

# SOUNDS OF ST. FRANCIS

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Potomac Parish

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# Month-At-A-Glance

*Sunday Service Times: 8:00am, 9:15am, and 11:30am. Coffee & doughnuts after the 9:15 service.  
Sunday School and Adult Forums begin at 10:30.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 1: Women of St. Francis Book Club
- May 4: Youth Group Movie Night
- May 5: Jewelry Thrift Sale
- May 6: WSF Paint In Party
- May 8: Parish Outreach Committee Meeting
- May 10: Ascension Day Eucharist
- May 13: Mother’s Day
- May 15: Vestry Meeting
- May 19: MSF Fishing Trip
- May 19: EDOW Planned Giving Seminar
- May 20: Evensong for the Feast of Pentecost
- May 25: Kickball Game & Potluck Picnic
- May 27: First Day of Summer Schedule (8am & 10am Sunday Services)

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- June 3: Youth Sunday & Annual Parish Picnic
- June 8: Outdoor Movie Night
- June 11 - 15: Vacation Bible School
- June 17 - 23: Youth Group Mission Trip

### Weekly Events

- Sundays at 8am, 9:15am, 11:30am: services
- Sundays at 10:30am: Christian Education
- Sundays at 6:00pm: Youth Group
- Tuesdays at 9:30am: Morning Prayer
- Tuesdays at 5pm: Evening Prayer
- Wednesdays at 10am: Holy Eucharist
- Wednesdays at 11am: Bible Study
- Thursdays at 7am: Mens’ Bible Study
- Thursdays at 10am: Morning Prayer
- Thursdays at 5pm: Evening Prayer
- Thursdays at 7:30pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Fridays at 9:30am: Morning Prayer
- Fridays at 5pm: Evening Prayer

The summer schedule for Sounds will include a June-July issue published in early June and an August-September issue published in late August. Please submit articles, photos, events, celebrations, and stories by May 15th and August 1st respectively.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
8am - Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Holy Eucharist 10:30am - Car Wash Fundraiser 10:30am - Sunday School @ 11:30am - Holy Eucharist @ St 1pm - Museum of the Bible Trip 6pm - Youth Alpha @ Church		9:30am - Morning Prayer @ 9:30am - WSF Jewelry Pricing @ 11:30am - WSF Book Club 5pm - Evening Prayer	10am - Holy Eucharist @ Chapel 11am - Rector's Bible Study @ 8pm - AA @ Youth Room	7am - Men's Bible Study 5pm - Evening Prayer 7:30pm - Adult Choir	9:30am - Morning Prayer 11am - WSF Set-up KL for Mini 5pm - Evening Prayer 7pm - Youth Group Movie Night	Cinco de Mayo 10am - WSF Mini Jewelry Thrift
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# RECTOR'S *thoughts*

**“Two are better than one...For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up”  
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**

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Not every parish library has a section for native authors, but we have a good half-shelf of tomes here at St. Francis: several treatises on democracy and the moral life by Claes Ryn, a history of the houses at Virginia Seminary by a former parishioner and a series of short memoirs by Roy Day. Roy just published a new book a few weeks ago, *‘God Will Do the Deciding’*, which details the final two years of the life of his wife, Mary.

Mary reached the end of her life in peace, trusting in God’s mercy, committing herself to His wise care. She died at home, cared for by her husband, and by Matilda Karoma, the caregiver known to many of us, who continues to assist Roy. She was also cared for during this long twilight of life by many of you, the people of St. Francis, to whom Roy dedicates the book in its opening pages.

Nearly all the pictures in the book feature familiar faces, and much of the narrative highlights simple kindnesses offered by the members of our pastoral care team. None of the things done to help Mary and Roy were monumental in themselves. Sue Tull sang an old song each time she visited to put a smile on Mary’s face. Laurel Bahar organized a cake to celebrate Roy and Mary’s 65th wedding anniversary. Jeff Young went out and bought a generator for the couple when a massive windstorm knocked out the power and threatened Mary’s reliance on oxygen. Norma Young brought Holy Communion once or twice a month and sung hymns at her bedside. Jen-

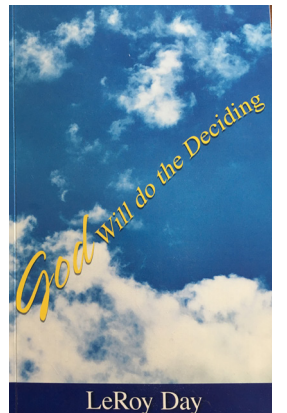
nifer Shand made jar after jar of egg custard, the only food Mary could eat for some months. Devar Burbage regularly took Roy out to lunch.

These were small kindness, none of them requiring great knowledge or skill. No great expense was incurred, and most of them took only an hour or two, once or twice a month. They were the gifts of friends, who helped Roy to shoulder some small part of the physical and emotional burden of caring for his beloved wife. His deep gratitude stands out in this written tribute.

True friendship is the subject of several passages in the Bible’s wisdom literature. The Books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Ecclesiasticus all contrast true and false friends, laying special emphasis on faithfulness in time of need. True friends are signs to us of God’s faithfulness, because they “lift us up” when we struggle to manage on our own. “A faithful friend,” Sirach notes, “is an elixir of life, and those who fear the Lord will find him (Ecclus. 6:16).” Friends supply us with strength and health in perilous times, and doing God’s will should help us to cultivate true friendships.

We have a group of dedicated friends at St. Francis called the pastoral care team. They have received some training in visiting and praying with people, but they aren’t nurses or therapists. They help with small kindnesses and listen to those who need to talk. They are simply friends, extending the “elixir of life” to some of our members who are suffering most seriously.

I hope that more of you will consider serving as part of this group of friends. At the moment, we have about 11 active members who are not able to attend services. They are visited regularly by me, and some of them also have a member of the pastoral care team assigned to check in on them. There are only seven members of the pastoral care team, though, and some of them are getting on in years themselves.





## FROM THE RECTOR

As the vestry discussed during our annual retreat in February, the pastoral care burdens that lay on me and our pastoral care team now are still manageable, but given the age of many of our parishioners, they could become overwhelming very quickly. Now is a wonderful time to consider serving as part of our pastoral care team. We hope to offer a training class in the summer. Speak to me, to Norma Young or Don Harrison if you feel called to share in this good work. There may be a fallen friend here at Saint Francis who you can lift up through simple acts of kindness. For the full story, be sure to read Roy's new book.

