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*O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

## FROM THE RECTOR

Potomac County House Tour is hard upon us. Co-chairs Laurel Bahar and Carol Tutera are leading us down the home stretch, with those necessary and vital last-minute details to address. Their steady leadership and the response of many in the parish will produce yet another successful edition, and our ability to respond to numerous outreach opportunities will again be enhanced in ways it could not otherwise be. This is as good a time and place as any to express thanks to the many hard workers who offer this authentic labor of love to make this event possible.

As it happens, Bishop John Chane will be with us on House Tour Sunday for the 9:00 service. Bishop's visitations are scheduled by their office staff, and every summer a calendar is sent out with the Bishop's schedule for the coming year. Recently, it has been Bishop Chane's practice to visit parishes on alternate years. Given the fact that we have only one resident bishop in this diocese, and more than 90 congregations, not to mention other Sunday requirements and demands on the bishop's time, this cycle is understandable. It is thus likely that this will be Bishop Chane's final visit to St Francis as Bishop of Washington.

The long journey to elect the next bishop is well under way. Several months ago, two committees were put in place to facilitate this process: A nominating committee will identify and select a number of nominees to offer for consideration, and a transition committee will take up the work from the time of the election through the consecration of the new bishop. If all goes as intended, a slate of nominees will be posted by March 31, 2011, and the election held on June 18. The ninth Bishop of Washington should be consecrated on November 12,

2011. Details of both committees' composition, as well as the Profile used in this search, are posted on the diocesan website: [www.edow.org](http://www.edow.org). On that "landing page" is an option, "Bishop Search News;" go there for further information.

Having the Bishop's visitation on House Tour weekend is an ambivalent moment. We do not have the opportunity to hear him speak about some of the aspects of his work, as well as his perspective on things beyond the diocese. At the same time, House Tour Sunday is a fine time to have visitors, the bishop among them, at St Francis. The energy of this parish is manifest, and as a visitor learns why all this is going on, the commitment of St Francis to outreach is given bold and accurate emphasis. It is also a nice break for the Bishop himself, to have a Sunday on which his usual routine of visits is altered. No doubt there will be some other opportunity to extend warm wishes to Bishop Chane upon his retirement, so there will be little of that on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

So consider these words as a gentle exhortation to get ready. The next ten days or so in this parish will be busy times indeed, but important ones for us and for those to whom we seek to extend the pastoral care our Lord expects. The days before and during House Tour are demanding ones, but to borrow a phrase from St Paul, they are not worth comparing with the satisfaction which comes from completing the work at hand. May God sustain all who serve, and prosper the work of our hands.



## FELLOWSHIP, FOOD and FUN to launch the PCHT's 55th year!

We're steaming toward the 55th Annual PCHT on October 2 and 3. Here is a preview of the delights which await you.

### Friday, October 1st from 7 to 9 pm

Everyone is invited to join us at the **KICK OFF PARTY on Friday**. Although there won't be an auction in the Hall this year, there is still much to attract you. PAUL's LIQUORS is once again generously plying us with wine to accompany a wonderful selection of hors d'oeuvres. Visit with our parish family while you shop the boutiques to get first choice of the terrific offerings. A delightful young comedian will entertain us.

**Please join us!**

### The On-Line Auction from October 1st to October 10th.

Just think, you can take a leisurely look at all the wonderful items and make your bids from the comfort of your home. Bliss! You can see the broad selection of items elsewhere in *Sounds*

Visit [www.biddingforgood.com/StFrancisPCHT](http://www.biddingforgood.com/StFrancisPCHT) to bid between October 1st and 10th.

### Activities in St. Francis Hall

Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 5 pm





The church hall is open with **20 bodacious boutiques** about which you can read more in this *Sounds*. Then, should you find yourself tired or peckish, you can refresh yourself at our **gourmet luncheon from 11:30 to 2:30** each day and in **the Maryland Sweets Café** serving authentic **Smith Island Cakes**, the Official Dessert of the State of Maryland, and many other taste-tempting treats.

Get a free cup of lemonade & a cookie by presenting your ticket at the Sweets Café

### Saturday and Sunday from 12 pm to 5 pm

The Houses are open for your enjoyment.

Visit the 4 homes on tour:

-  Bethesda architect David Jameson's contemporary home, featured in the September issue of Architectural Digest;
-  The Avenel Farm Mansion;
-  a renovated colonial with a striking English garden and pirate's lair; and
-  a beautifully decorated River Falls Town Home with a wonderful art collection.

