On the 12th, we will conclude with an in person meeting at Katie's Coffeehouse in Great Falls at 9:00 a.m.

11/07, 8:30 a.m. Zoom: Lesson 1. Watchful Expectancy

11/14, 8:30 a.m. Zoom: Lesson 2. John The Baptizer

11/21, 8:30 a.m. Zoom: Lesson 3. The fulfillment of all promises

Thanksgiving (no Bible Study this day)

12/05, 8:30 a.m. Zoom: Lesson 4. The Dawning of Day

12/12, 9:00 a.m. in person at Katie's Coffeehouse in Great Falls at 9:00 a.m.: Lesson 5.

Shine, Jesus, Shine: Epiphany Day

For further information contact Amelia Logan at ameliavinteriors@gmail.com

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

Zoom ID: 836 1505 5434; Passcode: TABS24

Women's Group Coffee on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to NOON at Starbucks in Great Falls

The St. Francis Women's Group has an open invitation to meet at the Starbucks in Great Falls every Friday morning. Please join us.

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 at jenniferomurphy@gmail.com 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.

admin@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

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

Lynda Davis, Junior Warden

Cathryn Lee, Register

Kathy Anderson Olivia Grady

Elizabeth Kim Larry Pratt

Mike Semko Sandra Walker

Molly Reynolds, serving Treasurer

treasurer@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

Brice Eldridge, Facilities Manager

facilities@stfrancisgreatfalls.org