

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



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

**The Sundays in Easter  
April 27 – June 1, 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.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

**A**lmighty 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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The Presider prays 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Clergy: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN

*Before the Gospel:*

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
according to \_\_\_\_\_. (+)

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

*After the Gospel:*

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*A period of silence follows the Sermon, after which all stand and say together:*

## THE NICENE CREED

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.

*After the Creed, the people remain standing for the prayers:*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon:*           Let us pray for Christ's Church, and for the world.

Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially for the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, the \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery and the congregation of \_\_\_\_\_; the Brandywine Deanery and \_\_\_\_\_; and our community of St. Francis-in-the-Fields,  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Kevin, our Priest, Diane, our Deacon, and Joe our music director and all Bishops and other ministers.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially our President, Congress and Supreme Court, and our state and local authorities.

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those named in our parish prayer list;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We give thanks and ask your blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week, especially  
\_\_\_\_\_. We give thanks and ask your guidance for the ministries of this congregation,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**H**oly Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: Inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to your with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. **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 C

BCP 369

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, 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,

**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

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.

## 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

EOW 70

**L**oving 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

**T**he 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

## 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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Kathy Schilling, *Secretary*  
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For more information about our parish, scan the QR code below,  
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ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Bulletin Insert & Announcements

The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2025

*This weekly insert contains the hymns, readings, prayer intentions & weekly announcements.*

**MUSIC FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *Da Pacem Domine*

J. P. Sweelinck

Processional Hymn: Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343

Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God*

Hymnal S280

Choir Anthem: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Arr. Mack Millberg

*The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.*

*And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.*

Gospel Hymn: Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal 708

Church School Entrance: **This Little Light of Mine**

*Please welcome our children to church from church school*

Doxology

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Communion Hymn: My Shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal 664

Recessional Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal 390

## COLLECT & LESSONS

### Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Lesson

**Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### Psalm 23

**BCP, pg. 612**

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## **Second Lesson**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## **Gospel Lesson**

**John 10:22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has

given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Our Diocese:** The Valley Forge Deanery & The Church of St. Mary at Calvary, Warwick  
The Brandywine Deanery & St. John's, Concord

**Birthdays:** Harrison Rastetter, Remy Burke, Martha Smylie, Tom Ridington, Bobbe Schackel, Melanie Pfizenmayer, Tony Fernandes, and Shelley Steel.

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

**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, Dorothy Langton, Sue Lenkaitis, Leo, Chris Lindsay, Maria, Matt, Ryan & the Newman family, Shirley Powell, 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, we will be hearing another early baroque master on the organ, but this time during the prelude. J. P. Sweelinck is the first towering figure in organ history. Writing in Amsterdam, Sweelinck represents the transition between Renaissance style and Baroque style keyboard music. This can be heard with the use of chromaticism (playing white and black keys on the keyboard) and more complex melody overlapping.

What makes this time period tricky to study is that most keyboard composers didn't write their music down, they were master improvisers. One of the reasons we have written copies of Sweelinck's music is that he probably wrote them down to show his students what to play as Sweelinck was the foremost music teacher of his time. One of those students was the composer we heard last week, Heinrich Scheidemann.

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory Arno Meyer given by Lynd Meyer

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 11, 2025

### No Coffee Hour Today

Enjoy your celebration of Mother's Day!

### Office Closed: Monday, May 12 – Wednesday, May 14

Fr. Kevin and Deacon Diane will be away at Clergy Conference Monday – Wednesday of this week. In the event of an emergency, please contact Roberta Torian, Rector's Warden. Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study will also not meet this week.

### May 11 & 18: Adult Formation: The Nicene Creed – History, Mystery and Myth

This two-session presentation will consider the political and theological background behind the Council of Nicaea and the formulation of the Nicene Creed. What controversies were resolved, why was Emperor Constantine involved and why were certain specific terms used? Following the history lesson, participants will engage in personal reflection and interactive dialogue about the Creed's meaning for them. In the library, beginning at 8:45 am.

### May 18: New Member Welcome

If you have been attending St. Francis-in-the-Fields and would like to make it your church home, you are invited to a New Member Breakfast and New Member Welcome on Sunday, May 18. Anyone wishing to join St. Francis is invited to participate in the New Member Welcome during the service on May 18. They are also invited to attend a New Member Breakfast prior to the service in the Parish Hall at 9am. This is an informal opportunity to chat with Father Kevin, other new members and members of the Newcomers Committee. If you are interested in joining St. Francis, please contact David Culver at [dculver0203@gmail.com](mailto:dculver0203@gmail.com) or 610-724-0954.



### **May 18: Sustainable Activism**

On Sunday, May 18, after worship, Fr. Kevin will lead a presentation and discussion of the book *Micro Activism*, by Omkari Williams. Williams offers a simple set of guidelines for people who want to be civically engaged without feeling overwhelmed or suffering burnout. The presentation will take place in the Parish Hall as part of the work of the Justice and Action Committee of St. Francis.

