# ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*"Lord, make us instruments of your peace."*



**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**
**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
**Proper 28**

**November 15, 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:** ***Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us*** ***Arr. Hayes***

## 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: Come, ye thankful people come** **Hymnal 290**

1. **Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home:**
   **all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;**
   **God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;**
   **to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**
2. **All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;**
   **wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:**
   **first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:**
   **grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**
3. **For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;**
   **from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;**
   **give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast.**
   **but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**
4. **Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest-home;**
   **gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;**
   **there, for ever purified, in thy presence to abide;**
   **come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

## The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## 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: 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

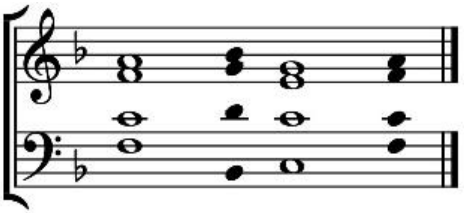
## The First Lesson **Judges 4:1-7**

**A Reading from the Book of Judges**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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



## Psalm 123

**To you I lift up my eyes, ***
**to you enthroned in the heavens.**

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

**So our eyes look to the Lord our God, ***
**until he show us his mercy.**

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, ***
**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

**Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, ***
**and of the derision of the proud.**

## ANTHEM: Eternal God — Rutter

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for music,*
*Blest gift from heaven to all your servants here on earth:*
*In time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation;*
*Companion through our days of tears and mirth.*

*We give you thanks for every sound of beauty:*
*For sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts.*
*For melodies that soar on high like birds at morning…*
*For voice and instrument in all their parts.*

*As we are blest, so may our gifts bless others:*
*May hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew.*
*Let music draw together those who live as strangers*
*Bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.*

*And when at last we come into your kingdom,*
*All discord over and all earthly labour done,*
*Then sound and silence yield before one equal music,*
*And with the Giver shall our souls be one.*

## THE SECOND LESSON — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are

awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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## SEQUENCE HYMN: For the beauty of the earth — Hymnal 416 (1, 2)

1 **For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,**
**for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,**

***Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

2 **For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,**
**hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,** ***Refrain***

## THE GOSPEL — Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your

talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

## THE SERMON — The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria

## 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: Form IV — BCP 388

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Daniel, our Bishop; Kevin, our Priest; Diane, our Deacon; Joe, our Music Director; and for all Bishops and other ministers.

Lord, in your mercy
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Josh, our Governor, Donald, our President, all elected officials, and all who serve our communities.

Lord, in your mercy
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Make us mindful of our own exploitation of the Earth for selfish ends, and lead us, through your wisdom, to responsible and faithful choices.

Lord, in your mercy
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray this week for the parishes of the Montgomery Deanery, especially St. Matthew's, Maple Glen, the Brandywine Deanery and St. Mark's, Honey Brook; for our community at St. Francis-in-the-Fields, and for the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and all who find Christ in and through their faith community.

Lord, in your mercy
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks and ask your blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week, especially John, Brian, Mary, and Mark. In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our all members of our Worship ministries, that they may help our church render abundant thanks and praise.

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.**

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

**Most 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

Almighty 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.**

## 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.**

## We Welcome New Members

*Members of the Newcomers Committee, Vestry, or other sponsors come forward to stand with the new members and present them by saying:*

Fr. Kevin, we present Marilyn & David Callaghan, Alice Curtis, Karen Kaminskas, Judy Krischker, and we welcome them to our community as they continue the process of growth in the meaning of baptism.

*Celebrant:* What do you seek?
*Answer:* **Renewal of my life in Christ in this community of faith.**

*Celebrant:* In baptism, you died with Christ Jesus to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Will you study the promises made at your baptism, and strive to keep them in the fellowship of this community and the rest of the Church?
*Answer:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you attend the worship of God regularly with us, to hear God's word and to celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?
*Answer:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you join us in our life of service to those who are poor, outcast, captive or powerless?
*Answer:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive to recognize the gifts that God has given you and discern how they are to be used in the building up of God's reign of peace and justice?
*Answer:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* People of St. Francis, as disciples of Jesus Christ we are all chosen to serve as companions to these persons in the pilgrimage of our faith. Will you support them by prayer and example and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God? Will you keep these new members in your

prayers, share with them in ministry, bear their burdens and, when necessary, forgive and encourage them?

