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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9220 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, Virginia 22066
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The Weekly Franciscan

Thursday, July 17th, 2025

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20th, 2025

You are welcome to the

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

10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II, with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant,
the Rev. Dr. Nancy Searby, Deacon & Preacher

Coffee Hour Follows Each Service in Millen Hall.

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

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

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading | [Amos 8:1-12](#)

The Response | [Psalm 52](#)

The Second Reading | [Colossians 1:15-28](#)

The Gospel Reading | [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Parish Prayer List

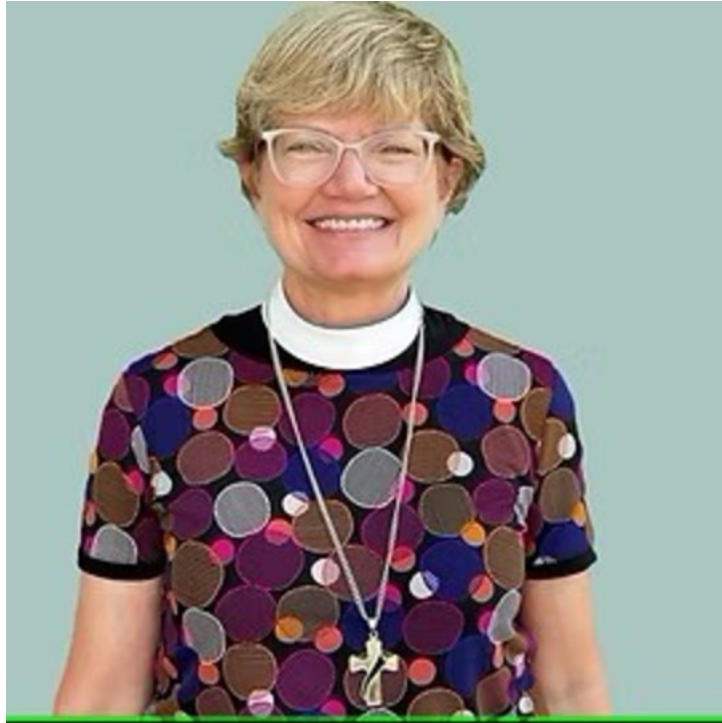
We pray especially for Ashley Beth, Kelly, Melody, Millie, The Giles Family, Luke, Barbara & Bill, Keena, Park, Susan, David, Terri, Jeff Sr., Hugh Sr., David, Jessica, Clara Sue, and Dut.

We give thanks for the Altar Flowers, given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild in thanksgiving for our Endicott College Summer Intern, Matthew Swiacki and his family.

We pray also for Franciscans who are preparing for Holy Baptism, including Allen Bobbitt, son of David Bobbit and Wayne Chen.

The Deacon's Corner with Deacon Nancy Searby

***Sharing the Good
News of God's
Love at the
intersection of
community and
church***



The Rev. Dr. Nancy Searby, our new deacon, is preaching her first sermon with St. Francis this Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Deacon Nancy has recently retired from her role at NASA and is excited to help St. Francis build Beloved Community in our local community and through global mission.

Recently, deacon Nancy spent some time representing St. Francis in England with Drs. Andrew and Celia Tomkins and the Ezo-Sherborne Deanery Churches Link Team. The team gathered at St. Paul's at Gryphon School in Sherborne for Sunday worship and lunch at the Tomkin's residence in order to deepen bonds of affection and dream about how to support Ezo and one another in fresh ways.