### **May 20: Election Day**

There is no such thing as an unimportant election. Do you have a plan? Do you know the candidates and issues on your ballot? Take time now to prepare to do your civic duty. Fr. Kevin will host a pre-election prayers service on the evening of Monday, May 19. (Please note: St. Francis is a polling place and the Parish Hall will be occupied on Election Day.)

### **May 27: Brown Bag Lunch**

Please join us for Brown Bag Lunch on Tuesday, May 27, at Noon when Stephen and Jean Godsall-Myers will be our featured guests. They will take us on a “Civil Rights Journey” and share their impressions from a humbling and sobering journey. This presentation has been given many times to different communities, including churches. **Please note:** As we have done in the past, Brown Bag Lunch will take a hiatus in **June, July, and August** and return in September. Thank you!

### **May 28: Red Cross Blood Drive**

Our next drive is here on: **WEDNESDAY, 5/28/25, 2pm to 7pm.** It’s super easy to make an appointment; find the sign posted in the stairwell, scan the QR code w your phone camera, push the yellow line, and select your time! Together we can make a meaningful difference and help save lives. Call or text Nancy with questions 484-757-4040.

### **June 1: Outdoor Service Series Begins**

Our series of 10am outdoor worship services will begin this year on June 1 and end with the Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals (October 5). These services are subject to weather conditions. Our animal friends are always invited to worship with us on these special Sundays.

### **June 1: Acolyte Breakfast and Recognitions**

Calling all Acolytes! On Sunday, June 1, at 8am, our Acolytes and their families will gather for breakfast at the West Chester Dinner on Route 3. Then, at the 10am service

(outdoors), ALL of our Acolytes will be recognized and thanked for their service. Please make plans now to attend.

### **Play Ball! Join us for the Reading Phils on July 20<sup>th</sup>!**

This summer, St. Francis will once again “take the field” in Reading to sing the National Anthem! Join us on July 20 (game time 5:15pm) for a night of great minor league baseball, as the “Fightin’ Phils” host the Portland Sea Dogs. Those who want to sing will gather to practice prior to the game. Tickets are \$15.00/each. To order yours, contact the parish office, Fr. Kevin or Diane. Payments can be made by check, cash, or electronically.

### **Join the Garden Team!**

The St. Francis Garden Team needs help! If you enjoy the outdoors and would like to help care for our lovely flower gardens, then consider this ministry. The duties mainly include watering during assigned weeks during the summer months and attending a few working sessions to do maintenance (weeding, deadheading, pruning etc.) We also need a few people to be the overseer for specific garden areas. This would entail deciding what to plant and ensuring the general upkeep of the area over the growing months. If you are interested and/or have questions, please reach out to Jill Quinn at 610-888-7409.

### **West Chester Food Cupboard**

The recent delivery to West Chester Food Cupboard collected in the Narthex totaled 83 pounds. Thank you for your donations! **Our next BIG collection Sunday for WCFC is May 18, and our focus for that Sunday is CANNED MEAT and CANNED FISH.** Please bring these items to St. Francis on or before that Sunday. Federal food assistance has been slashed for WCFC and other essential services around the country. Please give generously!

### **What Are Your Spiritual Gifts?**

Pentecost is coming! Pentecost is the celebration of the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, the body of Christ. Have you ever considered the gifts the Holy Spirit has given YOU for service? Beginning Sunday, May 11, you can pick up and complete a “Spiritual Gifts Assessment.” This quick and easy tool will help you discern your gifts for service both in the church and the community. And be present each Sunday through Pentecost for Fr. Kevin’s upcoming sermon series: *The Church, the Spirit, and YOU!*

### **Crock Pots and Dishes**

There are multiple crock pots in the kitchen, and leftover dishes sitting on the countertops from the last few events held at the Church. Please, if you have any dishes or crock pots in

the kitchen stop down to the kitchen at your earliest convenience and grab anything that is yours from the countertops. Much appreciated!

**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.

**Join the Front Sign Ministry!**

One of the most effective ways we catch the eyes of those driving by is by changing our front sign almost every week. It's an easy task that has a big impact, and we need more people to help. If you can give an hour every couple of months, join the Front Sign Ministry team! See Fr. Kevin for details. Your help would be much appreciated!

## MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	May 11	May 18
<b>Acolytes</b>	Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria	Fiona Neely, Lisa Buono Kimberly Osterman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pam Hudson, Sherri Lewis	Roberta Torian, Susan Thomas
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Mer Groch	Shelley Steel
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Lois Snowe	Lynd Meyer
<b>Intercessor</b>	David Culver	Paul Faison
<b>Readers</b>	Connie Scanga, Skye Dellaria	Sherri Lewis Kimberly Ostermann
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	~	Mary Lou Woodcock
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	John McGovern, Mike Quinn	Jamie Watson, Sherri Lewis
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Greg Kopia	David Brooks
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<b>Front Sign</b>	Ed & Ellen Simek	John Woodcock
<b>Counters</b>	Karen Richards	Judy Culver
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