-Father Mark Michael

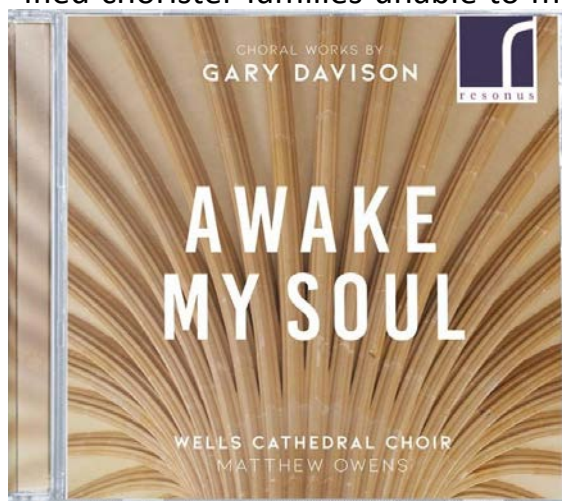


# MUSIC NOTES

*"Awake My Soul"*

*Music at Eventide: May 20th at 6pm*

As many of you know, I have very close ties to the Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew in Wells, Somerset (UK). Two years ago, the choir there released a wonderful recording of a collection of my sacred choral works entitled, *The Armour of Light*. I'm extremely pleased to announce the release of a second disc called, *Awake, My Soul*. It consists of works written specifically for the Wells Cathedral Choir, including my *Missa de profundis*, a complete setting of the Latin *Requiem* mass, which they premiered in 2015 and reprised in 2016. Copies will be available through Amazon.com beginning in early to mid-May. All proceeds are given to The Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust to aid in bursaries for qualified chorister families unable to meet the expenses of attending the school and singing in the choir.



Once again, I want to iterate my profound gratitude to this parish for your long-standing support of my compositional endeavors. I've always felt composing to be a part of my calling as a church

musician, and the encouragements I've received from clergy, vestries, and those dear souls in the choir – all past and present – have helped attain that very calling. SDG.

-Gary Davison  
Organist & Choirmaster

*Please join us on Sunday, the  
20th of May at six o'clock,  
for our next Music at  
Eventide event, an evensong for  
the Feast of Pentecost.*

**Musical settings will include those by John Reading (c. 1645-1692), and Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585). The service will be held in the brick courtyard, weather permitting.**

A reception follows in Saint Francis Hall, to which all cordially are invited. No reservations are necessary and there will be childcare for infants and the very young. I hope you will join us for this festal service, which concludes our 2017-2018 Music at Eventide season. [GD]



# Reaching Out

## St. Francis in the community

### 2018 LENTEN APPEAL: THANK YOU!

The Vestry and the Parish Outreach Committee thank all who contributed faithfully and generously to this year's Lenten Appeal, which raised \$34,900 from 76 donors. While we perhaps don't often characterize our charitable giving as self-denial or "almsgiving," in a traditional Christian sense that is exactly what it is: a sharing of one's own portion to benefit those less fortunate, and a financial expression of gratitude for God's own forgiving sacrifice.

Your generous Lenten response adds to the celebration this Eastertide, enabling the Parish Outreach Committee to support numerous organizations working to alleviate homelessness and hunger, aid the elderly, promote self-sufficiency and spread the Gospel, locally and abroad. We thankfully acknowledge the following donors to this year's Lenten Appeal:

The Parish Outreach Committee will publish a list of recipients once grants have been made. We are always looking for people to share the important work not only of fund-raising but of organizing local hands-on outreach efforts to those in need in our community. Please contact Outreach Committee Chair Andy Jordan ([marionaj@aol.com](mailto:marionaj@aol.com)) or Vestry liaison Gail Feagles ([gailfeagles@gmail.com](mailto:gailfeagles@gmail.com)) with questions or interest

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*Carol Jarvis*  
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*Chris Rigaux & Anne Deruyterre*

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*Dottie Vogelsinger*  
*Benjamin & Margaret Warren*  
*Thimas & Ann Warren*  
*Bill & Susan Weinig*  
*David & Allison Whittaker*  
*Chuck & Helen Wilson*  
*Jeff & Norma Young*

In other outreach news, we are excited to tell you that our Rise Against Hunger Meals were shipped to Malawi to feed hungry people there - Thank you for your help with the great outreach project!!

Susan Dolan  
Parish Outreach Committee

**The Outreach Committee is meeting on Tuesday May 8 at 7:00 pm in the Kincaid Library.** The committee will be making recommendations for how to spend the funds raised during the Lent appeal and drawing a calendar of events for the coming year. We welcome all parish members who are interested in supporting the outreach activities of St. Francis, and new ideas and suggestions are welcome, as long as they are supported by participation. In past years we have done clothing drives, food drives, and minor home repair, in addition to the shelter meals, Christmas baskets, Loaves and Fishes that come every year. Come join us. If you have questions, please contact Andy Jordan at [marionaj@aol.com](mailto:marionaj@aol.com).



# Church Family Kickball & Picnic

## May 25th @ 5:30pm



Join us for 'Barefoot Ball and a Picnic'! This new event includes a non-competitive cross-generational kickball game along with a potluck picnic on a Friday evening. Bring picnic blankets or chairs and your favorite play list, set out your family's picnic dinner and cocktails, and join in the fun! Play ball or cheer from the sidelines - everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the spring evening.

The kickball game has lenient rules and all are invited to play (being barefoot is optional, but helps to make the game less competitive...we don't want any injuries). Kids and adults are encouraged to bring friends (maybe your team will get extra points for each friend). The more, the merrier!

**The bottom line = have some good old fashioned fun with your church family!**

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## Loaves and Fishes

Many of you may know that St. Francis has a commitment to

St. Stephen's Loaves and Fishes ministry for the months that have a 5th Sunday.

The Loaves and Fishes mission and goals are two-fold: to feed the hungry in our community and to educate volunteers and community members about hunger and homelessness.

Please look at your calendar and mark these dates so you can be part of this very important ministry. Saturday involves food preparation from at 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM and Sunday involves food service starting at 10:00 AM until 1:00PM:

**July 28 & 29, 2018**  
**September 29 & 30, 2018**  
**December 29 & 30, 2018**

For information and volunteer opportunities, please contact Laurel Bahar at [laurelbahar@gmail.com](mailto:laurelbahar@gmail.com) or 301-318-4260.

