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# The Weekly Franciscan

Thursday, July 31st, 2025

## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3rd, 2025

You are welcome to the

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

**10:00 a.m.** Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II, with  
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant & 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 | [Hosea 11:1-11](#)

The Response | [Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#)

The Second Reading | [Colossians 3:1-11](#)

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

### **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 Leslie Siegmund in honor of all the women in our U.S. military forces, remembering especially Captain Roberta June Ferrell Siegmund, USMC.

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



## **WELCOMING REV. JOY!**

Our new Associate for Family Ministries, the Rev. Joy Warburton, joins the staff of St. Francis on Friday, August 1st. **There will be a welcome reception in Millen Hall for Rev. Joy this 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@stfrancisgreatfalls.org](mailto:familyministry@stfrancisgreatfalls.org)

## **Fall 2025 Sunday Forum Hour Schedule**

**September 28 at 11:30 a.m.** "Praying the Labyrinth into the Center: Leaving in Peace" Walking the labyrinth with the Rev. Linda Calkins

***The Rev. Linda Calkins***

*The Rev. Linda Calkins has served in over 10 parishes in the past 20 years in a variety of positions from Associate to long term supply, Interim to Rector, predominantly in the Diocese of Washington but also in Vermont. Most recently she served as Interim at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, College Park for almost 2 years.*

*Linda is retired, and licensed in both the Diocese of Washington and the Diocese of Virginia. Linda has enjoyed serving as a supply priest at St. Francis and offered a unique Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday this year. She lives close to family in Reston with her wife Susan and four pets.*



**October 5 at 11:30 a.m.** "Contemplative Prayer" with Dr. Mike Hattwick



**Dr. Michael Hattwick**

Dr. [Michael Hattwick](#) is a Franciscan, a doctor, poet, teacher, writer, husband, and father. Michael was born in Illinois, raised in Houston, Texas, and educated at Harvard, Georgetown, and the University of London. He has been a student and teacher of the Western Spiritual Tradition for many years. In 2010, he published "The ABBA Tradition," a book about the spiritual and mystical tradition that lies deep within and behind Judaism and Christianity.



At Harvard, he was a member of the David Reisman freshman Seminars, majored in Chemistry and Physics, and studied Western civilization with Paul Tillich for two years. In 1962, he joined a seminar taught by Timothy Leary, Richard Alpert (aka later Ram Dass), and Ralph Metzner. He went with them to their summer school in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, and then traveled to Europe, where he met his wife. In 1963, he returned to Harvard and graduated Cum Laude. He earned an MD from Baylor College of Medicine and continued his medical training at Georgetown University in DC General Hospital.

In 1995, Dr. Hattwick presented a paper titled "The ABBA Tradition" at the First International Kabbalah Society meeting in Toledo, Spain. That paper grew into the book "The ABBA Tradition," published in 2010.

Dr. Hattwick is married to Barbara Carr Hattwick who is also a faithful member of St. Francis. They have three children and two grandchildren and live in Great Falls.

**October 12 at 11:30 a.m.** "Experiencing the simple, the quiet, the awesome when walking in God's Creation" with Mr. Joe Reynolds

**Joe Reynolds**

*Married to Molly with three children and six grandchildren. Member of St. Francis since 1985, when we transferred from St. Paul's, Rochester, NY.*

*I was employed in numerous professions from University administration to high school teacher for brief periods but worked primarily as an attorney for something like 36 years, initially practicing business law and then shifting to ethics and professional responsibility as General Counsel of the firm.*

*My avocations include writing (Measured Out in Teaspoons), reading, backpacking and traveling to different places in the world seeking beauty and inspiration, places like The John Muir Trail, Milford Track, portions of The Way of St. James in France and the Camino de Santiago in Spain, the Inca Trail, The West Highland Way, Mont Blanc and a bunch of other trails, including the US, like the Appalachian Trail.*



**October 12 at 5:00 p.m. Second Sunday Contemplative Service reflection** from Ms. Kristin Clark Taylor

***Kristin Clark Taylor***

*Corporate communications strategist, ordained minister, former senior White House advisor for President George H.W. Bush, and author of "The First to Speak: A Woman of Color Inside the White House."*



