

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17

August 30, 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 offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Alice & William Spane, given by the family.
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Recit de Cromorne, from Veni Creator Spiritus*

Nicholas de Grigny

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: Like the murmur of the dove's song Hymnal 513

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets
are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that
we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal 400 (v. 6,7)

- 6 And even you, most gentle death, waiting to hush our final breath,
O praise him, Alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 7 Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: *Refrain*

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

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

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: Beneath the cross of Jesus

Hymnal 498

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love, and my unworthiness.
- 3 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. John Woodcock

A brief time of silent meditation follows the sermon

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM VI

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, Diane our Deacon, Joe our Music Director, and for all Bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the Merion Deanery & especially St. Martin's, Radnor; for the Brandywine Deanery, and St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley; and for our community of St. Francis-in-the-Fields.

For those we work with in the life of our Diocese.

For our Discipleship leaders and groups of all ages, that they may help us be formed in the image of Jesus Christ.

For those we share with in the ministry of our church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: especially Suzanne & Skye.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

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. The People may add their own petitions

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

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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

MEDITATION MUSIC: *Meditation on The Summons*

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 1

EOW

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the blessed St. Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God (*Yellow Card in Pew*)

Hymnal S374

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all who feel called to a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Dolly Parton

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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: *Tierce en Taille, from Veni Creator Spiritus*

Nicholas de Grigny

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, during the prelude and postlude, we will hear music by French composer Nicholas de Grigny. He composed at the end of the seventeenth century and the beginning of the eighteenth century, during a high point of French composition. The music of the Catholic church in France was pretty similar to what one would expect today: the sung sections of the Mass, the psalms, and the hymns. However, the role of the organ was different. In this hymn, the *Veni Creator*, the congregation would sing one verse and then the organ would play the chant for the next verse. It would be so highly ornamented and decorated that singing along would be impossible. As you listen to the prelude and postlude, think about what it would be like to hear this every Sunday!

Lyrics: *Light of a Clear Blue Morning*, by Dolly Parton

Instrumental, played during Communion

It's been a long dark night
And I've been a waitin' for the morning
It's been a long hard fight
But I see a brand new day a dawning
I've been looking for the sunshine
You know I ain't seen it in so long
But everything's gonna work out just fine
And everything's gonna be all right
That's been all wrong

'Cause I can see the light
of a clear blue morning
I can see the light of a brand new day
I can see the light of a clear blue morning
Oh, and everything's gonna be all right
It's gonna be okay

It's been a long long time
Since I've known the taste of freedom
And those clinging vines
That had me bound,
well I don't need 'em
Oh, I've been like a captured eagle,
you know an eagle's born to fly
Now that I have won my freedom,
like an eagle I am eager for the sky

And I can see the light
of a clear blue morning
I can see the light of brand new day
I can see the light of a clear blue morning
Oh, and everything's gonna be all right
It's gonna be okay

I can see the light of a clear blue morning
I can see the light of brand new day
I can see the light of a clear blue morning
Ooh, everything's gonna be all right
Everything's gonna be all right
Everything's gonna be all right
It's gonna be okay

I can see the light of a clear blue morning
I can see the light of brand new day
I can see the light of a clear blue morning
Everything's gonna be all right
Everything's gonna be all right
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And I can see the light
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Ooh and everything's gonna be all right
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Songwriters: Dolly Parton

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30, 2026

Monday, August 31 @ 6:30pm - Creation Eve Prayer Service at the Meadow: The liturgical Season of Creation runs from September 1 thru October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis). We will begin our journey through this season with a creation-centered outdoor prayer service near the vegetable garden and meadow.

Tuesday, September 1 @ 6:00pm – Enneagram Growth Group (EGG): The EGG is open to anyone with basic knowledge and interest in the Enneagram. The group meets to discuss a variety of Enneagram-related topics. 1st Tuesdays, 6pm to 8pm at the Dellarias' home.

Tuesday, September 15 @ 5:45pm - Women's Small Group: I'd like to extend an invitation to the women of St. Francis to consider participating in a small group using Tish Harrison Warren book *Liturgy of the Ordinary*. The book invites us to consider our daily activities through the lens of the church's liturgy as a means to notice the Mystery of God in our lives. Meeting together monthly, with open hearts and a desire to be present to God and each other we reflect privately and corporately on our spiritual lives. All the while noticing how we are being drawn to a deeper sense of God. **Starting Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026** and all following the third Tuesday of each month at 5:45 - 8pm. at St. Francis. We will meet in person and (when necessary by Zoom). Please contact Meridith Ridington (610-883-3499) text or call or by email - mridington @gmail.com

Saturday, September 26, 12pm to 4:00 pm – St. Francis Fair! In the spirit of the Season of Creation, our community will once again sponsor a fair in celebration of community and social and environmental awareness. The fair features social service, health care and environmental agencies along with artisan and food vendors and family fun activities. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this celebration of community well-being! Contact John Groch for more information or to get involved (grochjohn@hotmail.com, 610-547-3583). Volunteers are needed! See you at the fair!

