

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Sunday of the Resurrection
The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live on Facebook and YouTube

Welcome to St. Francis-in-the-Fields!

Whether you're a guest or a member, rich or poor, young or old; whatever your political alignment, racial background, gender, ethnicity, or country of origin; no matter if you're a cradle Episcopalian, from another faith expression, or claim no faith at all – we're glad you've joined us for worship today. Please help us get to know you by completing the Guest Card in the rack at each end of the pew and placing the detachable part in the offering plate. There is a welcome table in the narthex (foyer) where you can receive more information about our parish, along with a small gift. Our clergy and greeters look forward to meeting you after the service.

Worship: Our liturgy follows the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), found in the book rack, with some material from *Enriching our Worship* (EOW). Our hymns come from the blue and green hymnals in the pews, along with other resources. All text for the service is printed in the bulletin. You are invited to prepare your soul for worship by kneeling silently in your pew before the service begins.

Children: We welcome all young children in our worship services, and ask you not to worry if your child is active or makes noise. “Busy Bags” for kids are available from the Ushers. Our “Children’s Room” in the office hallway is available if at any time your infant or child needs a change of scenery.

Accessibility: At different times during worship, the congregation may stand or kneel according to custom. Those who suffer physical discomfort are invited remain seated, or stand or kneel as they are able. During Communion, please notify an Usher if you are unable to come forward and we will bring Communion to you. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Facilities: Two public restrooms are located in the office hallway.

*(Congregational words and responses are in **bold** text.)*

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving of all whose lives have touched and blessed us.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: Gleaming Flow

Olivia Belli

THE GREAT SILENCE

After the bell rings once, please observe a time of silence.

When the bell rings three times, please stand as able for the opening and procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: The strife is o'er, the battle won

Hymnal 208

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!
- 5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a,22-32

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you

yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
Thanks be to God

PSALM 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

ANTHEM: *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Traditional Tanzanian

*Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

Refrain

*Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo; And in its conquest His might did show.*

Refrain

*The angel said to them, "Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there."*

Refrain

*"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won."*

Refrain

*Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly king.*

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: He is risen

Hymnal 180 (v. 1 - 2)

- 1 He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.
- 2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Diane Faison

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Kevin our Priest and Diane our Deacon, Joe our Music Director and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The congregation observes a period of silence, after which spontaneous prayers are invited.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Mary Lou, Maria, Lucy, Kathy, Liz, and Carolyn. In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Vestry, Wardens, and other Administrative and Financial ministries of St. Francis, that they may direct our church with diligence and faithfulness.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENROLLMENT FOR BAPTISM

Dear people of God, Arlene & Jason Collins, who have themselves been baptized into Christ, now desire as parents to present their son, Patrick for the Sacrament of New Birth. The date of April 26 having been chosen, we now enroll Patrick in the *Prayers of the People* in preparation of this child of God for baptism.

Celebrant: Will you support this family in their desire to grow deeper in Christ, and to raise Patrick in the faith of the church?

Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you stand as witnesses to Patrick's faith through the covenant of baptism?

Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you offer prayers for Patrick, and his parents, as the day of baptism nears?

Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

Let us pray: O eternal God, you have promised to be a father to a thousand generations of those who love and fear you: Bless this child and preserve his life; receive him and enable him to receive you, that through the Sacrament of Baptism he may celebrate his creation as a child of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEDITATION MUSIC

CHURCH SCHOOL ENTRANCE: *(Please welcome our children to church from church school.)*

(He's got the whole world in his hands / He's got the wind and the rain in his hands)

HOLY COMMUNION

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of you Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. Francis, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FRACTION

This is the true bread which come down from Heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the fest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is the Table of the Lord. Wherever they may be on their spiritual journey, everyone present is invited to receive Holy Communion, including young children. Anyone unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat.

**During Communion, our prayer ministers will be waiting in the north (left) transept.
Anyone desiring individual prayer is encouraged to visit them for intercession.**

COMMUNION HYMN: I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 69

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SEASONAL BLESSING

BOS

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of God's Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: This joyful Eastertide

Hymnal 192

- 1 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.*

2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lord of all life, from ill my passing life deliver.

Refrain

3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

DISMISSAL

The "house" microphones are still on! Please take any post-service conversations into the Narthex so those who wish, including our streaming audience, can enjoy the organ postlude.

POSTLUDE: Prelude in D Major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, we will hear both new and old works on the piano and organ. Olivia Belli composed the prelude in 2020. Her style is clearly inspired by minimalism, the music movement that sought to create the greatest effect with the least amount of musical material. If you know composers such as Philip Glass, Steve Reich, or John Adams, you know the style that inspired the current generation of composers. I was drawn to this piece of hers because of its brightness. After completing the Lenten journey, this brightness is the most appropriate tone for this Sunday.

The postlude is quite possibly the opposite of minimalism. J. S. Bach composed the D Major Prelude and Fugue early in his career. One can tell this because the structure more closely mirrors the early Baroque stylings of Buxtehude and Scheidemann. Unlike the more cohesive style of his later works, the D Major is divided into separate sections. Regardless of its origin, this first section, the prelude, is a lot of fun to play.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 12, 2026

TODAY - April 12: Fellowship meeting: There will be a planning meeting for fellowship committee on April 12 after the service in the church school area. We welcome anyone who would like to participate in the fellowship committee

April 19: Youth Event: There will be a joint Acolyte and Sunday School event from 11:30am to 1:30pm on April 19th following the Sunday Service. We will have Acolyte training and introduce the Church School to what it is to be an Acolyte. After the training there will be Pizza and Games. All Acolytes, Church School members, siblings, parents and grandparents are invited. If there are others who are considering becoming an acolyte, they are welcome to attend.