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

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, O Lord, our maker, for you form us in your image and restore us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, these children of God were buried with Christ and rose to new life in him. Renew them by your Holy Spirit, that, as members of this parish, they grow in the love of Christ. Strengthen their union with all of Christ's Body as they join us in our life of praise and service; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Please now recognize and welcome the newest members of St. Francis-in-the-Fields.

*People:* **We recognize you as members of the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

**Savior like a shepherd lead us, how we need your tender care**
**In green pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare**
**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us yours we are (2x)**

## Meditation Music

## Holy Communion

## The Offertory

## 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 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

### Sanctus **Hymnal S129**

**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.**

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,

**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

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 — Hymnal S163

**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.

*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.*

## Communion Hymn: Father, we thank thee who hast planted — Hymnal 302

1 **Father, we thank thee who hast planted thy holy Name within our hearts.**
**Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus thy Son to us imparts.**
**Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure, didst give us food for all our days,**
**giving in Christ the Bread eternal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.**

2 **Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still,**
**perfect it in thy love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto thy will.**
**As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one,**
**so from all lands thy Church be gathered into thy kingdom by thy Son.**

## Post Communion Prayer — BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Creator, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

## Recessional Hymn: Now thank we all our God — Hymnal 396

**1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,**
**who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;**
**who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way**
**with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!**
**With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;**
**and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,**
**and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,**
**the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,**
**eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;**
**for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.**

## 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: *Marche Triomphale on "Nun Danket"* — *Karg-Elert*

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

When planning the music, November is always a little tricky for me to find music that matches the liturgical and holiday cycle. All Saints has wonderful music, so that is never a concern. We end strongly with Christ the King Sunday which has wonderful hymns associated with it. But what about Thanksgiving! Harvest music and giving thanks to God for productive crops have been a part of the hymnody for hundreds of years. But when the Sunday before Thanksgiving is also Christ the King Sunday, we miss out on experiencing all that great music. Considering how thankful we all are every Sunday, I think some of those hymns are still appropriate for this Sunday. Therefore, enjoy some of our great hymns of thanksgiving with your heartiest singing.

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**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**
**November 15, 2026**

**Church School:** Children ages (roughly) 5 and up are invited to come downstairs at 10am for stories, songs, and activities. This morning, the Church School will be coming up for the baptism and participating in the prayers for the candidate.

**Tuesday, November 17 – Brown Bag Lunch:** We'd love for you to join us for **part two of Connie Black (Scanga)'s travel log** to New Zealand. **Part one, held on May 16**, was so informative and inspiring, and we're delighted to welcome her back. Connie is excited to share highlights from her journeys and might even inspire your next adventure.

**Sunday, November 22 - West Chester Food Cupboard Quarterly Drive:** 50,000 people are currently experiencing food insecurity in Chester County. We can help. Our next quarterly drive is Sunday November 22nd. Our focus is canned soups. Unexpired, easy opening, hearty soups would be welcome! Thank you for caring!

**Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day) – Open House:** The Dellaria family will open their home from noon to 3pm for anyone who wants to come by and hang out for a while. No need to bring anything but yourself. 303 Weatherstone Drive, Paoli.

**Saturday, December 5, 9 - 11am - Cookie Walk and Bake Sale:** A St. Francis holiday tradition returns . . . with a new twist! This year, cookies AND other baked goods will be available for purchase. If you gift is cookies, great! But you can also bake brownies, cakes, and other (dessert) items. This is an important fundraiser for our outreach ministries, so please consider contributing, and also helping to invite the community to St. Francis! During the Cookie Walk, our community partners, the **West Chester Garden Club**, will also be selling Christmas wreaths.

**Sunday December 6, 4:30 - 6:30 pm - Christmas Wreath Decorating Workshop**: Please join us for a revival of one of St. Francis-in-the-Fields' Christmas traditions: the Wreath or Swag decorating workshop. More of a casual get together, actually, with instruction and supplies! Just bring your own wreath (swag materials will be provided if you choose to make one of those) and the rest (materials, ideas, guidance, fun, music) will be provided. No real expertise needed, so don't be intimidated if you have not done this before. Friends from outside the church are welcome! Refreshments will be served! A sign-up sheet will be found in the Narthex, or you can contact Laura Petersen at ljpetersenpa@gmail.com or 610-348-1132 to sign up or ask any questions. Depending on numbers, there may be a small (5$) donation requested. This is always a very fun event, and we look forward to seeing you there!

