

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”



Baptism and
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024
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 thanksgiving of all our grandchildren given by Karen & Rich Richards and in thanksgiving for Joe Perry and our new organ given by Susan & Wes Thomas.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE: April, The first day of summer

Joby Talbott

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.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All hail the power of Jesus' Name Hymnal 450 (v. 1,2,3,6)

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
- 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

There is one Body and one Sprit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Creator of All

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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR BAPTISM

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God

PSALM 4 (read responsively)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

ANTHEM: Greater love hath no man

John Ireland

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
that ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no

one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds Hymnal 644 (v. 1,2,3)

- 1 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the

third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

We present Vivian Rastetter to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Do you renounce the evil power of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents

I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
Congregation **We will.**

Celebrant: Please stand and let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Vivian, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

The baptismal party now processes to the font, during which is sung the Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come, Father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts, Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God;

disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people. Veni Sancte Spiritus

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant Vivian, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Vivian the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Post-Baptismal Hymn: We know that Christ is raised

Hymnal 296 (v. 1-2)

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!**
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!**

During the hymn, the baptismal party returns to the Altar for the Chrismation. At the Altar, the priest makes a sign of the cross on the newly baptized, saying:.

Celebrant Vivian, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Congregation We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The newly baptized are now presented to the congregation. Applause is appropriate.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

MEDITATION MUSIC: Mediation of "St. Peter"

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 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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

And so, Creator, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

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

THE FRACTION

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S155

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

This is the Table of the Lord. 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: Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal 325

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 70

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SEASONAL BLESSING

BOS

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Hymnal 492

- 1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
with the praises of your Savior let his house resound again;
him let all your music honor, and your songs exalt his reign.
- 2 Sing how he came forth from heaven, bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,
stooped to wear the servant's vesture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
passed within the gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.
- 3 So, he tasted death for mortals, he, of humankind the head,
sinless one, among the sinful, Prince of life, among the dead;
thus he wrought the full redemption, and the captor captive led.
- 4 Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father's throne the Son
rules and guides the world he ransomed, till the appointed work be done,
till he see, renewed and perfect, all things gathered into one.

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: Celebration

Charles Callahan

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This morning, the choir is presenting a sneak preview of the organ dedication concert this afternoon. The anthem "Greater love hath no man" is a classic English anthem for organ and choir. Originally commissioned for St. Paul's Cathedral in 1912, the anthem enjoyed popularity on its first performance. However, with the outbreak of World War I, the anthem became a UK-wide phenomenon in support of the British troops in the war. Originally written to be sung during holy week and Easter, this anthem is now a staple for the English choir tradition all year long.

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ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 14, 2024

TODAY: Organ Dedication Concert

The Organ Dedication Concert is today, Sunday, April 14th at 4:00 PM. This concert will feature both solo pieces and pieces for organ and choir. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. This event is free to everyone. Bring a friend!

Beginning April 15th: Small Group Study (April & May)

You are invited to join with John & Nina Whitnah and Meridith & Tom Ridington as they journey through the Lord's Prayer. "Lord, teach us to Pray: a Study of the Lord's Prayer" will take place on six successive Monday evenings from April 15 until May 20. We will meet at 7-8:30 pm at the Ridingtons' home (15 Valley Creek Road, Malvern). Space is limited to 16 participants. Please reach out to Tom Ridington (mtr19355@gmail.com) or John Whitnah (rev.whitnah@gmail.com) to register your interest in attending.

April 17: Noon to 1 pm

Tour of Chester County 9-1-1 Emergency Center

A group from St. Francis will be touring the Chester County 9-1-1 Emergency Center this Wednesday. The Center is in the **Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester**. Please contact Shirley Warren at sawarre@verizon.net if you would like to carpool. **A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and the tour is limited to 20 attendees.**

April 18: Brandywine Deanery “Virtual” Plenary

What is a “Deanery”? How does it play a role in the life of the Diocese? How can the churches of the Deanery and Diocese work together for mission and ministry? Fr. Kevin Dellaria, Dean of the Brandywine Deanery will host the first “Virtual Plenary” meeting of the Brandywine Deanery on **Thursday, April 18th, from 7pm to 8pm**. The meeting will be held via Zoom, and anyone interested in the work of the Deanery and/or the Diocese is encouraged to attend. To register, or for more information, email Fr. Kevin at frkevin@stfrancisfields.org, or contact the St. Francis office.

April 21: Church School

Church School will be Sunday, April 21 at 10 am. All children are invited to attend.

April 23: Primary Voting at St. Francis

St. Francis is the new voting location for Willistown Precinct 800. On April 23rd, the Parish Hall will be reserved for Chester Counting Voting services, Poll Workers, and voters. The Church Office will be open.

April 23: Brown Bag Lunch

Judy Harris, an AARP Volunteer and a member of the Consumer Issues Taskforce (CITF), will be our speaker and her presentation will focus on **Scams and Fraud Awareness**. She is a semi-retired Human Resources Director and has a Bachelor’s Degree in Organizational Psychology from LaSalle University and a Master’s Degree in HR Management from Widener University. Please join us on **April 23 from 11:45 AM-1:00 PM in the Nave of the church** for this very informative presentation. Bring your own lunch and we will provide snacks and beverage. See you there!

