

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**An Order for Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Seasonal Bulletin**

**The Sundays in  
Lent 2025**

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

Whether you're a guest or a member, we're glad you're here 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.

**Liturgy & Music:** Our liturgy follows the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), with some material from *Enriching our Worship* (EOW). Our hymns come from the blue and green hymnals in the pews, along with other sources. To reduce waste, we have recently introduced a reusable, **Seasonal Bulletin** with our ongoing liturgy for the season, and a **Weekly Insert** containing musical references, readings, prayer intentions, and other resources as needed.

**Worship & Communion:** You are invited to prepare your soul for worship by kneeling silently in your pew before the service begins. Our service begins with a single ring of the bell, followed by a brief time of contemplative silence. When the bell rings three times, the congregation stands for the opening procession. For those whose custom is to cross themselves at certain times during the liturgy, appropriate places are marked with (+). Our table is the table of the Lord. Everyone present is invited to take communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

**Children:** We welcome all children in our worship services, and ask you not to worry if your child is active or makes noise. "Busy Bags" and books 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 or a new diaper. With the approval of their parents, young children are welcomed and encouraged to take communion. Our Church School typically meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, September to May. For more information please speak with a member, or visit our website.

**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.

**Restrooms:** Two public restrooms are located in the office hallway.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregational responses are in **bold**.

Hymn numbers, lessons, and prayer intentions are found in the Weekly Insert.

## PRELUDE

## THE GREAT SILENCE

*At one ring of the bell, please enter of moment of silent contemplation. At three rings please stand, as able, for the opening hymn and procession.*

[First Sunday in Lent Only: Silent Entrance followed by *The Great Litany & Kyrie*]

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
His mercy endures forever.

## A PENITENTIAL ORDER

**J**esus spoke this to his disciples and said:  
Blessed are you who are poor,  
**for yours is the kingdom of God.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
**for you will be filled.**

Blessed are you who weep now  
**for you will laugh.**

Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you,  
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man...  
**for surely your reward is great in heaven.**

But woe to you who are rich  
**for you have received your consolation.**

Woe to you who are full now,  
**for you will be hungry.**

Woe to you who are laughing now,  
**for you will mourn and weep.**

Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
**for so were the false prophets received.**

*One of the following is read:*

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

*or this*

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6:8*

*or this*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

## CONFSSION

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence

**M**ost merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

**A**lmighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

HYMN

*Kyrie*

Hymnal S96

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

*The Celebrant leads the appointed Collect of the Day, and any other collects, the people responding with Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

*The people are seated for the lessons, and stand (as able) for the Gospel Hymn and Gospel Lesson. One or two lessons are read, as appointed, interspersed with Psalms, Canticles, Silence, and/or Music. The Reader reads the lesson, first saying:*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

Reader:           Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches  
People:           Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL HYMN

*Before the Gospel:*

Deacon:           The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
                         according to \_\_\_\_\_. (+++)  
People:            Glory to you Lord Christ

*After the Gospel:*

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord  
**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*A period of meditational silence follows the Sermon. During Lent, we will omit the Nicene Creed. After the meditation, the people stand, kneel, or sit for the prayers.*

[First Sunday in Lent Only: The Prayers of the People are omitted.]

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Deacon:** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Kevin, our Priest, Diane, our Deacon; Joe, our Music Director; and for all who minister in the name of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, especially the \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery and the congregation of \_\_\_\_\_; the Brandywine Deanery and \_\_\_\_\_; and our community of St. Francis-in-the-Fields.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the President of the United States and leaders of all nations, and for all in authority; for Willistown Township, Chester County, our various communities, and all who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, [especially \_\_\_\_\_] and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially [ \_\_\_\_\_ ].

In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for [ \_\_\_\_\_ ].

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, offered now silently or aloud.

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

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**L**ord, 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

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### THE OFFERTORY

*The Offertory is the presentation and preparation of bread and wine for Holy Eucharist. During this time, a collection for the financial support of the parish is customary. A QR code is available in the Weekly Insert for electronic giving.*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here, below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (+) Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.**

**I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*[Lent 1 – 3] Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.*

*[Lent 4 – 5] You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.*

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (2x)  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

**Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

**O**ur 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

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

### THE INVITATION

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.