## FROM THE SAVVY SENIORS COMMITTEE

The Savvy Seniors' next lunch meeting will be on Thursday, May 17, and will feature a presentation by world travelers Devar and Suzie Burbage. Their presentation is titled "On our own through Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Slovenia" and will highlight their adventures in the region. This will be the last lunch until September.

All are welcome and we'd love to see you there! Please bring a sandwich - we will provide drinks and dessert. A donation of \$5 is requested to cover costs of drinks and desserts. RSVP through Realm by Tuesday, May 15.

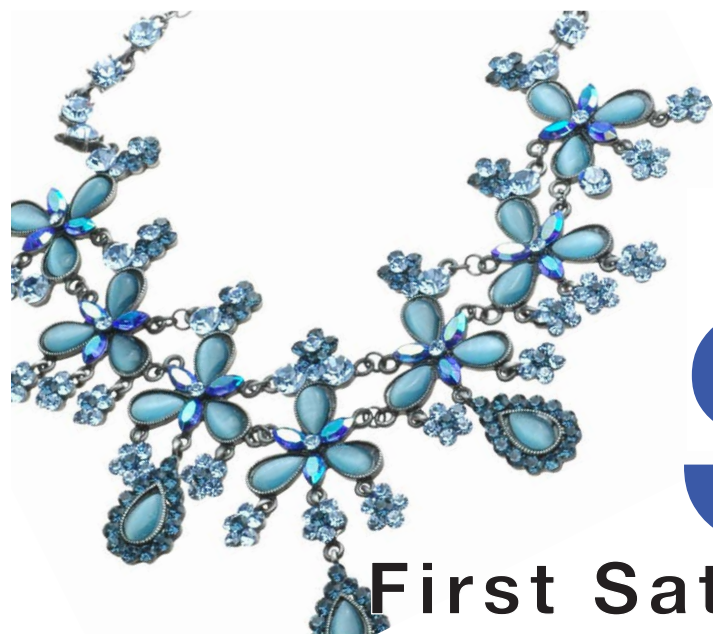
If you have suggestions for future topics or speakers, please contact Don Harrison at [donh811@verizon.net](mailto:donh811@verizon.net).



# Women of St. Francis

Carol Jarvis, president

The Women of St. Francis sponsor fellowship, fundraising, and fun events throughout the year.



## Second Hand Bling Jewelry & Accessories SALE

First Saturday in May 10am-3pm

We welcome all hands on deck for our first “Second Hand Bling Jewelry and Accessories Sale” Saturday May 5th in the church library from 10 am to 3 pm. Look for discount coupons to hand out to your friends and neighbors. We need shoppers! We did not do a March thrift sale this year due to scheduling issues, but but hopefully this jewelry sale can help us raise additional funds to support our outreach partners.

Join us for a **Paint-In**, sponsored by the Women of St. Francis, on Sunday, **May 6 from 1:30-3:30pm**. Former art teacher Carol Jarvis will be our guide for a fun afternoon of art and fellowship for ages 4 and up, and all experience levels. A variety of flower compositions and painting techniques will be offered, in a guided process emphasizing originality and celebrating creativity. Refreshments will also be served. Cost for the afternoon is \$20 for an acrylic painting - aprons and all materials are provided (casual clothing suggested). Sign up on the Communication Card or use Realm reserve your spot.

Think fellowship with our monthly **Summer Potluck Dinners**. We are looking for hosts and hostesses to offer their homes for these dinners, as well as cohostesses to plan and help the hostesses. Email Jane Kirkhoff (Jane.Kirkhoff@hotmail.com) if you are willing to volunteer your home or your organizing energies. Dinners will be offered in June, July and August. These were a big hit last summer - don't miss the fun!

- Carol Jarvis



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Here are the dates and selections for the upcoming 2018 Women of St. Francis Book Club meetings, which are open to all. We generally meet at 11:30am on the first Tuesday of the month, with a few exceptions.

PLEASE NOTE that the June meeting is cancelled due to scheduled absences of several members. The July meeting will be July 10th, which is the second Tuesday of the month.

**July 10: “Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI” by David Grann, 2017. Discussion led by Nancy Hoke.** [In the 1920s, the Osage found themselves in a unique position among Native American tribes. As other tribal lands were parceled out...by the government to encourage dissolution and assimilation of both lands and culture, the Osage negotiated to maintain the mineral rights for their corner of Oklahoma, creating a kind of “underground reservation.” It proved a savvy move; soon countless oil rigs punctured the dusty landscape, making the Osage very rich. And that’s when they started dying. With obsessive attention to fact, the book reads like narrative-nonfiction: smart, taut, and pacy. Most sobering, though, is how the tale is at once unsurprising and unbelievable, full of the arrogance, audacity, and inhumanity that continues to reverberate through today’s headlines. --Jon Foro, The Amazon Book Review]

We’re happy to hear your suggestions for book selections, so please bring your ideas to the meeting or email Mary Blehar at [blehar.mary@gmail.com](mailto:blehar.mary@gmail.com).



# Bring Out Your *Inner Artist*

**Paint your own  
masterpiece just in time  
for Mother's Day!**

- Art-teacher guided
- Materials, apron & refreshments included
- Ages 4 - 104
- All experience levels
- \$20

**RSVP Required**

**Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 - 3:30 pm**





*Children Happy  
with the  
Knowledge of  
God*

**An Evening of Music, Art, and Pork Ribs.** Last Saturday evening (April 14th), St. Francis Hall was filled with music, art . . . and pork ribs . . . all provided by the youth of St. Francis under the leadership of our Director of Sunday School, Missy Beall. The “official title” was Evening of the Arts and its purpose was to raise money for our mission partners in the Diocese of Kondo in Tanzania.