For more detail on anything and a link to the auction site, check out our website at

[www.potomaccountryhousetour.org](http://www.potomaccountryhousetour.org)

## CHECK OUT THESE AUCTION DELIGHTS

The Bidding is open from 9 am on Oct 1st until 5:59 pm on Oct 10th at:  
[www.biddingforgood.com/StFrancisPCHT](http://www.biddingforgood.com/StFrancisPCHT)

We need your bid to make the auction a success - Bid for Good and Get a Goodie too! It is Indulgence without Guilt - or calories! Please bid and tell your family and friends to bid too - there is something for everyone!

A few of our Featured Items:

- \* Base Hit Experience Package from the Washington Nationals (4 Reserve level tickets, 4 on-field passes, and 4 promotional fan kits)
- \* A wonderful week in the charming seaside town of Duck, NC in the Outer Banks
- \* A week at an incredibly posh resort in Costa Rica (an auction favorite)
- \* Tickets to the US Open at Congressional Country Club
- \* 2 Tickets to see Yo Yo Ma at the Kennedy Center & Dinner on the Rooftop Terrace with the Yavinskys.
- \* Season tickets to the Washington Chorus
- \* Be transported by limousine to enjoy an elegant dinner for eight at the Mion home
- \* Pop over to the Normandie Farms restaurant for a fabulous Brunch for four
- \* Autographed books by Annie Liebowitz, world renowned portrait photographer, and wedding planner and television personality, David Tutera
- \* A jersey worn by Gilbert Arenas
- \* 'Wine, Cheese & Gems: an evening with leading authority Martin Fuller on gemstones and what to look for when purchasing them.
- \* DVDs & other goodies from the Discovery Channel
- \* Landscape consultation & gift certificate to American Plant Center AND MORE!!

Log in to get your bidding account set up in advance. If you need help bidding, contact Karen Schneider at 240-460-6344 or e-mail [karen.schneider5@verizon.net](mailto:karen.schneider5@verizon.net).

## FABULOUS NEW VENDORS AT HOUSE TOUR!

We don't have a great deal of space to tell you about the amazing vendors this year, so this should just whet your appetite until you can see them for yourself. They will all be open at the Kick Off Party Friday evening if you want a sneak peek.

**Little Gorilla Design:** Hand-painted and personalized children's gifts and accessories.  
[www.littlegorilladesign.com](http://www.littlegorilladesign.com)

**IGd:** Creative and stylish hand-crafted belt buckles and belt straps to match.  
[www.littlegorilladesign.com](http://www.littlegorilladesign.com)

**Whichcraft Gallery:** A chic and cool collection of unique gifts, jewelry, and home accessories.  
[whichcraftgallery@comcast.net](mailto:whichcraftgallery@comcast.net)

**Fortune Flora:** Gorgeous one-of-a-kind necklaces featuring semiprecious stones and pearls.  
[www.best\\_dried\\_flowers@yahoo.com](mailto:www.best_dried_flowers@yahoo.com)

**Private Quarters:** Lavish, hotel quality linens.  
[www.bedandbathliving.privatequarters.net](http://www.bedandbathliving.privatequarters.net)

**The Surrey Two:** Men's gifts, home accessories, holiday themed items, rugs, pillows, and more. [www.scarlettco@comcast.net](mailto:www.scarlettco@comcast.net)

**barbie b:** Trendy accessories including handbags, readers, jewelry, scarves, home accents.  
[www.shopbarbieb.com](http://www.shopbarbieb.com)

**Alexandra Beth Designs:** NYC designer with hot, chic jewelry designs.  
[www.alexandrabeth.com](http://www.alexandrabeth.com)

**Natural Bath Spa:** Natural handmade botanical spa soaps and bath essentials.  
[www.etsy.com/shop/naturalbathspa](http://www.etsy.com/shop/naturalbathspa)

**Periwinkle South:** Fine papers and fabulous finds...colorful and fun!!  
[www.Andrea.whitaker@comcast.net](mailto:www.Andrea.whitaker@comcast.net)

**Pearl Fine Teas:** Limited-edition, rare loose leaf teas, blends, and tea ware.  
[www.pearlteas.com](http://www.pearlteas.com)

**Instant Garden:** Beautiful artificial floral arrangements for the home and garden themed gifts. [www.instant-garden.com](http://www.instant-garden.com)