Worship at St. Paul's Sherborne with Ezo-Link Team friends

from left to right: Andrew Tomkins, Celia Tomkins, Nancy Searby, ??, Mark Greenstock, and Vicar of St. Paul's, Jim Edie

Racial Justice & Healing Virginia Pilgrimage | Sep 22-Sep 26

Join me and others from the Diocese of Virginia for an immersive, transformative experience designed to deepen your understanding of racial justice and healing in Virginia. This pilgrimage will take us through visits to historic sites, guided reflections, and opportunities for prayer and meaningful conversation. Participants will engage with the history of racial injustice and the ongoing work of racial justice. [Learn more and register.](#)

Costs: \$750.00 (housing, transportation, breakfast, and dinners are included in the cost of registration)

Deposit: \$200

Due: July 22, 2025

2nd Payment: \$275

Due: August 22, 2025

Final Payment: \$275

Due: September 10, 2025

Support Episcopal Relief & Development's assistance to West Texas communities impacted by flooding

As communities in West Texas continue to assess the damage that the flash flooding event wrought over the July 4th weekend and prepare for more flash flooding, the Episcopal Relief & Development is prioritizing trauma-informed care for children and families, volunteer coordination support and meeting needs through financial assistance. Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas to provide spiritual, financial and logistical support in the aftermath, with a particular focus on the Kerrville, Texas area.

People in West Texas are experiencing incredible loss — loss of homes, livelihoods and loved ones. The road to recovery is indeed long and arduous. With your support, Episcopal Relief & Development will be walking alongside them every step of the way. Please make a donation to our [Flood Response Fund](#) to help communities affected both in the immediate aftermath, and for years to come.

Sunday Forum with Deacon Nancy Searby on July 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Millen Hall

Deacon Nancy Searby will share about her experiences in fellowship, worship, and relationship building with the Ezo-Link Team in England. Deacon Nancy will also give an update on her diaconal ministry more broadly and invite conversation.

Cornerstones
stability • empowerment • hope



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Help Feed the Homeless on Saturday, July 19 at Noon in Millen Hall

We will meet in Millen Hall at **Noon** on **Saturday, July 19** to make bagged lunches for the clients of [Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston](#). All ages and friends are welcome. Food and supplies for the meals will be provided by the Outreach Committee. Embry Rucker Shelter is an important mission and outreach partner of St. Francis. For more information, please contact Ginger Roll at rollginger@icloud.com

School Supplies Drive for High School Students in Need




[Cornerstones](#), a non-profit in Reston, has a crucial need for school supplies for a group of local high school students. Please note! This drive will run for just two Sundays and **ENDS SUNDAY, JULY 27**. Please consider donating new items from the list below or putting a check donation of any amount in the offering plate or sending it to the church office . Please write “school supplies” on your check or use [this link](#) to donate through the St. Francis Church website. Please select Outreach in the drop-down menu. Place in-kind donations in the bin outside Millen Hall.

School Supplies List (new items requested):

- Large backpacks (17” to 19”)
- 12-packs of colored pencils
- Yellow highlighters
- Pencil pouches
- Rubber erasers
- Colored pocket folders
- College-rule composition books
- College-rule spiral notebooks

For more information, please contact Ginger Roll at rollginger@icloud.com

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

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 Riikimäki, LPC at
cate@graymattersva.com

LIVING WITH GRIEF:

Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 22nd at 10:30 a.m.

in the St. Francis Sanctuary

Helping Hands Ministry Reignited ***A Ministry of Lay-Driven Pastoral Care***

Helping Hands is a group of parishioners who provide meals, rides, or prescription pickup when a church member is sick, injured, recovering from surgery or otherwise in need. Helping Hands members are listed below, and we welcome additional volunteers from long-time Franciscans to newcomers. If you would just like to be added to the Helping Hands Roster to be contacted from time to time to help, let us know that, too.

If you have a need, please reach out to Father Weston rector@stfrancisgreatfalls.org , the Parish Administrator, Lynn Fallon admin@stfrancisgreatfalls.org , or Helping Hands Coordinator, Chris Giragosian cgiragosia@aol.com

Helping Hands Members

Kathy Anderson	Leslie Siegmund
Lynda Davis	Melanie Sisson
Chris Giragosian	Pat Ward
Ginny Heine	Carol Withers
Jennifer Murphy	Kris Young
Ginger Roll	

SAVE THE DATE

Our new Associate for Family Ministries, the Rev. Joy Warburton, will be joining the staff of St. Francis on Friday, August 1st. **There will be a welcome reception in Millen Hall for Rev. Joy on Sunday, August 3rd, following the 10:00 a.m. service.** Please invite your friends and family members for this very special Sunday!