The Nursery has Received a Refresh! At St. Francis we welcome our youngest members. Their voices are a joy to hear! But if your child (or you) needs a break during the service, please know that the nursery is there to welcome you. In the nursery you will find a stocked changing table, books, toys, coloring supplies and some small snacks and bottles of water. If you have any suggestions for the nursery, please contact Liz Hansler at hansler@comcast.net.

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.

Weekly Contemplative Prayer: The group meets 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.

Save the Date . . . for a CRIME at St. Francis! Mark your calendars for the evening of **Friday, October 23rd**, as our parish hosts ***The Murder Mystery Company*** of Philadelphia for an evening of dinner theater fundraising fun! Tickets will go on sale in September. Invite friends, family, associates . . . or anyone else who looks "suspicious". Proceeds will benefit the Outreach ministries of St. Francis and the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

West Chester Food Cupboard: 8/24/26 Mahala & Tom Renkey took the donations from Sunday and the donations were 134 pounds. They also took donations from the vegetable garden that weighed 28 pounds. Last week Diane Faison took donations from the narthex that weighed in at 161 pounds. 8/25/26 from the Pizzaro garden 28 pounds. Thank you to all who contributed!

Church Farm School Griffin Clothes Closet: The Griffin Clothes Closet will reopen for donations in September when the students return to campus. For your convenience, their item donation request page is available here: <https://www.gocfs.net/giving/griffin-clothes-closet> If no sizes are listed, we seek all sizes. Volunteer Opportunities at Church Farm School: Closet Ambassador- Host Closet open hours and help the boys select items (to be scheduled; weekly) Closet Volunteer- sort and hang donated clothing items during CFS office hours (M-F 8AM-4PM) Please contact Cindy VanHeffer if more info is required. cvanheffer@gmail.com.

The Circle of Friends Committee is looking for members to participate in sending cards to parishioners - birthday, sympathy, get well and thinking of you. We will decide a convenient time to meet, once we have members. All supplies are provided. The time commitment is about 30 minutes a month. Questions- anne.r.crowley@gmail.com or 610-563-8340.

Collection for Trinity Church, Coatesville: We are collecting for “Paper Pantry A Go!” for Trinity Church, Coatesville for college students in need and will be an ongoing collection. Collection of shampoo and single-serve meals. **Single-serve meals must be shelf stable and not frozen!** Samples of the single-serve meals will be in the Narthex. A bin is in the Narthex for your donations.

Thank You! – To our **Building Committee**, for recent upgrades to the Parish Administrator’s Office, and repairs to two of our air conditioners, including the Library. Our buildings are well-maintained because of our faithful volunteers! But new members are needed! If you have gifts and skills for this area, please consider joining this ministry. See Fr. Kevin, Bruce Hartlein, Dan Goff, or John McGovern for more information.

Nominations for Diocesan Committees: Lay leaders are needed to do the challenging work of our Diocese. If you would like to consider serving at the diocesan level, please contact Fr. Kevin, who currently serves as Chair of the diocesan Nominating Committee.

This week we also pray for: Alice, Debbie Bachman, Bob Bark, Patricia Bird, Randy Bisesi, Carrie Hall Borgert, CJ & Family, Carol Cashon, Ken Connor, Carol Estornell, Peggy Ewing, Leslie Fant, Victoria Ford, the Rev. Phil Geleibter, Tom Grady, Grace & Tom, Gretchen Hall, Sharyn Huffman, Karen, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Maria, Ruthe Meyer, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ruth, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Linda Parker, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Ryan Schmidt, Larry Schroepfer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Bill Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson.

Birthdays: Suzanne Steinberg and Skye Dellaria.

Our Ministries: In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Discipleship leaders and groups of all ages, that they may help us be formed in the image of Jesus Christ.

Our Diocese: The Merion Deanery, especially St. Martin’s, Radnor; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. Peter’s Church in the Great Valley. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester, as they 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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The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez, *Bishop*; The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria, *Rector*;

The Rev. Diane Faison, *Deacon & Parish Administrator*; Joe Perry, *Music Director*

Ministers of Worship & Service

	August 30	September 6
Acolytes	Josiah Dellaria	Lisa Buono Kimberly Osterman
Altar Guild	Laura O'Brien, Ellen Simek	Roberta Torian Karen Richards
Flower Guild	Suzanne Steinberg	Jane Brooks
Flower Delivery	Jill Quinn	Susan Thomas
Intercessor	Earl Needhammer	Jane Brooks
Readers	Tom Neely, Skye Dellaria	Regis Turocy Kimberly Osterman
Summer Fellowship	Sarah & John McGovern	Mary Lou Woodcock
Greeter/Usher	John McGovern, Mike Quinn	Sherri Lewis, Virginia Webb
Audio/Visual	Greg Kopia	Mike Quinn
Front Sign	Mark & Liz Hansler	Anne Crowley
Counters	Karen Richards	Jane Brooks
Linen Schedule	Shirley Warren	Sherri Lewis
Sacred Bread	Janet Galib	Cindy VanHefter
Vestry Member of the Month	Carol Forte	Roberta Torian

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