We’re talking serious music here . . . Cimarosa, Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky, and one original piece performed for the very first time in public. Our talented young musicians included Caroline Beall on flute, Elizabeth Sefen on violin, and on cello, Philip Michael, Will Schneider, Kate Schneider, and Caroline Schneider who played a duet with her Mom. And then, accompanied by Gary Davison on piano, there were our Sunday School Singers who performed . . . in Latin! Here is the program we enjoyed:

Caroline Beall, Flute

*Concertino*, Cecil Chauminade

*Concerto (3rd Movement)*, Cimarosa

*Scherzino*, J. Anderson

Philip Michael, cello

*Original Compostion*, Philip Michael

Elizabeth Sefen, Violin

*Medidation from Thais*, J. Masenet

*Spring from Vivaldi’s Four Seasons*

*Ave Maria*

Caroline Schneider, cello

*The Swan*, Camille Saint Saens

*Concerto for Two Cellos in G Minor*, Vivaldi

Will Schneider, cello

*Minuet*, Boccherini

Kate Schneider, cello

*Chanson Triste*, Tchaikovsky

Sunday School Singers, *Agnus Dei*

Along the side, were works of art for sale created by our young people including Carroll and Elise Drucker, Cyril Lyskowski, Peter Michael, Philip Michael, Kate Schneider, Will Schneider, Emma Jillings, and Carter Jillings. Kathy and I were drawn to the custom designed stationery.

While all this was going on, a great feast was served. My favorite was the pork ribs, but the pulled chicken, beef, and pork



along with baked beans and potato salad were also hits.

For those of you who couldn’t make it, I encourage you to give it a try next time. You won’t be disappointed by the youthful talent on display, or the food.

Norm Barker  
Sunday School Teacher (retired)



# *Music at Eventide* *Evensong for the* *Feast of Pentecost*



*6:00pm*  
*Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>*

Service in the brick courtyard (weather permitting)

Reception to Follow

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# VOICE of the Vestry

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Among the items discussed at its recent meeting, those of immediate concern to the parish are summarized below.

## Transition to New Parish Administrator

This will be a salaried position at 24 hours per week (four six-hour days) and will include a mix of Parish Administrator and property management duties. The pay will be 60 percent of the current salary, and without benefits. Fr. Mark circulated the job description and procedures regarding property management to the Vestry prior to the meeting. The Parish Administrator job description and procedures were approved by unanimous vote.

## Vestry Retreat Implementation

Mr. Hough and Fr. Mark summarized the draft report of the February Vestry retreat. Mr. Hough stated that nothing in the report suggests that we should deviate markedly from what we are doing now. Mr. Hough agreed with our consultant, who stated that if we begin with a focus on spiritual renewal within St. Francis, the external, apostolic works will follow. Both spiritual renewal (what we come to church for) and apostolic works (the work the Lord sends us out to do) are required for a healthy parish. Focusing on renewal, Fr. Mark suggested we consider a program called Renewal Works. Mr. Hough stated that some ideas he is exploring are conducting a parish-wide survey, profiling a particular ministry in Sounds each month, and holding a full parish retreat, perhaps in the spring of 2019.

## Financial Report

Ms. Cuddapah distributed the Income Statement and stated that we are on budget for revenue for the year. Expenses remain over budget because of some unanticipated property expenses. The financial report was approved by unanimous vote.

## Portfolio Reports

Mr. Harrison reported that last Saturday, 11 parishioners worked for several hours on the grounds. The group made good progress, but identified additional areas that need attention.

Ms. Feagles reported that we have received \$34,700 to date for the Lenten Appeal, exceeding our goal. (Last year we raised \$32,713.) The Outreach Committee, including potentially some new members, will meet soon to decide on disbursement.

Ms. Dolan reported that another late afternoon reception for Newcomers would be held at the Rectory on April 28 and invited interested Vestry members to attend.

Ms. Ford reported that the Evening of the Arts on April 24 netted \$631 and was an enjoyable and remarkable event.

Dexter Ewel,  
Senior Warden



## Periodic Financial Summary

Here is the monthly summary of the church's financial status. This does not include any details, and is not a complete picture of the year, but serves as a dashboard so you can see if we are on track.

As you can see from this chart, which includes data from January through February 2018, we had higher than budgeted income for the period, and lower than budgeted expenses, which leaves us slightly above budget for the period. The vestry will continue to work carefully to stay within our budget over the year.

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Financial Summary			
January through February, 2018			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pledge Receipts	\$200,989	\$188,000	\$12,989
Other Income	\$18,431	\$18,857	(\$426)
Total Income	\$219,420	\$206,857	\$12,563
Expenses	\$167,887	\$159,548	(\$8,339)
Net Income	\$51,533	\$47,309	\$4,224

*"There are stars  
among us"*

# Parishioner Profile

*"Everyone has a  
story to tell if you  
simply listen"*

I was born on April 19th 1928 in Norfolk, VA near the Norfolk Naval Base. There were ships at the navy base and at the shipyard on the Elizabeth River nearby. My family had many Navy friends, so I was allowed to visit ships in port while in grade school. As a young boy, Admiral Yarnell took me to see the USS Ranger, a new aircraft carrier that had recently been constructed in Newport News in 1933. I remember seeing the aircraft onboard - they had open cockpits, double wings, and fixed wheels. I also remember the fun of seeing flour sacks explode during Navy Day air shows at the base. These visits ignited a passion in this little boy that would drive an admirable Naval career.

At the end of my first grade year, my father's building supply business failed because of the depression, and so he accepted a position with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company in Jacksonville, FL (a small city of about 130,000). We settled into the Avondale and Riverside area there, and I entered second grade. My family was active in the Church of the Good Shepherd and I became an acolyte there.

In 1939, WWII was underway in Europe, but the US was not yet officially at war. Even so, I witnessed a taste of war from Jacksonville, FL. Though the US had not yet entered the war, our Navy ships assisted the British Navy. British warships and commercial ships stopped in Jacksonville for repairs and supplies, and some were damaged and sunk on our east coast - we could see the ships, especially the tankers, burning out there on the coast. The German subs had easy targets.

Shorty, the war came to Jacksonville in a big way. A large naval air station was built outside Jacksonville on the St. John's River, and the skies were soon filled with pilots in training. Then, on December 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. In response, a large number of US pilots and planes were sent to the aircraft carriers in the Pacific. In the meantime, the submarine war with warships and commercial ships continued with many being struck. At home in Jacksonville, we followed the war closely, and impatiently waited to be old enough to do our part.

In 12th grade, I signed up for naval aviation. I passed all the tests and physicals, with the exception of one pesky eye test - my left eye was not quite 20/20 under refraction. This came as a surprise, as I had passed early eye tests. I was IA (or was it AI). I could not fly. Instead, I took a two year tour with the US Marines for basic training at Parris Is-

land in South Carolina. Some things are meant to be.