**November 2 at 11:30 a.m.** "Loving God Through Honoring the Living and the Dead: A Forum for All Saints" with the Rev. Weston Mathews and Junior Warden Pepin Tuma

***The Rev. E. Weston Mathews***

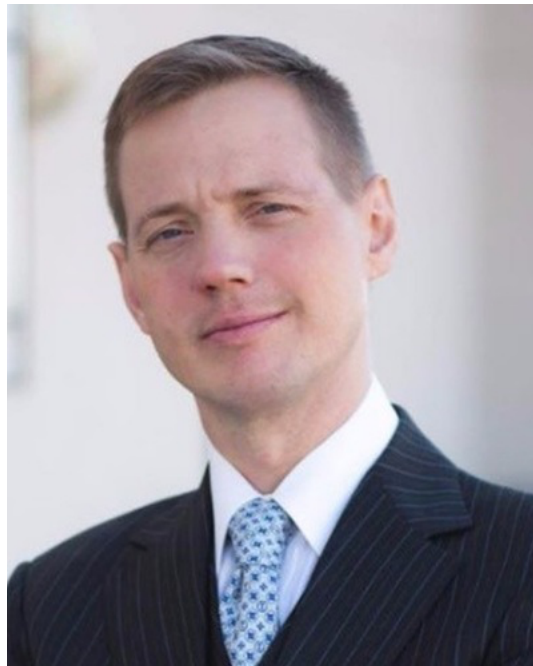
*The Rev. E. Weston Mathews began serving as Priest-in-Charge of St. Francis in September of 2024.*

*[Read more about the Rev. E. Weston Mathews here.](#)*



***Pepin Tuma, J.D.***

*Pepin Tuma serves as the Junior Warden and is a lifelong Franciscan. [Read more about Pepin Tuma here.](#)*



**November 9 at 11:30 a.m.** "Called to Service: The Example of Saints Lived in the Lives of Veterans: How you can best support those who have served us all." with Dr. Lynda Davis

***Dr. Lynda Davis***

*Dr. Lynda Davis serves as the Senior Warden of St. Francis and is a longtime Franciscan. [Read more about Dr. Lynda Davis here.](#)*



**November 16 at 11:30 a.m.** "Reflections on Faith and Writing as Vocation" with Craig Gralley

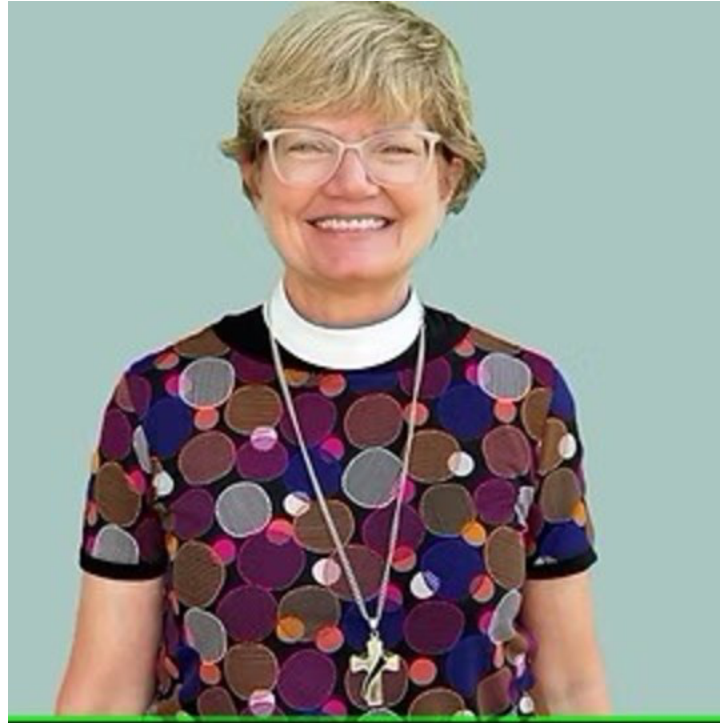
***Craig Gralley***

*Friend of St. Francis and former CIA Senior Executive and author of "Hall of Mirrors-Virginia Hall: America's Greatest spy of WWII" and "Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute: An Untold History of Spacemen and Spies"*





**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  
is rescheduled to September 7th 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.