Rev. Joy's email:



familyministry@stfranciscgreatfalls.org



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday Forum on
"Neurodiversity &
Faith" with Endicott
College Summer
Intern Matthew
Swiacki on August 24
at 11:30 a.m. in
Millen Hall

St. Francis' Marketplace

Book Sale and

RUMMAGE RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

Clean out your garage, basement, and closets this summer for all the treasures for people seeking bargains at our **Fall Marketplace on October 18th**. Janet Durfee and Ginger Roll will give us a date when to bring all donated household things to St. Francis. Happy Treasure Hunting.

THE COMMUNITY & ST. FRANCIS



This past Saturday, July 12th

At the Mindful Valley Meditation Retreat at St. Francis with Insight Teacher Shell Fischer

We had a couple of "heroes" here to help with anything from greeting more than 150 guests to helping push out a car from a muddy parking space in the field after the deluge of rain at the end of the day.

Thank you to Matthew Swiacki, our dedicated Endicott College Summer Intern,
who helped with hospitality for this event, present from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



2025-26 Concerts



Main Season

Death and the Maiden

Saturday, September 27 @ 7:00 pm (Church of the Epiphany - Washington, DC)

Sunday, September 28 @ 5:00 pm (Grace Church Episcopal - The Plains, VA)

A Baroque Christmas

Sunday, December 7 @ 5:00 pm (Grace Church Episcopal - The Plains, VA)

Paragon Chamber Players: Mozart and Mussorgsky

Saturday, March 28 @ 7:00 pm (St. Francis Episcopal - Great Falls, VA)

Sunday, March 29 @ 5:00 pm (The Hill School - Middleburg, VA)

The Mahlers: A Musical Marriage

Saturday, April 18 @ 7:00 pm (St. Francis Episcopal - Great Falls, VA)

Sunday, April 19 @ 5:00 pm (The Hill School - Middleburg, VA)

Pops Concerts at The Vault @ Capital One Hall

Strings Attached: A Valentine's Mixtape

Saturday, February 14 @ 7:00 pm

Time-Prov Quartet: Back in Tune (with Dark Horse Theatre Company)

Sunday, April 12 @ 2:00 pm

Battle of the Decades!

Sunday, May 10 @ 2:00 pm



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Amadeus is proud to partner with St Francis Episcopal on the following concerts during our 2025-2026 season. Each concert has a pre-concert talk at 3:15pm, and a reception with the artists afterwards. Please join us!

Visit www.amadeusconcerts.com for more info and tickets!

NOV
2
4PM

Max Jacobs Quartet

Violinist Maximilian Jacobs, joined by guitar, bass, and piano, pays tribute to legendary African American jazz violinist Eddie South.



FEB
15
4PM

An Opera Afternoon

Frank Conlon serves as both host and accompanist on this favorite annual event. This year's rendition will be themed for Valentine's Day.



MARCH
22
4PM

Kassia Music

Kassia Music is a dynamic ensemble renowned for captivating performances that blend classical traditions with folk influences from around the globe.



MAY
3
4PM

The Amadeus Strings

Join us as A Scott Wood and the strings close out the year with a rich and stirring performance that celebrates the power of music and community.



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, 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 Milton's *"Paradise Lost."* 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. **On hiatus for the summer.**

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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about
our life at
St.
Francis**



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

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Clergy and Staff

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

Rev. Joy Y. Warburton, Associate for Family Ministries

Rev. Dr. Nancy Searby, Deacon

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Mr. Larry Vote, Music Director
Mr. Sasha Beresovsky, Organist
Ms. Cristi Leslie, Creche Preschool Director
Ms. Carol Withers, Bookkeeper
Mr. Dominic Pelegrin, Sexton
Ms. Rita Arteaga, Nursery Attendant
Mr. Joshua House, Diocese of Virginia Mid-Atlantic Intern
Mr. Matthew Swiacki, Endicott College Summer Intern

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