After some time training in California at Camp Pendleton, the marine officers sent me on a path to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. I had been accepted to college at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, but cancelled that plan and headed to Annapolis.



Pat had been in college in Florida, but transferred to the University of Maryland. In 1952, the day after I graduated from the USNA, Pat and I were married at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, MD. My parents were living in Chevy Chase at that time.

After graduation, I spent several years on four ships stationed in Norfolk, VA, and our first two children were born at the Norfolk Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. My ships sailed the Atlantic and chased Soviet subs and surface ships in the Atlantic and Mediterranean. I remember spending many long cold winter months in the Northern Atlantic with very heavy seas.

We then moved to Monterey, CA where I continued school and earned another Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. Our third child was born during our time at Fort Ord in Monterey.

I was then assigned back to Norfolk for several Destroyer and Cruiser tours. This was followed by more graduate school in Washington, DC. So we moved back to Maryland and I earned a Master's degree in Naval Engineering from George Washington University.

After graduation, I was assigned to lead the design and construction of thirty Spruance Destroyers, which were constructed at the Litton-Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Interestingly, four additional (and more advanced) destroyers were also built for the Iranian Navy, but were ultimately commissioned as Kidd Destroyers for the US Army. During this time, I made numerous trips to Iran during the construction of these destroyers. While head of shipbuilding at Litton, I achieved Flag (Admiral) Rank.





During the Vietnam war, we lived and worked on Guam, where the US had several ships and subs stationed at Andersen Air Force Base. We repaired and maintained US ships as well as some South Vietnamese, Taiwanese, and Cambodian ships that had been damaged in battle. We also transported several Air Force planes from Andersen AFB to Japan and to Hong Kong during this period.

In 1969, following this assignment in the West Pacific, my family and I returned to Maryland and settled in Potomac, where we joined St. Francis. Our daughters Claudia and Cynthia were married at St. Francis in 1977 and 1982. I was on the vestry managing the finance portfolio, and was Senior Warden in 1978. In 1979, I was sent to CINCPACFLT, and was stationed in Hawaii for 5 years, where I was the Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Maintenance Officer for subs, ships, and aircraft. This assignment required a lot of travel, and Pat travelled with me throughout the region. We enjoyed our time visiting many exotic and beautiful lands in the area.

When I retired from the Navy in 1985, we came back to Potomac and I began my second career with Northrup Grumman, where I managed the construction and maintenance of ships. I was elected as Senior Warden at St. Francis for a second time in 1986. Our son William married in 1986, this time in Roanoke, VA.

In 2002, I retired from Northrup Grumman. I couldn't quit cold turkey, though, so I had a small shipbuilding consulting business and did some consulting gigs with the Navy for about 10 years.

- Rear Admiral William C. Wyatt, US Navy (retired)

The following excerpt is from [www.navalengineers.org](http://www.navalengineers.org):

Award: Harold E. Saunders Award

Year: 2007

Recipient: RADM William C. Wyatt, USN (Ret.)

Reason: For his significant contribution to naval engineering as set forth in the following:

For over sixty years, Rear Admiral William "Bill" Wyatt has been an uncompromising champion of the needs of Fleet operators during all stages of the long, arduous life-cycle process of U.S. Navy ships. Admiral Wyatt was the first ship Program Manager for the CG-47 Class missile cruiser, where he led the ship through the initial design phase and through its transfer to the AEGIS Project. Under his experienced leadership, a successful CG-47 ship design was developed exploiting the Navy's in-house ship design capabilities and employing a strong centralized ship design management approach.

He led the first introduction into the Navy's surface fleet of reduced manning, low maintenance gas turbine propulsion and controllable, reversible pitch propellers, which continue to be the workhorse of today's surface combatant fleet. Admiral Wyatt's foresight and leadership as the DD-963 Program Manager not only allowed the Fleet to more easily upgrade the DD-963 class ships during their long service lives, but also enabled the Navy to get the AEGIS Combat System into the Fleet in the CG-47 class ships in an expeditious manner. Admiral Wyatt's exceptional management execution contributed significantly to the Navy's Surface Combatant Fleet and these contributions continue today.

More recently, Admiral Wyatt has served on a Surface Warfare Study Group chartered by the Chief of Naval Operation (CNO), exploring a wide range of surface warfare capabilities, design and acquisition strategies and human capital development. He has relied on his exceptional experience and has presented a number of innovative strategies focused primarily on the design, engineering and contract formulation phases of the acquisition process with emphasis on ensuring adequate design oversight by the Navy's technical authorities.

Admiral Wyatt is a true professional and has been an excellent role model for many military and civilians over his long career. His lifetime of exceptional service and achievement make him truly deserving of ASNE's 2007 Harold E. Saunders Award.

## New Column: By The Grace of God

An [article](#) in the April 12, 2018 Episcopal Diocese of Washington newsletter noted that "multiple research studies done in Episcopal churches in the past decade demonstrate two truths. The first is that large majorities of people in every kind of parish report that *hearing other people share stories of how God has and is moving in their lives is one of the most impactful and encouraging experiences* a person can have in religious community. The second truth is that many or most parishes do not have programs or practices that create intentional space for people to share their personal faith stories."



There are many examples of God's Grace in each of our lives, and we'd like to highlight some here in Sounds. We think this is a valuable way to share our faith both with our St. Francis family, as well as with visitors and friends. This will be a periodic column, quarterly to begin with, and we'll see where it takes us.

We welcome your stories of grace and your stories of faith - be they God winks, miracles, or gut feelings. Please contact Karen Schneider if you have something to share.

# MEN AT (GOOD) WORK



## Men of St. Francis, How About Some Serious Bay Striper Fishing on May 19?

The Men of St. Francis (MOSF) have again reserved a Chesapeake Bay charter fishing boat on Saturday afternoon, May 19, for some exciting Striped Bass (aka 'stripers', or 'rockfish') trolling. Look at this great photo to see last year's bounty!

The trip will be on a 40 ft. professionally operated bay fishing boat out of Deale, MD named *Ebb Tide* - the same boat as last year. All tackle, rods and lures provided. It will leave the Deale dock at 1pm for afternoon/early evening trolling for the stripers, likely returning to the dock about 7pm. Deale is a one hour drive from Potomac on the Bay western shore below Annapolis.

Cost will be \$125 per person inclusive, including tips and fish cleaning, payable to St. Francis Church in the church parking lot before departure. Invitees are men or children ages 12 and up, boys or girls. The age minimum is necessary because these can be very large fish and heavy rods.