April 24: Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends will meet in person, in the library, on **Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 pm**. If you are unable to join us in person but would still like to participate, packets can be

prepared for pickup or delivery as needed. Please contact Shelley Steel at 610-299-3963 or shelleybsteel@gmail.com.

May 6: Enneagram Growth Group

The Enneagram Growth Group meets on the 1st Tuesdays of each month, from 6pm to 8pm, at the Dellaria residence in Paoli. The next meeting is May 6. For more information, contact Fr. Kevin or Donna Dellaria (donnadellaria@gmail.com)

May 20: Museum of the Bible Field Trip

The Brandywine Deanery is hosting a day trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., on May 20th. The cost is \$108.00 per person, and includes a ticket to the museum, and travel to and from the museum on an upscale, coach bus with a restroom. The ticket price does *not* include lunch at the museum. The deadline to sign-up is May 3rd.

Participants will meet at St. Francis at 7:30 am that morning and return around 7:30 pm.

June 15: Night at the Ballpark

Tickets are now on sale! Join St. Francis and other churches of the Brandywine Deanery for a night of fun at “Baseball Town” in Reading! Tickets are \$14.00 each. Anyone interested can join us on the field to *sing the National Anthem before the game!* A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Bring a friend. Bring lots of friends! Come and catch a hot dog from “Crazy Hot Dog Vendor”! This annual event is always a night of fun!

Walking with Friends

Anyone can do it. No power walking here - just a Monday morning pleasure walk enjoying friends and East Goshen Park. No reservation needed. Come as you're able and your schedule allows. We meet at the parking area on the north side of Paoli Pike at the traffic light. Hope to see you then

Altar Flowers

Please sign up for altar flowers in the book in the back of the church. The donation for the flowers is \$50. If you have questions contact Pam Hudson, pchudson715@gmail.com.

Church Farm School

While some folks may be spring cleaning, we will be doing a quick collection for Church Farm School. Collection will be for the month of April only. The following is on their wish list: Gently used winter jackets (S, M and L) - looking ahead to next year; Black and brown belts - sizes 32, 34, 36, and 38; Black Socks; Body Wash; Deodorant.

NAMI Resources and Training

St. Francis is building a relationship with the new, Chester Country branch of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Two members of St. Francis, Mike and Susan Lenkaitis, are now undergoing training with NAMI for future acts of ministry in through that organization. Is God calling you as well? For information on mental health support groups, trainings, and other opportunities with NAMI, please visit www.namichescopa.org.

Ministry to Refugees

To do more for refugees, **please visit nscphila.org** where you'll find many opportunities to donate your services or contribute goods to persons in need. Sign up for NSC's newsletter to get periodic updates on what you can do to help. For future furniture pickups, send photos to John Groch at 610-547-3583.

The Work of the Diocese

Did you know? The Diocese of Pennsylvania has established a “Transformation Committee,” comprised of experts in community leadership, real estate and business who volunteer their time to meet with churches and come up with a plan to increase income for the church while reaching further into the community. With diocesan leadership, guidance and economic grants, churches facing closure are being revitalized and repositioned for ministry, and embodying hope for the future. For more information, visit: <https://www.diopa.org/news/transformation-process-saves-churches>

This week we pray for: Andrew & Blair, Irene Balko, Dorothy Bevan, Bishop Curry, Joan Corr, Katie Egan, Hortense Gordon, Gretchen Hall, Henry Hilt, Olene Carmack, Dorothy Langton, Leo, Skip Lewis, Matt, Shane Smith, Bill Spane, Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Shelley Steel, Tom & Grace, Julie, The Partridge Family.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week especially Kathy Schilling, Carolyn Grillo, Patrick Conway, Ned Conway, Jill Quinn, and Bill Pearse. 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.

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

Our Vestry:

Anne Crowley, *Rector's Warden*; Nancy Needhammer, *Accounting Warden*;
 Kathy Schilling, *Secretary*; Susan Lenkaitis, Sherri Lewis, Susan Nangle, Ed Damerau,
 Roberta Torian, John Groch, John McGovern

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	April 14	April 21
Acolytes 10	Sarah Neely, Fiona Neely	Paige Dutton, Noah Alconera Lana Alconera
Altar Guild	Jane Brooks, Sheila Rees	Pam Hudson Christine Schnackenberg
Flower Guild	Sue Lenkaitis	Shelley Steel
Flower Delivery	Ida Guckes	Lynd Meyer
Intercessor 10	Tony Fernandes	Earl Needhammer
Readers 10	Tom Neely, Sarah Neely	Dave Dutton, Paige Dutton
Reader 8	Sherri Lewis	Ed Simek
Oblation Bearers 10	Cindy VanHeftner	Church School
Coffee Hour 10	Carrie Friedrich	Laura Petersen
Greeter/Usher 10	Shirley Warren	
Audio/Visual 10	David Brooks	Mike Quinn
Recycling Team	Susan Callahan	Jane Brooks
Vestry Member of the Week	Kathy Schilling 484-887-0597	Ed Damerau 610-400-5639