**Slots still open for Racial Justice and  
Healing Pilgrimage**

The Sep 22-26 pilgrimage has 10 open spots and will include historic site visits, reflections, prayer, and conversation. Please don't be held back by the

racial justice training requirement. We can get that done together before the pilgrimage.

Learn more and register [here](#).



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**You're invited to join Scout Troop 55 this  
Sunday, August 3rd (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.





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](mailto:cate@graymattersva.com)

**LIVING WITH GRIEF:**

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

**in the St. Francis Sanctuary**

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## **Help Needed to Feed the Homeless on Saturday, August 16**

On **August 16 at noon** we will meet in **Millen Hall** to make bagged lunches for unhoused people served by [Embry Rucker Shelter](#) in Reston. All ages and friends are welcome. Food and supplies for the meals will be provided by the St. Francis 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](mailto:rollginger@icloud.com)



**Great News from  
the Pine Ridge Episcopal Mission!**

The Rev. Michelle Dayton, Superintending Presbyterian of the Pine Ridge Episcopal Mission in South Dakota has sent us great news. The Church of the Mediator in Kyle, SD opened in 1910; one of nine churches of the Diocese of South Dakota's mission on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The church has never had running water. The 2025 United Thank Offering (UTO, founded in 1889) cycle of grants focused on water, inspired by Jesus' words, "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." Mother Michelle applied for the maximum UTO grant of \$55K to obtain water and plumbing into the church for hand washing, toilets, and communion water. The parishioners were prepared hold bake sales and raffle off star quilts to make up the balance to reach \$69K necessary for the project. However, the Church of the Mediator's need was unprecedented, and the UTO awarded them \$69,050 to fund the entire project. The St. Francis Outreach Committee provided \$2500 seed money to the Mediator's water fund project in 2024.



**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](mailto:clarasueashley@gmail.com) and Val Goddard [bubblesgoddard@gmail.com](mailto:bubblesgoddard@gmail.com) and let them know what you will be creating for the Craft Table. Happy Crafting!

**THE COMMUNITY & ST. FRANCIS**





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# St Francis Plein Air Gathering

Saturday, August 16 – 10am-12pm

*RSVP now!*

[www.wolfgangandluke.com/events](http://www.wolfgangandluke.com/events)



**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.

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# SEASON 15 CONCERTS

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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](http://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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## **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.](#)

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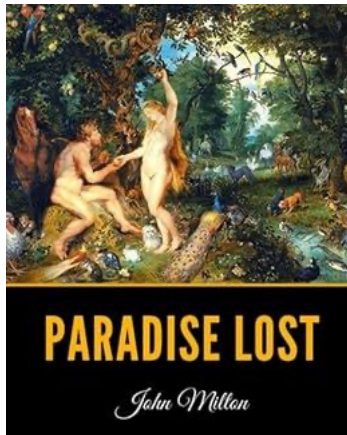


### **Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

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](mailto: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](mailto:elchivogoat@cs.com)

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

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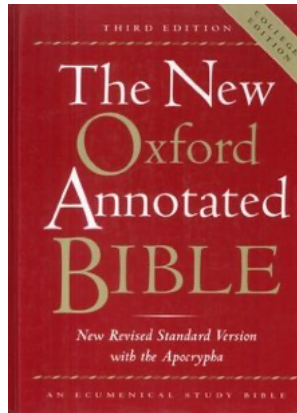


### **St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

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

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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:admin@stfrancisgreatfalls.org)

### **Clergy and Staff**

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

Rev. Joy Y. Warburton, Associate for Family Ministries

Rev. Dr. Nancy Searby, Deacon

Lynn Fallon, Parish Administrator

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

### **2025 Vestry Members**

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Pepin Tuma, Junior Warden, Christian Formation

Cathryn Lee, Register, Christian Fellowship

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