We will leave the Church parking lot at 11:00am, car-pooling down. Bring your own food and drink for lunch and dinner (very small cooler bag), plus appropriate jackets, caps, sunscreen, etc. An option is lunch and/or dinner at the Happy Harbor Restaurant at the boat dock.

Capacity is 8 people. We have 4 slots filled, so jump on those remaining four ASAP!

The Men of St. Francis is an informal organization for all our

church men, so males are automatically members! Contact Devar Burbage, [devarbur@yahoo.com](mailto:devarbur@yahoo.com) for more information or with questions.

We are always happy to hear your suggestions for additional activities - please let us know if you have ideas.

- Devar Burbage

## ST. FRANCIS SERMONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE & YOUTUBE

If you were unable to make it to Sunday services, have a friend or family member who you would like to share our sermons with, or just want to hear a sermon again, you can access them from our website or from YouTube. On our website, [www.stfrancispotomac.org](http://www.stfrancispotomac.org), simply scroll to the bottom of the homepage, you'll see a button called Sermon Recordings. Click on that to view or listen to the recordings. Recent recordings are videos, but older recordings are audio only.



On Youtube, enter 'St. Francis Episcopal Church, Potomac MD' in the search bar and our channel should pop up. You will recognize a photo of the inside of the church. If you click on that photo, you will open our channel, and the available sermons will be there for you to view. We have just started posting videos, now that we have that capability, so there are only a few available right now. We'll add new sermons as we go. We are working on creating podcasts (audio-only recordings) of sermons that can be accessed from one of the online podcast hosting services. Once we have that up and running, we'll let you know how to access them.

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**



# News



## Parents of High School Seniors:

We plan to feature seniors in our June Parishioner Profile section. We need your help with the profiles, so please reach out to Karen for more information.

**Many thanks to the parishioners who helped with the garden cleanup in April!**

Take a beautiful day. Happy workers with serious tools. Dead trees, galloping weeds, shaggy bushes, winter litter - gone. Lynn Reynolds, chainsaw man Keith Gardiner, Don Harrison, Laurel Bahar, Liz Harrison, Lee Alexander, John Jasin, Susan Dolan, Dexter Ewel, Suzie Burbage. Thanks for your hard work - the gardens look beautiful!!

- Suzie Burbage

## Bulldozers at St. Francis!

The church had two old oil tanks on the property that, according to the EPA, needed to be removed or filled. Over Spring Break, a crew came out and removed the tank up by the parking lot. The contractors brought in heavy equipment to extricate the large tank. After examining the interior and exterior of the tank and digging around its edges, it was determined that the tank located by the school entrance had to be abandoned in place. So a cement truck with an extended chute arrived to fill the entire tank with concrete. Thanks to Devar Burbage for the photos.



# Are you new to St. Francis?

**We're very glad you are here!** We look forward to getting to know you better, and we hope you will join us at our upcoming services and other parish activities. Most of our services and activities are listed here in this newsletter, but please visit our website to learn more about our church.

Please share your contact information with us so we can give you a proper welcome and include you in our weekly and monthly communications. You can fill out the communication card in the pew or in your church bulletin, or you may call the office at 301-365-2055. Father Mark Michael, our newcomers committee, and our entire church family welcome you with open arms.





# Adult Education Programs

There are two Adult Forum series continuing into May. They will run concurrently during the Sunday School hour beginning at 10:30am. One is targeted for those who care for young children and the other for those approaching or in retirement.

**Christian Hope and Virtues at the End of Life** is the theme of the Adult Forum series which continues at 10:30am. The first session included an introduction to the series and a presentation about St. Francis' new planned giving program (brochures outlining planned giving options are available on the table outside the church office). Later sessions led by Father Mark and Father Mac will focus on virtues like gratitude, solidarity, hope and courage that help us to live well and to

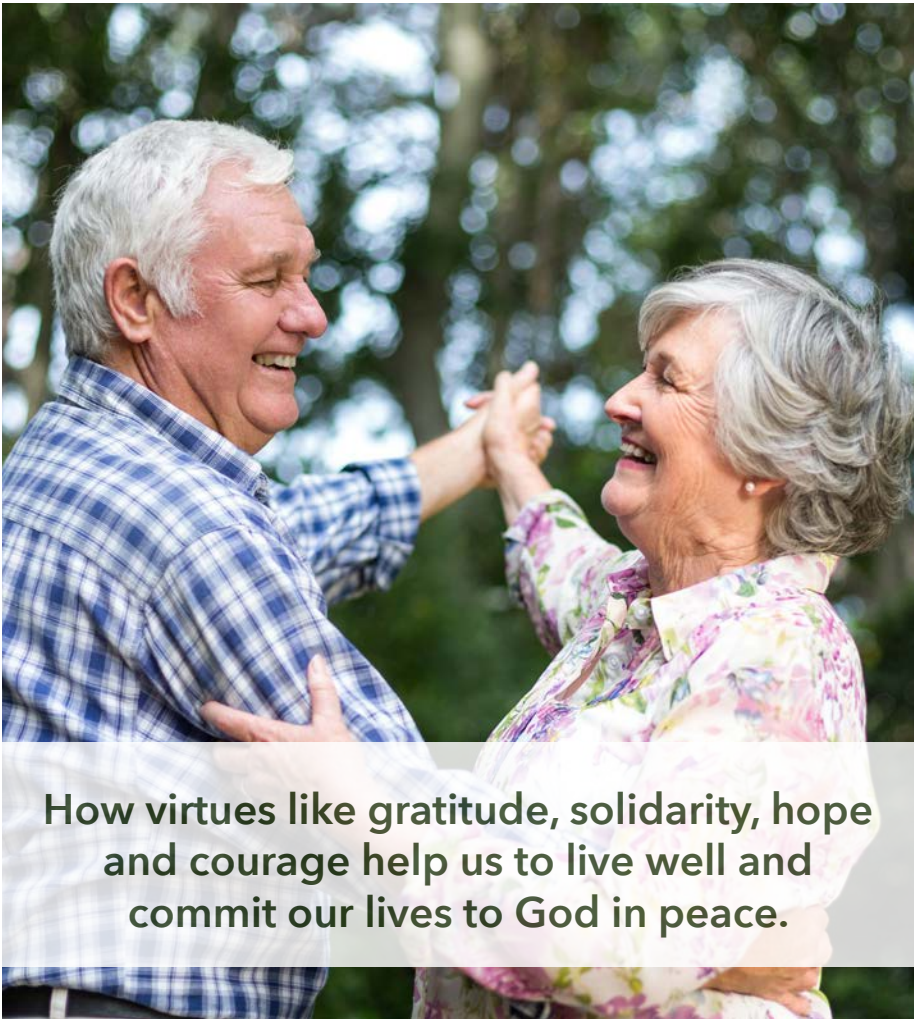
commit our lives to God in peace.