*Our table is Christ's table, and it is an open table. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all who feel called to a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ are invited to receive Communion. Those unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat. (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

### COMMUNION HYMN(S)

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

**A**lmighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Creator, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## DISMISSAL

*People:*            **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

### **Reminders:**

*Please allow others to enjoy the organ postlude by taking all conversation into the narthex (foyer).*

*On most Sundays, refreshments are served downstairs in our Parish Hall.*

*Please join us!*

*You are encouraged to take home the Weekly Insert with the hymns, readings, prayers, and announcements.*

*Please leave this seasonal bulletin in the pew for next week.*

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For more information about our parish, scan the QR code below,  
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Malvern, Pennsylvania  
Bulletin Insert & Announcements

The Second Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2025

This weekly insert contains the hymns, readings, and prayer intentions for the service, as well as the weekly announcements.

**MUSIC FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *Blessed are the peacemakers*, from *The Beatitudes* Roberta Rowland-Reybold

Processional Hymn: *The God of Abraham praise* Hymnal 401 (v. 1-3)

Hymn of Praise: *Lord, have mercy upon us* Hymnal S96

Choir Anthem: *On Justice, Truth, and Peace* Amy F. Bernon

On justice, on truth, on peace.

Rabbam Shim'on ben Gamli'el said,

“On these three things the whole world stands:

On justice, on truth, on peace.”

Rav Muna added,

“Where justice done, truth is done, and peace is made.

Hine ma tov uma naim

Shevet achim gam Yachad.

“Behold, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace.”

Gospel Hymn: *Christ is the world's true light* Hymnal 542

Doxology Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Communion Hymn: *My faith looks up to thee* Hymnal 691

Recessional Hymn: *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* Hymnal 423

Postlude: *Blessed are the pure in heart*, from *The Beatitudes* Roberta Rowland-Reybold

## COLLECT & LESSONS

### Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Lesson

**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

### Psalm 27:5-11

**BCP, pg. 617**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
**and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head \*  
**above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
**I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
**Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

### Second Lesson

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### Gospel Lesson

**Luke 13:31-35**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Our Diocese:** The Southwark Deanery & St. Mary's, Philadelphia  
The Brandywine Deanery & Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli

**Birthdays:** Susanna, Donna, Kathleen, Linda, and Bill.

**Our Ministries:** In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for all in our parish who work quietly or unseen, that they may know the value of their ministries, and realize the fruit of their labors.

**This week we also pray for:** Alice, Andrew & Blair, Irene Balko, Dorothy Bevan, Barbara Breisch, Hope Brennan, Bishop Curry, Joan Corr, Katie Egan, Donna Geiger, Hortense Gordon, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Henry Hilt, Ken Hudson, Sharyn Huffman, Dorothy Langton, Sue Lenkaitis, Leo, Chris Lindsay, Maria, Matt, Dave Pelton, Ryan & the Newman family, Shane Smith, Bill Spane, Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Tom & Grace, Bill Torian, Linton Warren, Quinn Ziegler, Diana Vaules.

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### **Music in Ministry**

**by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director**

This Sunday, the choir will be singing an anthem composed by Amy F. Bernon. This short anthem is separated into three sections. The beginning contains short melodic fragments overlapping with another containing text about wise rabbis from the past. Rabbi Simeon Ben Gamliel was the leader of the Jewish congregation in Jerusalem just before the destruction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple. Rav Muna was a scholar who lived around 300 years after Gamliel. The second section contains a section of Psalm 133 in the original Hebrew. This section is full of joy and vigor. The anthem closes with the text starting in a soft murmur that the composer intends to sound like the prayers in the synagogue. These soft murmurs then build and erupt into loud chords of joy.

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The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the blessing of Zachary's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday given by the D'Annunzio Family.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 16, 2025

### TODAY, March 16: Justice & Action Committee

On Sunday, March 16, the Justice & Action Committee will welcome Eben Hilpert as our special guest at a post-worship forum on affirming God's children who are transgender. Eben has been a staff therapist at Arrive Therapy in Paoli since 2021. Eben is a gay transgender man who transitioned over twenty years ago and spent 15 years working in community mental health, HIV services, and working with people who are unhoused before becoming a therapist. 11:15am in the Undercroft. Grab your coffee and join us!

### Easter Flowers

Flowers to decorate the church for Easter in memory/thanksgiving/celebration of a person or event are available for a donation of \$30. The form is in the Narthex, website or by calling the church office at 610-647-0130. The deadline for the donation and the form is Monday, April 7, 2025.