April 19: New Member Orientation: Are you a new member of St. Francis, or would you like to be? A New Member Orientation class will be offered in the Library on Sunday, April 19, at 9:00am. This one-session event will look at the history and distinctives of the Episcopal Church, as well as the history and structure of St. Francis. The following Sunday, April 26, will be our spring New Member Breakfast and Welcome Liturgy during the 10am service. Please see David Culver or Fr. Kevin for more information.

April 28: Brown Bag Lunch: We are excited to welcome Dr. Troy Baker, Church Farm School's fifth head of school, who began his tenure in July 2025. Dr. Baker brings extensive leadership experience from Breck School in Minnesota, Pace Academy in Atlanta, and Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis. His career highlights a strong commitment to innovative academics, student well-being, faculty development, and building strong, equitable school communities. Invite your friends and family, **and please arrive by 11:45 AM** to greet one another and enjoy some conversation before the presentation. Founded in 1918 in Exton, Church Farm School is an Episcopal boarding and day school that offers talented yet underserved boys a rigorous college-prep education, with every graduate going on to college. The school grants over \$6 million in scholarships annually and participates in the EITC/OSTC program to expand access for Pennsylvania students. We value the ongoing support and partnership from St. Francis-in-the-Fields.

Baptisms at St. Francis: All Sundays during the season of Easter are available for baptism at St. Francis. We currently have baptisms scheduled for April 26 and May 24 (Pentecost).

If you or a family member seek baptism during this season, please contact the Church Office ASAP to obtain the paperwork and instructions.

Ministries in Need! St. Francis is an active and growing parish, and we need additional help and leadership in several ways. Currently, we are especially in need of Church School Teachers, a Children's Room Manager, and new members for the Altar Guild. If the Spirit prompts you on any of these, please let Fr. Kevin, Deacon Diane, or any Vestry member know and we will follow up. (For first three jobs listed above, see descriptions in the March edition of Fieldnotes!)

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study: This weekly Bible Study meets at 10 am, in-person and on Zoom to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Holy Eucharist follows at 11:15. A weekly email link is sent out for those who desire to attend virtually.

Contemplative Prayer: The group will meet in the library on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:00pm. The service includes simple prayers and singing, with 20 minutes of Centering Prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Confirmation: In the Episcopal Church, *Confirmation* is “the sacramental rite in which the candidates express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop’ (BCP, p. 860).” All mature Episcopalians are expected to affirm their faith through the rite of Confirmation. A Confirmation Service is being planned for June 6 at Church Farm School. If you would be interested in attending a Confirmation class in preparation for the next opportunity to be confirmed, please contact Fr. Kevin or the Parish Office.

Church Farm School Clothes Closet: Spring is here! The Griffin Clothes Closet could use the following items: Raincoats, socks, caps and boots. They can also use sport jackets, black and brown shoes, both casual and dress, black and brown belts (small and medium), deodorant, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Donated items can be put in the bin located in the narthex. Thank you! For more information about donating please contact Cindy VanHefter.

Church School: Church School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays until summer. Our Church School uses the *StoryMakers NYC* curriculum, encouraging children to use their imagination to explore the world of the Bible through activities, crafts, and storytelling. We

welcome your children and/or grandchildren to be part of our growing group of young disciples! Our Church School Leader is Mrs. Sherri Lewis.

West Chester Food Cupboard: Mahala and Tom Renkey delivered 99 pounds of food and supplies from the Narthex. Thank you to all who contributed!

This week we also pray for: Alice, Debbie Bachman, Carol Estornell, Leslie Fant, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Bridget Herrighty, Jojo, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Larry Schroepfer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Bill & Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson.

Birthdays: Mary Lou, Maria Colon, Lucy Klobedanz, Kathy Schilling, Liz Hansler, and Carolyn Grillo.

Our Ministries: In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Vestry, Wardens, and other Administrative and Financial ministries of St. Francis, that they may direct our church with diligence and faithfulness.

Our Diocese: The Delaware Deanery, especially Redeemer, Springfield; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. Andrew's, West Vincent. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester and St. Peter's in the Great Valley as they each proceed in their search process for new Rectors.

Our Vestry:

Roberta Torian, *Rector's Warden*; Lisa Buono, *Accounting Warden*; Tom Neely, *Secretary*; Ed Damerau, John Groch, Carol Forte, Laura O'Brien, John McGovern, Susan Nangle

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	April 12	April 19
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Altar Guild	Laura O'Brien, Shirley Warren	Jane Brooks, Karen Richards
Flower Guild	Mer Groch	Carol Forte
Flower Delivery	Susan Thomas	Susan Thomas
Intercessor	Wes Thomas	Kathy Schilling
Readers	Regis Turocy, Skye Dellaria	Ed Damerau Kimberly Osterman
Coffee Hour	Jim & Anne Crowley	Barbara Rivers, Greg Kopia
Greeter/Usher	John McGovern, Mike Quinn	Sherri Lewis, Virginia Webb
Audio/Visual	John Groch	Mike Quinn
Front Sign	Liz Darnel	John Gallagher
Counters	Karen Richards	Judy Culver
Linen Schedule	Shirley Warren	Shirley Warren
Sacred Bread	Joe Perry	Joe Perry
Vestry Member of the Month	Ed Damerau	Ed Damerau