

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”*



Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 of Arno Meyer given by Lynd Meyer.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *May: Cumulonimbus*

Joby Talbot

## 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: Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hymnal 616

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall bow before him, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## 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.

**A**lmighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God

### PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
Deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

## ANTHEM: Christus Paradox

Alfred Fedak

*You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer  
Of the way you took and gave.  
You the everlasting instant;  
You whom we both scorn and crave.*

*Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
Stripped of might upon the cross,  
Shining in eternal glory,  
Beggared by a soldier's toss,  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are both gift and cost.*

*You, who walk each day beside us,  
Sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
Have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our pilgrim guide.*

*Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and victory.  
Worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our death and life. Alleluia!*

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

### A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

**L**ike newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy

priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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**SEQUENCE HYMN: Come, thou fount of every blessing** **Hymnal 686 (v. 1-2)**

- 1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.
- 2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

## THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria

*A brief time of silent meditation follows the sermon*

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**W**e 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

*Deacon*            In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Kevin our Priest and Diane our Deacon, Joe our Music Director and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Bruce, Scott, Carrie, Bob, and Donna. In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our ministries of care and mission, that they may lead us to love others as we love ourselves.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

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

*Celebrant* O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

### ENROLLMENT FOR BAPTISM

Dear people of God, Michael & Erica Sizer, who have themselves been baptized into Christ, now desire as parents to present their son, Leo for the Sacrament of New Birth. The date of May 24 having been chosen, we now enroll Leo in the *Prayers of the People* in preparation of this child of God for baptism.

*Celebrant:* Will you support this family in their desire to grow deeper in Christ, and to raise Leo in the faith of the church?

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

*Celebrant:* Will you stand as witnesses to Leo's faith through the covenant of baptism?

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

*Celebrant:* Will you offer prayers for Leo, and his parents, as the day of baptism nears?

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

Let us pray: O eternal God, you have promised to be a father to a thousand generations of those who love and fear you: Bless this child and preserve his life; receive him and

enable him to receive you, that through the Sacrament of Baptism he may celebrate his creation as a child of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEDITATION MUSIC

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer 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 comes 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. 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: I am the bread of life

Hymnal 335

1 I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.

*And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.*

- 2 The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,  
and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever. *Refrain*
- 3 Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his Blood, you shall not have life within you. *Refrain*
- 4 I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live for ever. *Refrain*
- 5 Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God who has come into the world. *Refrain*

## 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: How firm a foundation

Hymnal 637

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- 4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
- 5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

## 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: Wir danken dir, Wir danken, BWV 29

J. S. Bach

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, the anthem has a curious title. Christus Paradox contains a thought-provoking text by Sylvia Dunstan. Reflecting on Christ's dual nature as both divine and human, Dunstan thought of all of the many ways that the nature of God seems to go two different ways. Compiled into one very interesting set of lyrics, the paradoxical nature of Christ is set to these simple but powerful words. Alfred Fedak expertly arranged this text with the tune "Picardy," which is forever associated with the mystical elements of the eucharist, to provide a soundscape that suspends the tune in mystery, not tipping the scales in one direction or the other.

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 2026

**Tuesday, May 5 - Enneagram Growth Group:** The “EGG” meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, at the home of Kevin & Donna Dellaria. This monthly group meets to go beyond basic Enneagram theory through group discussion and reflection. Everyone with interest and some experience with the Enneagram is welcome.

**May 18: Kitchen Clean-up night:** Monday, May 18th, 6:00pm, we will be getting together to clean and straighten the kitchen cabinets. We welcome any support that we can get. Please bring a step ladder if you have one. Please email Sarah McGovern if you would like to help. [sarah.mcgovern6@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.mcgovern6@gmail.com).

**May 31: Annual Picnic:** The church's annual picnic will be held on Sunday, May 31st, after the service. Please save the date. More details will follow!

**Confirmation:** In the Episcopal Church, *Confirmation* is “the sacramental rite in which the candidates express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop’ (BCP, p. 860).” All mature Episcopalians are expected to affirm their faith through the rite of Confirmation. A Confirmation Service is being held on June 6 at Church Farm School. In preparation, Fr. Kevin will hold a simple, two-part Confirmation Class on Sunday, **May 3 and Sunday, May 31, beginning at 11:20 am** in the Library.

**Saturday, June 6, 10:30am:** Brandywine Deanery Convocation & Confirmation Service at Church Farm School. Please make plans to attend this special service of our Deanery in the beautiful *Chapel of the Atonement* at Church Farm School in Exton. As Dean of the Brandywine Deanery, Fr. Kevin will be preaching, with Bishop Gutierrez celebrating Holy Eucharist. This is wonderful opportunity for Episcopalians from the 14 congregations in our Deanery to share common worship together and celebrate our Confirmands.