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More of our wonderful boutiques:

**Phoenix Trading:** Greeting cards, note cards, invitations, advent calendars, gift wrap and more. [www.phoenixtrading.com/web/kateabt/store.php](http://www.phoenixtrading.com/web/kateabt/store.php)

**Sun Moon Star Jewelry:** Metal, clay, and beaded jewelry including necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. [www.amyabramsdesigns.com](http://www.amyabramsdesigns.com)

**Bows, Etc:** Unique handmade hair accessories for girls and women. [www.bowsetc.com](http://www.bowsetc.com)

**Dipped & Delicious:** Chocolate dipped pretzels, Belly Buttons, and Oreo-Pops. Yummy edible art! [www.dippedanddelicious.com](http://www.dippedanddelicious.com)

**Original Designs by Sharon Fabio Nowell:** Handpainted jean jackets, hoodies, ballet flats,

## JOY AND CONCERN

Please remember in your prayers Robert Willock Off, father of Gussie Moravec.

bangles & necklaces. Hand designed bags and totes.

**Bee 4 Me:** Unique jewelry creations with a vintage flair. Each piece is one of a kind!

## HAPPY HUNTING!

Join us at Friday's Kickoff Party and beat the crowds at the boutiques. They will be open for your enjoyment (and advance purchases).

## Ticket Vendors for the House Tour

We thank the following businesses for their help in selling tickets for this tour. The tickets cost \$30 per person on Tour Days. Advance purchases are \$25 each and tickets for groups of fifteen or more are \$20 each.

### Potomac

Behnke's Nurseries Co.  
9545 River Road  
301-983-9200

Country Squire Cleaners  
9919 Falls Road  
301-299-9675

Ferrell's Specialty Gift Shop  
Potomac Promenade  
9812 Falls Road  
301-299-3183

Flora's Feathered Nest  
12211 River Road  
301-765-0003

Full of Beans  
10144 River Road  
301-983-6569

St Francis Church 9am-5pm  
10033 River Road  
301-365-2055

Good Earth Garden Center  
11650 Falls Road  
301-765-0224

### Cabin John Center

Great Chesapeake Bay Co.  
11325 Seven Locks Road  
301-299-6737

### Rockville

Rockville Interiors  
#4 West Middle Lane  
301-424-1900

### Bethesda

Amethyst  
4806 Bethesda Ave  
301-907-6871

Kae Robin Gifts  
Bradley Shopping Center  
6910 Arlington Road  
301-654-2618

Kellogg Collection  
10241 Old Georgetown Rd.  
301-897-9102

Pierre Deux  
10305 Old Georgetown Rd.  
301-564-9200

### Chevy Chase

The Lemondrop\*Lemon Twist  
8541 Connecticut Avenue  
301-656-1357

### Gaithersburg

The Wine Harvest  
114 Market Street  
301-869-4008

Kentlands Flowers & Bows  
206 Market Street East  
301-330-7720

### North Potomac

Potomac Garden Center  
12024 Darnestown Road  
301-948-8890

### Darnestown

The Surrey Saddlery  
14120 Darnestown Road  
301-299-8225

### McLean, Virginia

Enrico's Cleaners & Tailors  
1313 Chain Bridge Rd  
Mc Lean, VA 22101  
(703) 356-4007

## COMING UP AT SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

For more information, please visit our website at [www.stfrancispotomac.org](http://www.stfrancispotomac.org)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

#### OUTREACH FAIR

12:00 pm Parents Meeting - Glenolden  
1:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class - Glenolden  
5:00 pm High School Small Group

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:30 pm Youth Choirs  
7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Undercroft

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
6:00 pm Middle School Small Group

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 pm *Sounds* Deadline for 10/10/10  
5:30 pm Franks - Youth Bible Study  
7:30 pm St Francis Choir

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
7:30 pm House Tour Kick Off Party

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

**POTOMAC COUNTRY HOUSE TOUR**  
Activities at St. Francis - 10am-5pm  
Houses Open 12pm - 5 pm

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

**FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
11:15 am Matins  
1:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class- Glenolden  
5:00 pm High School Small Group  
**POTOMAC COUNTRY HOUSE TOUR**  
Activities at St. Francis - 11am-5pm  
Houses Open 12pm - 5 pm

The Scripture appointed for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 *or* Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146;  
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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