



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Weekly Franciscan

Thursday, March 6, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2025

You are welcome to the

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

10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant & Preacher,
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](#)

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading | [Deuteronomy 26:1-11](#)

The Response | [Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16](#)

The Second Reading | [Romans 10:8b-13](#)

The Gospel Reading | [Luke 4:1-13](#)

6:30 p.m. Second Sunday Contemplative Worship with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant

Joe Hawke, reflector

Janet Durfee, lay eucharistic minister & reader

Amie Flowers Shakespeare, soloist, and

Jamie Kim, pianist

Parish Prayer List

We pray especially for Nan, Marlene, Betty, Dana, Luke, David, Barbara & Bill, Jeff Sr., Hugh Sr., Lawrence, David, Jon, Jessica, Paula, Clara Sue, Grace, Debra, Taylor, Nick & Hilary, and Dut.

We pray for Mel Diaz & Lillian Moring as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

We pray also for Franciscans who are currently preparing for Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into The Episcopal Church, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 a.m.

Spring
Forward
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night. On March 9th, sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later, than the day before. As a result, there will be more daylight in the evenings.

Remember to reset your clocks: *You don't want to be late for church on Sunday.* 😊



Second Sunday Contemplative Worship Series continues on Sunday, March 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

(a one-time change from the regular 5:00 p.m. start time) in the Sanctuary

Reflector: Joe Hawke

Through candlelit prayer, contemplative silence, poetry, beautiful music, and Holy Communion from the Iona Celtic tradition, this service is different from what we offer on Sunday morning. A brief reflection on spiritual journey will also be offered by a member of St. Francis.

This worship series will be held on the second Sunday night of each month (except for August.) If you are looking for a new or different way to worship and a space to find your sacred center in the midst of a busy, distracted life, this may be the service for you.



PARAGON
PHILHARMONIA
MIRIAM BURNS | Artistic Director & Conductor



Stephanie Flack



Sasha Beresovsky



Diana LeGrand

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 5th, 7:00 p.m.

at St. Francis Church

Sasha Beresovsky & the Paragon Philharmonia Dvorak Piano Quintet

Paragon Philharmonia Piano Quintet

Diana LeGrand and Stephanie Flack, violins

Matthew Maffett, viola

Rachel Sexton, cello

Sasha Beresovsky, piano

Pedro Giraudo - A Octavio Brunetti

Dvorak - Piano Quintet in A Major

Latin GRAMMY Award winner bassist and composer Pedro Giraudo is among the most compelling tango artists today. *A Octavio Brunetti*, originally written for violin, bandoneón, piano & bass, is a song of friendship dedicated to pianist Octavio Brunetti (1975 – 2014). Both Brunetti and Giraudo were beer enthusiasts, and during one of their many tours of Japan, they came up with a ditty with the Japanese lyrics :Biru No-mou-ze,” which means “let’s have a beer!” They would play or whistle the motive after a long day of rehearsals. When Giraudo embarked upon writing a piece for his dear friend Brunetti, he remembered the motive, and constructed a full tango borne of levity but bedazzled with bleaker harmonies. The whole piece is based on that theme and idea.

Antonin Dvorak’s second piano quintet is considered one of the most iconic works in the repertoire, with soaring lyricism and scintillating virtuosity. In his own musical language, Dvorak incorporates aspects of

Czech folk music, including the dance forms of the Dumka and Furiant interpreted in a romantic style.

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

Tickets may also be purchased with check. Please include title of concert in the memo line. Mail to:

Paragon Philharmonia
c/o Stephanie Black
3437 Austin Ct.
Alexandria, VA 22310



Special Lenten Guest Preacher

Riley K. Temple

Sunday, March 16 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. services

Riley K. Temple is a teacher and preacher on Art and Theology. He is the author of *Aunt Ester's Children Redeemed: Journeys to Freedom in August Wilson's Ten Plays of Twentieth-Century Black America* (Cascade, Eugene) 2017. He is currently exploring theologian Howard Thurman's Christian mysticism in contrast to the African mysticism that courses through August Wilson's cultural and theatrical landscape.