**Red Cross Blood drive:** Our next blood drive is on **Tuesday, June 23rd, 2 pm-7 pm**. Please watch for the flyer to schedule an appointment, or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use our joint drive code **SFXWUMC**, to schedule your next donation. Together we can make a difference!

**Weekly Lectionary Bible Study:** The weekly Bible Study meets at 10 am, in-person and on Zoom to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Holy Eucharist follows on most

Wednesdays at 11:15. A weekly email link is sent out for those who desire to attend virtually.

**Contemplative Prayer:** The group will meet in the library on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:00pm. The service includes simple prayers and singing, with 20 minutes of Centering Prayer. Everyone is welcome.

**Church School:** Church School meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays until summer. Our Church School uses the *StoryMakers NYC* curriculum, encouraging children to use their imagination to explore the world of the Bible through activities, crafts, and storytelling. We welcome your children and/or grandchildren to be part of our growing group of young disciples! Our Church School Leader is Mrs. Sherri Lewis.

**NAMI: Two New Programs!:** In recognition of May as National Mental Health Awareness Month, NAMI of Chester County is launching two new programs. *Sharing Hope* is a program for Black and African Ancestry communities to have a safe space to talk about mental health and wellness. It promotes awareness, explores signs and symptoms of mental health conditions, and provides guidance on how and where to find help. This series will meet on zoom Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 PM on 4/28, 5/5, and 5/12. *Peer-to-Peer* is a free, eight-session program for adults with mental health conditions or who experience mental health symptoms. This program is co-led by volunteers with lived experience, offering a safe and confidential space for mutual support and growth. Participants gain insights, set goals, practice coping skills, share experiences in an accepting environment. This program will be held on Wednesday evenings, starting May 20th through July 8th from 6pm-8pm at Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown. For more information and registration options, visit <https://namichescopa.org/>.

**Ministries in Need!** St. Francis is an active and growing parish, and we need additional help and leadership in several ways. Currently, we are especially in need of Church School Teachers, a Children's Room Manager, and new members for the Altar Guild. If the Spirit prompts you on any of these, please let Fr. Kevin, Deacon Diane, or any Vestry member know and we will follow up. (For the first three jobs listed above, see descriptions in the March edition of Fieldnotes!)

**Church Farm School Clothes Closet:** Thank you to all who have donated to the Griffins Clothes Closet! The Church Farm School students will soon be heading home or to other summer adventures. We will pause our collections until they return in the fall. For more

information about donating or anything Church Farm School related please contact: Cindy VanHefter [cvanhefter@gmail.com](mailto:cvanhefter@gmail.com).

**Summer Fellowship Hour:** Volunteers are needed to supply lemonade and/or iced tea and snacks after the 10 a.m. service for June, July and August. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**This week we also pray for:** Alice, Debbie Bachman, Randy Bisbsi, Carol Estornell, Leslie Fant, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Bridget Herrighty, Jojo, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Linda Parker, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Larry Schroepfer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Bill & Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson, and the Rev. Phil Geleibter.

**Birthdays:** Bruce Komaromy, Scott Lewis, Carrie Friedrich, Bob Lange, and Donna Geiger.

**Our Ministries:** In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our ministries of care and mission, that they may lead us to love others as we love ourselves.

**Our Diocese:** The Delaware Deanery, especially St. James', Prospect Park; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. John's, Gap. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester and St. Peter's in the Great Valley as they each proceed in their search process for new Rectors.

### **Our Vestry:**

Roberta Torian, *Rector's Warden*; Lisa Buono, *Accounting Warden*; Tom Neely, *Secretary*; Ed Damerau, John Groch, Carol Forte, Laura O'Brien, John McGovern, Susan Nangle

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

## Ministers of Worship & Service

	May 3	May 10
<b>Acolytes</b>	Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly	Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Laura O'Brien, Shirley Warren	Roberta Torian, Susan Thomas
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Suzanne Steinberg	Carol Forte
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Ida Guckes	Lynd Meyer
<b>Intercessor</b>	Paul Faison	Ed Damerau
<b>Readers</b>	Dave Dutton, Charlotte Goff	John Gallagher, Skye Dellaria
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Judy Culver, Lisa Buono	
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Everett & Shirley Warren	John McGovern, Mike Quinn
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	John Groch	Greg Kopia
<b>Front Sign</b>	Ed & Ellen Simek	Mark & Liz Hansler
<b>Counters</b>	Karen Richards	Jane Brooks
<b>Linen Schedule</b>	Sherri Lewis	Sherri Lewis
<b>Sacred Bread</b>	Tom Ridington	Tom Ridington
<b>Vestry Member of the Month</b>	Lisa Buono	Lisa Buono

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