**Faith Conversations with Kids in a Scary World** is a new five-session adult forum series aimed at equipping parents and others who care for children to talk about difficult topics like death, violence, family tension and mental illness. Pastor Allison and Father Mark lead the discussion-based class, which meets in Kincaid Library at 10:30am on Sundays.

We hope you will join us for one of these timely and relevant discussions - they are usually quite lively and interesting. They are sure to help you in your daily interactions with family and friends. Coffee and doughnuts will be available in St. Francis Hall at the beginning of the Adult Forum hour.

## Adult Forum Series Sundays at 10:30 beginning April 15

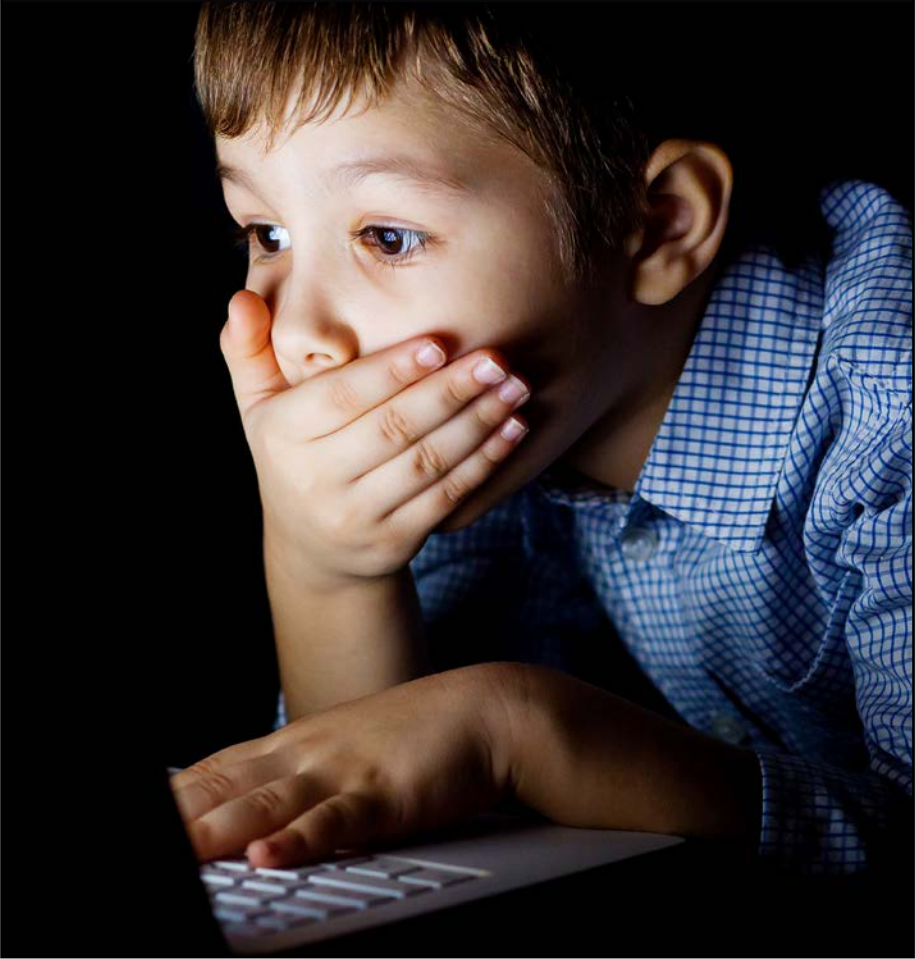
### Christian Hope & Virtues at the End of Life



How virtues like gratitude, solidarity, hope and courage help us to live well and commit our lives to God in peace.

## Faith Conversations **with Kids** in Today's Scary World

Adult Forum  
Sundays at 10:30 April 22 - May 20





# YOUTH GROUP

MEETINGS: SUNDAYS AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT.

ALL 7TH - 12TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME!!



The Epistle readings this year for the whole Easter season – which goes all the way until Pentecost on May 20th – are from the first epistle of St. John. If you read through the epistle all at once (it's not too long), you may be struck by how often the word “children” is used. John addresses his readers again and again as “my little children,” reminding them of his own fatherly care for them as their shepherd in the faith. But then he sets before them in one gentle stroke the whole substance of the gospel that he's been entrusted to teach them: “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1). John's whole life and ministry is given to the task of seeing that his children in the faith come to know their true identity as children of their Father in heaven.

“Children” of all ages need this reminder on a regular basis, and in our weekly Sunday evening gatherings, we're trying to make sure that our youth hear the beautiful message again and again. The Youth Alpha video series has been a friendly and gentle source for communicating this message with clarity, depth, and good humor, and has helpfully raised good questions for pondering and discussion. When we finish this video series in May, our weekly meetings will continue with the same general format on Sunday evenings in the undercroft from 6 – 8pm: dinner, games, and time for guided conversation, reflection, and prayer. We want this to be a time and space every week where we can grow together in the knowledge and joy that we have been made God's children.

**Spring Movie Night:** All youth are warmly invited to a **movie night on Friday, May 4th at the Glenolden House**. We will meet at 7:00pm for a pizza dinner and ice cream (hopefully outside in the evening sunlight), and then watch a movie together in the basement. The Glenolden House is the brick house behind the church at 10030 Glenolden Drive.

**Please note that we will not meet on May 13th (Mother's Day – cook dinner for your mother!) or May 27th (Memorial Day Weekend).**



**Car Wash in Cold Temps & Blustery Wind!**

Blessings in Christ,  
Fr. Mac Stewart

*MANY THANKS to all of you who have provided dinner for the Youth Group! Though we sometimes may forget to say it, we are VERY grateful for your generosity and your amazing meals - the dinners (and desserts!) are one of the things we look forward to each Sunday evening.*





# Kids' Corner

Springtime. What an exciting time of year! Everything is changing: Flowers are blooming; leaves are growing; temperatures are rising; birds are singing; and Jesus is reborn and ascending.