He practiced telecommunications law in Washington, DC for over 40 years, representing large telecommunications conglomerates and media companies, including the former Bell companies and their descendants. His public service included terms as communications counsel to the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

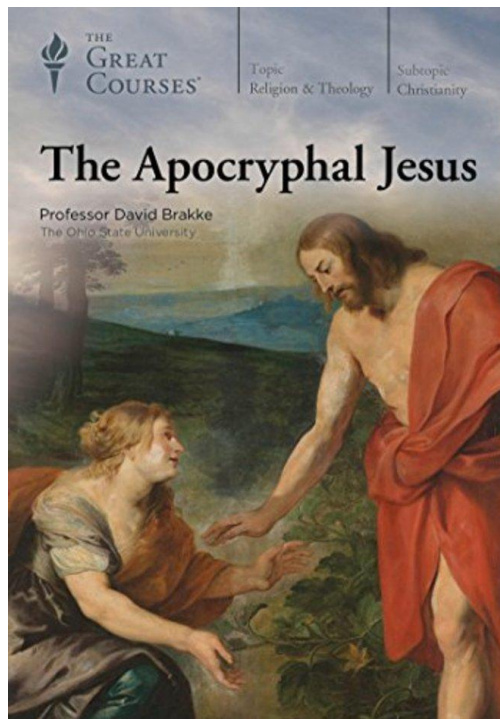
He has served on several Boards, including a term as Senior Warden of the vestry at St. John's Lafayette Square. Currently he is a trustee of WETA, the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation, and the Campaign Legal Center. Prior Board service includes the National Archives Foundation, the Trust for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation.

His honors and awards have included: The Mildred Claypoole Community Service Award; the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington's Individual Arts Patron Award; inclusion in the Library of Congress' HistoryMakers African American Oral History Archive; from Lafayette College, the Joseph S. Bell Award for Distinguished Service, the Doctor of Laws degree Honoris Causa (2009), and the naming of the Riley K. Temple Art Gallery (2011). He is a proud co-founder with Tony Award winner Kenny Leon of the Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company.

Temple holds the AB degree from Lafayette College (1971), the JD degree from Georgetown University (1974), and the Master of Theological Studies

degree, cum laude from the Virginia Theological Seminary (2014).

Most recently, he is the curator of the African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC), a partnership of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church and the Bishop Payne Library at the Virginia Theological Seminary. The AAEHC chronicles the history of Black Episcopalians.



**Sunday Evening Lenten Series on
"The Apocryphal Jesus"**

**March 16, 23, 30, & April 6*, Fellowship and Simple Supper
begins at 6:00 p.m.;**
30-minute Great Courses film begins at 6:30 p.m.

***April 6 will meet at 11:30 a.m. after the 10:00 a.m. service.**

Gain a new perspective on early Christian life and history through non-canonical Christian literature, led by Dr. David Brakke of The Ohio State University. Sessions will include these topics:

- Jesus and Mary in the Proto-Gospel of James,
- Young Jesus and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas,
- Sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of Thomas, and
- The Gospel of Judas's Gnostic Vision



Via Crucis Concert at St. Francis

Saturday, March 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.

Plan now to attend a very special Lenten concert that will feature our organist/pianist **Sasha Beresovsky**, and the St. Francis Choir and soloists under the direction of Larry Vote. The concert, a performance of the rarely heard **Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross)** by Franz Liszt, will take place on ***Saturday, March 22nd, 7 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia. The concert is free and open to the public.***

Sasha Beresovsky, pianist and organist at St. Francis Episcopal Church, has appeared regularly at The Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria as part of the Summer Chamber Music Series of WMPA, presenting Beethoven's Diabelli Variations in 2015. Other performances have included solo recitals at the Victor Kosenko and Mikhail Bulgakov museums in Kyiv, the Rhodes Scholar House in Oxford, UK, the Arts Barn in Surry, ME, and Beethoven's Fourth Concerto with the Belmont Festival Orchestra.

Via Crucis is a set of musical meditations on the Stations of the Cross which prominently features the piano supported by choral and solo vocal movements with texts appropriate to the subject. The performance will be further enhanced by the showing of slides of paintings by Renaissance painters who visually interpreted each of the 14 Stations of the Cross. This presentation is an excellent opportunity to immerse oneself in an example of music that dramatizes the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Living with Grief



Living with Grief is a professionally-led bereavement group open to adults suffering the loss of a loved one(s).

2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month
10:30am - 12pm
starting March 25, 2025

St. Francis Episcopal Church
9220 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, VA 22066
(Group will meet in the sanctuary)

ALL community members are welcome.
Free of charge.

For More Information
or to Register:

Contact Cate Riihimaki, LPC at
cate@graymattersva.com





Rise Against Hunger Family Event at St. Francis

Friday evening March 28, 2025

Please join your neighbors and their families to support a fun and meaningful Great Falls community event on **Friday, March 28**, 6:30-8:30 pm, to assemble **20,088** meals supporting [*Rise Against Hunger's Pathways to End Hunger*](#). These meals provide critical food to remote, last-mile communities

within hunger pockets designated “serious” or higher by the Global Hunger Index.

