



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Weekly Franciscan

Thursday, July 24th, 2025

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27th, 2025

You are welcome to the

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

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

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 | [Genesis 18:20-32](#)

The Response | [Psalm 85](#)

The Second Reading | [Colossians 2:6-15, \(16-19\)](#)

The Gospel Reading | [Luke 11:1-13](#)

Parish Prayer List

We pray especially for Debra, Richard, Robert, Victor, 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 Candy & Duncan Burt in celebration of Hilary and Alex's One Year Wedding Anniversary.

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*



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

Deacon Nancy Searby will share 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.

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.

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School Supplies Drive Ends this Sunday, July 27th

[Cornerstones](#), a non-profit in Reston, has a crucial need for school supplies for a group of local high school students. Please note! The drive **ENDS THIS SUNDAY, JULY 27, for in-kind donations.** *However, we can accept checks or donations through the St. Francis Church website through Tuesday, July 29.* Please make your check out to St. Francis Church and write “school supplies” on the memo line or use [this link](#) to donate through the St. Francis 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”)

Colored pencils (12-packs)

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



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You're invited to join Scout Troop 55 this Sunday, July 27th (and all Sundays during the summer) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to help clean-up Great Falls Park.

If you wish to participate, please pick up and complete a Volunteer Agreement Form (noting the group name as "Troop 55"), located on the Usher's Stand, just before you enter the church sanctuary. Safety guidelines are also printed and available there.

Bring your completed form to the event, meeting in the Great Falls Park parking lot. Please inform the park ranger at the gate that you are with this group so that you will not be charged the park admissions fee. Be on the look out for Scouts and Leaders wearing Troop 55 t-shirts.

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Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who came on Saturday, July 19th to make bagged lunches for Embry Rucker Shelter, and special thanks to Chris Giragosian, who delivered the meals. The bagged lunches we prepared will help feed unhoused people in our area.

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





Photo by Lynda Davis

Second Sunday Contemplative Worship is on break for the month of August; there is no Contemplative evening service on Sunday, August 10th.

This service re-gathers on Sunday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m., featuring reflector, Joe Reynolds.

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 Riilhimaki, LPC at
cate@graymattersva.com



LIVING WITH GRIEF:

Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 12th at 10:30 a.m.

in the St. Francis Sanctuary



**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 Books, rummage and.... CRAFTS CRAFTS CRAFTS

Create something for the craft table for **St. Francis' Marketplace on October 18th.** Sewing, woodworking, art, jewelry, toys, games, ceramics or whatever is your talent. Share your ideas with Clara Sue

Ashley clarasueashley@gmail.com and Val
Goddard bubblesgoddard@gmail.com and let them know what you will
be creating for the Craft Table. Happy Crafting!

THE COMMUNITY & ST. FRANCIS



**You Are Invited: Great Falls Studios Plein
Air Painting Class at St. Francis
Saturday, August 16, 10:00 a.m. to Noon**
St. Francis Memorial Garden area & "Green
Room," outdoors, behind the Sanctuary
led by [Sylvanna VanderPark](#)

Please bring your own materials for sketching and painting. Easels will be
provided. All skill levels are welcome, including beginners.

SEASON CONCERTS

the passion and joy of music up close

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.





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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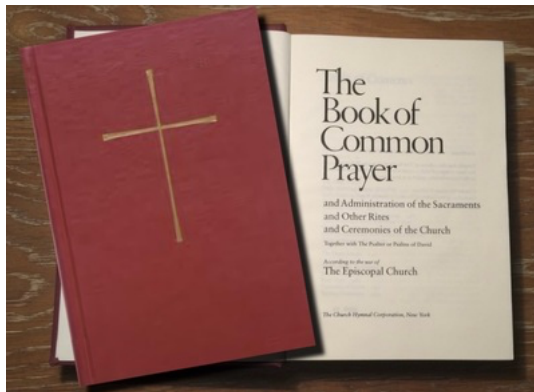
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ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST. FRANCIS



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



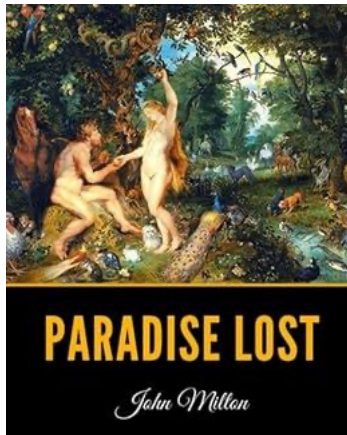
Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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.](#)

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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.](#)

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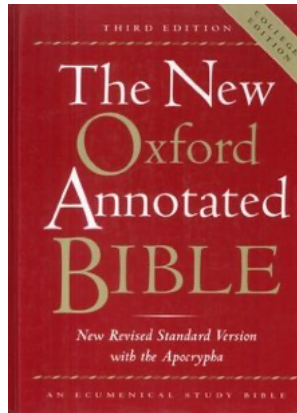


St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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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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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.

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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. Sasha Beresovsky, Organist

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Mr. Dominic Pelegrin, Sexton

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Mr. Matthew Swiacki, Endicott College Summer Intern

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