Spring is often considered one of the most beautiful times of the year, and many people feel a boost in their mood when it finally appears. Even if you've had a long cold winter, spring brings feelings of change and rebirth along with the hope of a fresh start.

What does the Bible say about spring? Lots of things! There are many verses in the Bible that refer to spring - See if you can find some! But the biggest thing to remember is that spring brings renewal, or new life, which is an important aspect of Christianity.



During spring, we celebrate Easter, when Jesus was Resurrected (given new life), and Ascension Day Jesus when ascended up to heaven to sit at the right hand of God. That is the ultimate rebirth! Just as plants come back to life and re-emerge from the earth during spring, Jesus re-emerged on Easter and then went up to Heaven. This resurrection and ascension changes everything: Jesus' new life gives us new life.

Spring is a great time to renew yourself and take a fresh perspective on your life and your relationship with Jesus. With flowers blooming and everything coming to life, it's easy to feel a sense of rebirth happening all around you. Take a moment to smell the flowers this spring, but be sure to also take a moment to renew your relationship with Jesus too. How? It's easy - just talk to him each day and say thank you, and remember that he loves you.

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***  
**Psalm 51:10**

-KS





# Faces of St. Francis



*St. Francis Gardeners*



*Dexter Ewel and his clippers*

*Susan Dolan, Lynn Reynolds & Laurel Bahar clean up the beds while Keith Gardiner chainsaws overgrown bushes and trees.*





# Faces of St. Francis



*Not in the least deterred by chilly temperatures and blustery winds, the Youth Group washed cars as a fundraiser for their summer Mission Trip to WV.*





# Celebrations & Achievements

Please congratulate these members of our church family as we celebrate with them



Happy Birthday



Congratulations

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- James Alexander  
Sydney Andersen  
Meredith Asbury  
Harvey Bale  
Megan Barpoulis  
Stephen Barpoulis  
Brenda B. Bell  
Douglas B. Bowers  
Annalee Brookes  
Charlie Burr  
Warren E. Burton  
Robert C. Cassidy  
Emma Coleman  
Justine Coleman  
Frederick T. Daly  
Pat Drummond  
Jose Eusebio  
Christopher Fraser  
Kimberley Fraser  
Richard H. Galliher  
Alice (Cissy) Grant  
Bob Hoover  
Elizabeth Hough  
Jim Kough  
Linda Lerch  
Kathy Lock  
Kathleen Lohman  
Katie Ludwick  
Kevin Lukash  
John Maynard  
Katherine McNeilly  
Frederick D. Meloan  
Blake Micholas  
Kaaren Agnez Morgan  
Mark Morgan  
Fan Oleson

- Timothy Oleson  
Charles Phillips  
Christina Polyak  
Marianne Ryn  
Adam Schneider  
Katherine Schneider  
Thomas Smith  
Barbara Spence  
James Stempien  
Morgan Taverner  
Sue Tendall  
Ron Tenpas  
Suzanne Tull  
Mary Vincent  
Samuel B. Wallace  
Lucy Ward  
Heather Williams  
Chuck & Helen Wilson  
Pat Wyatt

## CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the Sunday School Children for their excellent performances at the Evening of the Arts, and for raising \$631 for the Diocese of Kondo.

Congratulations to Allison Michael for completing her doctoral exams!

Congratulations to Will for stepping in at the last second, with no training, to acolyte at a recent Sunday service.

Please share your celebrations, achievements and successes so we can include them here and celebrate with you.



Happy Anniversary



Celebrations



# Community Bulletin Board



**St. Andrews Episcopal School, Postoak Rd**  
**May 11 at 7:30pm and May 12 at 3:00pm**



[tickets](#)

## THE ANNETTE M. AND THEODORE N. LERNER FAMILY THEATRE

**Robin Hood**  
**April 14-May 20, 2018**  
 By Greg Banks  
 Directed by Janet Stanford  
 Best for Ages 5+

In this story from the traditional English folklore, Chris Dinolfo (JACK and Phil, Slayers of Giants-INC) plays the title role! Our hero sides with the townsfolk against the cruel Sheriff of Nottingham and the even crueler, greedier King John. With his band of Merry Men and the lovely Maid Marian, Robin robs the rich to help the poor. Experience all the fun in Sherwood Forest—sword fighting, bows and arrows, and miraculous escapes!

Rockville



Featured Event

## A-RTS Rockville Arts Festival at Rockville Town Square

**MAY**  
**5**

Saturday at 11:00 am  
 by Vicki Aversa, Patch Poster

Bethesda-Chevy Chase



## 15th Annual Bethesda Fine Arts Festival

**MAY**  
**12**

Saturday at 10:00 am  
 by Bethesda Urban Partnership, Patch Poster

*Tell us about  
 your group's  
 upcoming events,  
 and we'll include  
 them here!*

## FLOWER MART

### FLOWER MART 2018

Friday, May 4, 2018 | 10:00am

An irresistible array of festival foods, children's rides, artisanal and boutique gifts and, of course, herbs and flowers, once again fills the nave and grounds of the Cathedral at this year's Flower Mart. Drawing locals and tourists alike since 1939, this festival of flowers and fun celebrates All Hallows' Guild's antique carousel—a fixture at Flower Mart for decades.



## Planned Giving Workshop

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road Potomac, MD 20854

May 19th, 2018

Starts at 9:00 am, ends at 12:00 pm

With expertise from the Episcopal Church Foundation, a workshop open to all Diocese of Washington parishes. Topics to include: methods to sharpen a parish's vision on planned giving strategies and techniques.

The workshop will feature speakers seasoned in planned giving, collaborative conversation, and extensive written materials that can be customized for use in each parish.

Please contact [Charles Grizzle](#) with any questions.





# We are here for you!

*Please stop by or reach out by phone or email. We're happy to help!*

**10033 RIVER RD  
POTOMAC, MD  
20854**



## Weekly Services

### Holy Eucharist:

Sundays: 8am, 9:15am, 11:30am  
Wednesdays at 10am

### Morning Prayer:

Tu, Fri at 9:30 & Th at 10:00am

### Evening Prayer:

Tu, Th, Fri at 5pm



**301-365-2055**

## Church Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm

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