St Francis Episcopal Church is hosting this community-wide event in conjunction with **Rise Against Hunger**. School children can accumulate community service hours. We need **100 volunteers** to assemble these critical meals. Please join your neighbors and

REGISTER at the link below now.

<https://tinyurl.com/rahgf2025>

FURTHER INFORMATION

At Rise Against Hunger, It Starts With a Meal™, and it leads to resilience, self-sufficiency, education, empowerment, and bright futures in communities worldwide. Rise Against Hunger meals are served every day around the globe in medical clinics, vocational training programs, elder care facilities, and schools. Each meal is a moment to celebrate. <https://www.RiseAgainstHunger.org>



Come to the Next Step Breakfast!

Join fellow Franciscans at the National Press Club for **Samaritan Ministry's annual Next Step Breakfast on Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM.** Hear powerful stories from

volunteers, staff, and Samaritan Next Step program participants who are

transforming their lives. **The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington**, will be the keynote speaker.

To register click on [this link](#) After you register, list Ginger Roll as your table captain to sit at a St. Francis table. The event is free and includes a light breakfast. We will carpool from the St. Francis parking lot at 8:00 AM. For more information, please contact Ginger Roll at rollginger@icloud.com



Bishop Isaac and Mama Nora to Visit in 2026

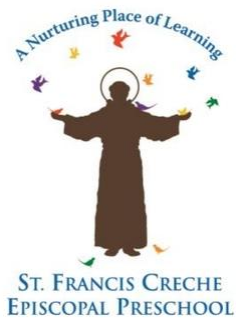
On Ezo Sunday, March 2, we kicked off a fundraising campaign to raise \$10,000 for the travel of Bishop Isaac and his wife, Mama Nora, to visit St. Francis in March 2026. This visit will help us to live out the covenant that St. Francis has had with the Diocese of Ezo in South Sudan for 26 years! We hope to build on that relationship and learn more about the people of Ezo and their struggles and great faith. If you are able to donate toward this

effort, please write your check to "St. Francis" and put "Ezo trip" in the memo line. The good news is that our Treasurer has determined, upon further research, that **donations are tax deductible**. Also, if you would like to be on planning committee for this trip, please email Scott Perkins, committee chair, at ohio4csp@hotmail.com.



**Black Tie Gala Dinner & Auction Fundraising Event on
Saturday, March 1st at St. Francis**

Closing the evening at the Black Tie Dinner, these lovely parishioners are holding flower arrangements from the evening's decor that were purchased by some at the end of this fun event.



Creche Happenings

This week's chapel fell on Ash Wednesday, and "Mr. Weston" had a special message for the Creche students. He shared an object lesson, with a living plant and a dying plant to explain to the students about life and death and not to be afraid of dying, because God loves us whether we are living or have passed on. The children shared about family members that are not with us anymore and yet they are still loved.



THE COMMUNITY & ST. FRANCIS

DARK HORSE AND UTP PRESENT

Improv for The Ages!



Featuring:

(The) Unruly Theatre Project

Calamity

In a battle of wits and ages!

03.08.2025

Show at 7:30, Doors at 7:00
St. Francis Episcopal Church
9220 VA-193, Great Falls, VA



TICKET PRICE

\$15.00

(\$20 at the door)

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[Click here for more information and tickets](https://darkhorseva.com)

Amadeus  Concerts



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**Washington Saxophone Quartet:
Sounds of the City
Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 4 PM,
followed by Reception in Millen Hall
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Great Falls**

If you've listened to National Public Radio's All Things Considered, you've heard the WSaxQ in the transition music. Now they have a chance to stretch out in a program that captures city energy and the search for peace. The unique timbre and blend of the WSaxQ have brought them from their hometown to worldwide acclaim.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST. FRANCIS

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.

Reading and Discussing CS Lewis's "Mere Christianity", beginning this WED and the first assignment is the Preface, Ch 1 and Ch 2. Join us every WED morning: All are welcome. Questions? Contact Stu Edwards 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 via Zoom on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join and participate in interesting discussions. Current study: "Blessed are you: The beatitudes of Jesus in scripture and in life"

<https://kerygma.com/collections/kerygma-resources/products/blessed-are-you>

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 10:30 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.



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Learn more about our life at St. Francis

through our 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
Ms. Shannon Kegley, Bookkeeper
Mr. Dominic Pelegrin, Sexton
Ms. Rita Arteaga, Nursery Attendant
Ms. Lynn Fallon, Parish Administrator

2025 Vestry Members

Lynda Davis, Senior Warden
Pepin Tuma, Junior Warden
Cathryn Lee, Register
Molly Reynolds, Treasurer
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