### Lenten Bible Study: *The Final Days*

Each year during Lent, St. Francis takes a fresh look at the events of Holy Week. Our Lenten Study this year will be Matt Rawles' *The Final Days*, a study of the Passion of Jesus Christ as seen through the different lenses of the four Gospels. The study will have a Sunday morning (8:45am) and Wednesday morning (10:00am) option. Will continue respectively for six weeks.

### Other Lenten Programs

(For our Lenten Bible Study, see below.) Some people have expressed a need for quiet, prayer, and slowness during this upcoming Lenten season. For that reason, St. Francis will be offering a time of Centering Prayer and quiet reflection in the Nave on **Sunday evenings from 6:00pm to 6:45pm**, led by Fr. Kevin. Other people have expressed a need for more engagement and dialogue, and for that reason, St. Francis will once again be partnering with St. Peter's Church for a series of discussions using a video produced by Bishop Mariann Budde entitled, "The Lost Art of Kindness: Civility as a Christian Calling." **Wednesday evenings, 6:00pm to 7:30pm**, with a soup supper. All gatherings will be at St. Peter's.

### **March 21: Book Group**

On March 21, the book group will be discussing *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II*, by Sonia Purnell. It is the never-before-told story of one woman's heroism that changed the course of the Second World War II. On April 11, our selection will be *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck.

### **March 25: Brown Bag Lunch**

Please join us for **Brown Bag Lunch on Tuesday, March 25 at Noon.** Larry and Helen Schroepfer will be our guest presenters, and they will share an overview of their 2018 trip to northern India, focusing on several places central to Hindus, Buddhists, and Sikhs. Bring your lunch and beverage and plan to arrive at 11:45 AM to allow time for mingling. Thank you

### **Red Cross Connections**

Donors, please consider our local partner's drive on 4/1/25, from 12-5 PM, at Willistown United Methodist Church (WUMC). Go directly to our joint Red Cross page and select a time slot. Please know that participating in the WUMC drive in addition to our blood drive, strengthens our community impact and ultimately helps save more lives. Please contact Nancy Orlando with questions at 484-757-4040.

### **Crisis Catering**

Can you help with an important ministry that has an immediate impact? St. Francis has a need for volunteers who can cook small, simple meals for people in our parish who need help. This usually only means one time a month, at most. If you feel called to this ministry, please tell Fr. Kevin or Deacon Diane. Thanks!

### **Become a Volunteer English Tutor!**

Do you want to have a direct impact on the lives of immigrants and other non-English speakers? The Volunteer English Program in Chester County is hosting a 3-session Virtual Tutor Training Worship on March 25, 27, & 31, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, via Zoom. An information session for potential tutors will be held on March 6 at 6:00pm. More information can be found on the VEP website: [volunteerenglish.org](http://volunteerenglish.org).

### **Let us take your picture!**

Our pictorial directory is a great resource that helps members put together faces and names. However, many of our newer members don't have their pictures in the directory,

and many of our longer-term members need to update their pictures. After service on Sundays, please allow Roberta Torian or David Brooks take your photo to put in our updated member directory.

**Ongoing Ministries & Events:**

Children's Church School  
Wednesday Bible Study  
Circle of Friends  
St. Francis Choir

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 10:00am  
Wednesdays @ 10:00am  
Last Wednesdays @ 5:30pm  
Thursdays @ 7:00pm

Undercroft  
Library (or virtual)  
TBD  
Parish Hall

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a donation to St. Francis.  
Thank you for your support!*



## MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	<b>March 16</b>	<b>March 23</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Fiona Neely, Lisa Buono Kimberly Ostermann	Noah Alconera, Lana Alconera Mike Quinn
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Brooks, Sheila Rees	Roberta Torian, Susan Thomas
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Laura Petersen	Mer Groch
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Lynd Meyer	Judy Culver
<b>Intercessor</b>	John Healey	Wes Thomas
<b>Readers</b>	Steve Castellan, Lisa Buono	Connie Scanga, Mike Quinn
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>		Church School
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Barbara Rivers, Greg Kopia	Judy Culver, Lisa Buono
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	John McGovern, Mike Quinn	Jamie Watson, Sherri Lewis
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Greg Kopia	John Groch
<b>Recycling Team</b>	Maureen Gunn	Larry Schroepfer
<b>Front Sign</b>	Ed & Ellen Simek	John Woodcock
<b>Counters</b>	Karen Richards	Susan Callahan
<b>Linen Schedule</b>	Meridith Ridington	Meridith Ridington
<b>Sacred Bread</b>	Cindy VanHefter	Cindy VanHefter
<b>Vestry Member of the Month</b>	John Groch	John Groch