**December 10, Christmas Decorating Meeting:** Shirley Warren and Sarah McGovern are hosting a Christmas decorating meeting at the church on December 10 at 6:15pm to plan for the big seasonal decoration push. Everyone is welcome to attend, and volunteers are needed. John McGovern will be handling the scheduling for the outside lights. Anyone interested in helping with the outdoor lights should contact him at (610) 331-9964.

**Backpack Project for Our Brother's Place:** A St. Francis holiday tradition is back! Personal articles most needed include: backpacks and warm winter clothing (such as jackets, socks). Other items needed include gloves, hats, scarves, blankets, and toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream, shampoo, etc.). PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFTS! Collection bin is in the Narthex. The **deadline** for bringing your Backpack Project gifts to the Church is Sunday, **December 13, 2026.** If you would like more information, please contact Jim Crowley (crowleyjamesm@gmail.com).

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

**Weekly Lectionary Bible Study:** This weekly Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10 am, in-person and on Zoom to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is a free-flowing (and often wide-ranging!) conversation. No study required! Holy Eucharist follows at 11:15. A weekly email link is sent out for those who desire to attend virtually.

**Sunday, November 15, 2-4pm on Zoom:** If you are a parent or caregiver of an adult who is stuck mental health wise, this November 15th ZOOM program offered by NAMI Main Line PA is for you! You will learn how to begin replacing reactive behaviors with practical strategies, and help your adult child regain forward momentum in terms of their mental health. A national expert on helping families, **Dr. Jeff Bernstein** will use principles of positive psychology, cognitive behavioral therapy and family psychology to discuss (and interact with you) around how you can get unstuck with your adult child.
**To register, visit https://namimainlinepa.org/**

**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.

**Church Farm School-Griffin Clothes Closet:** Current "Most Wanted" list: Black dress socks (new), underwear (new), belts (M-L), dress shoes, 1/4-zip fleece (light), and heavyweight fleece sweaters. Also, winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves (most needed), lotion, combs, razors and laundry detergent. Note: Clothing should be appropriate for

today's teenagers. All donations may be placed in the bin located in the narthex. Please contact Cindy VanHefter at cvanhefter@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for supporting the scholars at CFS!

**This week we also pray for:** Alice, Debbie Bachman, Dana S., Bob Bark, Patricia Bird, Randy Bisesi, Carrie Hall Borgert, CJ & Family, Carol Estornell, Leslie Fant, Victoria Ford, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Jeff Hicks, Karen, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Nicole, Maria, Ruthe Meyer, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ruth, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Larry Schroepfer, The Rev. Edwin Smith, Sr., John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson, Linda Jackalous.

**Birthdays:** John Woodcock, Brian Friedrich, Mary Wong, and Mark Hansler.

**Our Ministries:** In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our all members of our Worship ministries, that they may help our church render abundant thanks and praise.

**Our Diocese:** The Montgomery Deanery, especially St. Matthew's, Maple Glen; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) St. Mark's, Honey Brook. 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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**Ministers of Worship & Service**

| | November 15 | November 22 |
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| **Acolytes** | Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly | Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria |
| **Altar Guild** | Roberta Torian, Laura O'Brien | Karen Richards, Jane Brooks |
| **Flower Guild** | Laura Petersen | Carol Forte |
| **Flower Delivery** | Jill Quinn | Ida Guckes |
| **Intercessor** | Paul Faison | Tom Neely |
| **Readers** | Larry Schroepfer, Tim Kelly | Steve Castellan, Skye Dellaria |
| **Coffee Hour** | Sue Kelly | Tom Neely |
| **Greeter/Usher** | Sherri Lewis, Virginia Webb | John McGovern, Mike Quinn |
| **Audio/Visual** | John Groch | Greg Kopia |
| **Front Sign** | Cindy VanHefter | Liz Darnel |
| **Counters** | Judy Culver | Susan Callahan |
| **Linen Schedule** | Meridith Ridington | Meridith Ridington |
| **Sacred Bread** | Tom Ridington | Tom Ridington |
| **CS Teacher** | Sarah McGovern | Lisa Buono |
| **Vestry Member of the Month** | John McGovern | John McGovern |

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