

## Announcements for 2023.03.19

**FRANCISCO-fact:** It has been a year since the start of the illegal war against Ukraine. Is there any forum in which I may learn more about it and share in a discussion on it? YES!:

**A FORUM: ONE YEAR OF ILLEGAL WAR AGAINST UKRAINE**  
**Tuesday March 28, 2023 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, ET**  
**Format: Hybrid/Virtual Panel Discussion via Zoom**  
**Audience: St. Francis Episcopal Church, Great Falls VA (with other guests).**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/97384632112> Passcode: Ukraini

**Moderator:** Tom Johnson, Professor of History, the University of Massachusetts, Boston,

**Panelists:** Valerija Vovk, Composer, Producer, Arranger, and Vocalist, from Odessa; Anastasiia Shmidt, Umass Boston student, majoring in Biology, from Lviv; Artem Dinh, student at Tufts University, majoring in Biomedical engineering; Daria Bogatova, PHD candidate at BU in Cellular and Molecular Biology, born in Kyiv; The Reverend James Morris, Priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Pastor of St. John the Baptist, Ukrainian Catholic Church, Salem, MA.

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: BOARD GAMES & POTLUCK, TODAY! MARCH 19, 2023**  
**5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM**

**BYOBG (BRING YOUR OWN BOARD GAME).** Join in the fun. Our activity this month is **board games**. Bring a potluck dish to share!

**Outreach Meeting today, SUN-19-MAR**

We will have an Outreach Committee on **Sunday, March 19** at **11:15 AM**. We will meet in the **Millen Hall annex**. All parishioners are welcome to attend

**BREAKFAST AT THE PRESS CLUB, Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Breakfast at DC's National Press Club will be emceed by Colbert King, Pulitzer Prize winning columnist for the Washington Post. The Breakfast is free; donations are optional. **Transportation from St. Francis leaves at 6:45 AM.** More information and free registration <https://samaritanministry.org/nsb23/> For questions, email Ginger Roll at [rollginger@icloud.com](mailto:rollginger@icloud.com)

**Ezo Sunday Lenten Project**

We have kicked off our fund-raising campaign to buy bicycles for the priests of the Diocese. A single bike costs \$160. To make a contribution you can donate on line or by check, please note "Bikes for EZO" in the memo line. For more information, contact Jack Mathias at [jackmathi@aol.com](mailto:jackmathi@aol.com), 571 474 6268

**ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION FORUM: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, VA, SATURDAY, MARCH 25 at 10 AM**

**Insight**, the area's leading source for memory care and treatment, education, and therapy, is presenting a summary of their services along with an educator to answer questions related to caregiving, early warning signs, and the vast array of programs they offer to the community. Join us for coffee and pastries. Questions? Contact [service@saint-timothys.org](mailto:service@saint-timothys.org).

## **ON-LINE AUCTION: MAY 14 THRU MAY 31**

Annual auctions have been the primary supplements to the revenue provided by pledges for the church to fund the ministries of St. Francis. Our Auction for 2023 will be online during May. Right now, we need to solicit donations from local businesses, and we need you to help us solicit these items. A roster of past business suppliers can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4daeae2da0fa7-auction#/> Sign-up at this site so that we know that all past business participants are covered and to prevent business from being asked twice. If you see something missing, add it to the list and reach out to your favorite business. While you are soliciting businesses, consider whether you can donate to the Auction of yourself. Questions?\_\_ contact Sandy Walker ([walkersj@verizon.net](mailto:walkersj@verizon.net)) or Jennifer Murphy ([jenniferomurphy@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferomurphy@gmail.com)). Thank you!

## **Donations for Easter Music & Altar Flowers**

Easter is a celebratory time. Franciscans traditionally support our services by making donations to provide special music and additional floral arrangements in the church. Often Franciscans make these donations to honor family and friends. If you would like to give to either or both of these funds, **fill out the envelope enclosed in your Sunday announcement sheet and put it in the plate. Or send a donation directly to the church office** (9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA 22066.) **For attributions to appear in the Easter Sunday services, have the donations into the office by Sunday, April 2, 2023.**

## **REGISTER NOW for Shrine Mont Camps**

Shrine Mont Camps 2023 is excited to provide an amazing summer of programming for children ages 7 to 17. Camping sessions include sports, music, drama, and outdoor exploration. New this year are “**Lil’s**” **Session** (*a shorter three-night stay for young campers, with all the fun of longer sessions*) and **All Saints Specialty Session** (*where campers can elect to spend time in Sports, Music and Drama, Art, or Outdoor Exploration programming, or a bit of it all*). Detailed descriptions of all sessions are found at [shrinemontcamps.org](http://shrinemontcamps.org). Secure a spot by registering today!

Shrine Mont Camps believes that cost should never keep any child from attending camp. Ample scholarships are available. Contact your clergy person or Camps Director James Williams, [jwilliams@thediocese.net](mailto:jwilliams@thediocese.net) for details

Shrine Mont Camps scholarships help us provide camp for children and teens and support from Virginia Episcopalians help us provide those funds. Mail checks made out to Shrine Mont Camps, memo line SMC Sunday, to 110 W. Franklin St. Richmond, VA 23220.

## **SUPPORTED AFGHAN FAMILY NEEDS**

**Computers and printers needed:** The Afghan families that St. Francis has supported are in need of computers and printers in working order. Our Afghan friends need them to facilitate their studies and work. Let Jane Rachal know if you have equipment to donate: [jane.m.rachal@gmail.com](mailto:jane.m.rachal@gmail.com)

**Children’s books requested** for our Afghan families. Early childhood books with very basic wording/concepts. Drop them by parish office.

## **Sign up Now! St. Francis Women's Retreat**

**When: April 28-30, 2023**

**Where: Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, Virginia**

**What: Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, faith, and (of course) food.** Renew your body, mind, and spirit in the beauty of the mountains!

*Registration deadline is April 7th.*

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