

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”



Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Sunday in the Season of Creation

September 20, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live on Facebook and YouTube

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

Whether you're a guest or a member, rich or poor, young or old; whatever your political alignment, racial background, gender, ethnicity, or country of origin; no matter if you're a cradle Episcopalian, from another faith expression, or claim no faith at all – we're glad you've joined us for worship today. Please help us get to know you by completing the Guest Card in the rack at each end of the pew and placing the detachable part in the offering plate. There is a welcome table in the narthex (foyer) where you can receive more information about our parish, along with a small gift. Our clergy and greeters look forward to meeting you after the service.

Worship: Our liturgy follows the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), found in the book rack, with some material from *Enriching our Worship* (EOW). Our hymns come from the blue and green hymnals in the pews, along with other resources. All text for the service is printed in the bulletin. You are invited to prepare your soul for worship by kneeling silently in your pew before the service begins.

Children: We welcome all young children in our worship services, and ask you not to worry if your child is active or makes noise. “Busy Bags” for kids are available from the Ushers. Our “Children’s Room” in the office hallway is available if at any time your infant or child needs a change of scenery.

Accessibility: At different times during worship, the congregation may stand or kneel according to custom. Those who suffer physical discomfort are invited remain seated, or stand or kneel as they are able. During Communion, please notify an Usher if you are unable to come forward and we will bring Communion to you. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Facilities: Two public restrooms are located in the office hallway.

*(Congregational words and responses are in **bold** text.)*

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving of all whose lives have touched and blessed us.
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *September from Das Jahr*

Mendelssohn-Hensel

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: Glorious things of Thee are spoken

Hymnal 523

- 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.
- 4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raise over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Come, let us sing

Hymnal S35

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to active hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites

saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

PSALM 114

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

ANTHEM: Shall We Gather at the River

Schultz

*Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?*

*On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. Refrain*

*Refrain:
Yes we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God*

*Ere we reach the shining river,
Washing up its silver spray,
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. Refrain*

WATER WITNESS

SEQUENCE HYMN: Earth and all stars

Hymnal 412 (v. 5-6)

5 Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test-tubes,
 sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band,
 loud cheering people, sing to the Lord a new song!

*He hath done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

6 Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom,
 sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son,
 loud praying members, sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world,
now and always.

Silence

During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

In the beginning,
God was.

Here and now,
God is.

In the future,
God will be.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially _____].

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

We pray especially for those who are preparing to be washed by the waters Baptism, especially Hadley.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENROLLMENT FOR BAPTISM

Dear people of God, Sarah Hudson, who has herself been baptized into Christ, now desire as a parent to present her daughter, Elmira for the Sacrament of New Birth. The date of November 1 having been chosen, we now enroll Elmira 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 Elmira in the faith of the church?
Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

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

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

Celebrant: Will you offer prayers for Elmira, and her parent, 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 her life; receive her and enable her to receive you, that through the Sacrament of Baptism she may celebrate his creation as a child of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Savior like a shepherd lead us, how we need your tender care

In green pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us yours we are X 2

Savior like a shepherd lead us, be the guardian of our way

Keep your flock from sin defend us seek us when we go astray

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray X2

MEDITATION MUSIC: *Meditation on Abbot's Leigh*

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 with Creation II

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here, where the Great Valley meets the Brandywine, where bustling city blends into quiet countryside, and where the Red Maple and Black Walnut bend in the morning breeze. We praise you at a time when the body of Earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, foxes and deer, birch and cedar, aster and goldenrod, we join our voices with all creation to sing this ancient song:

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.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, traveled in fishing boats, and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with St. Francis, and all your saints, to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar, which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **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

The bread of creation is broken and given for all.

In the feast of Christ there is abundance.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God

Hymnal S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all who feel called to a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat

During Communion, our prayer ministers will be waiting in the north (left) transept. Anyone desiring individual prayer is encouraged to visit them for intercession.

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

SOC 59

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

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: *Prelude in D Major, BWV 532*

Bach

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, we are returning to our year long cycle of listening to Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel's *Das Jahr*. Through pure happenstance, the movement for September is often nicknamed "The River". Mrs. Hensel evokes flowing water with notes that flow up and down the piano's range. The gentle rocking rhythm was meant to evoke a boat gently swaying in the current. Though for some reason, she chose to set this boat song in a minor key. I wonder what inspired her to make that choice?

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2026

TODAY @ 10am - Church School Begins! Our Church School year begins this morning! Children ages (roughly) 5 and up are invited to come downstairs at 10am for stories, songs, and activities. Children will return to the service during the announcements.

TODAY @ 11:20am – Introduction to the Bible: Join Fr. Kevin in the Library for a 6-week “bird’s eye” view of the history and structure of the Bible.

TODAY - St. Francis Fair Volunteers: There will be a **brief** meeting of fair volunteers in the children's meeting area immediately after worship on Sunday, September 20. Those who cannot attend or those who will be joining Fr. Kevin's class at that time will be contacted with details via email. Thank you!

Sign up for Fall Supper Six! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for the Fall 2026 Supper Six. Supper Six is designed to help parish members get better acquainted with one another and to give new members a way to meet other members. Participants are placed into groups of six, with one person or couple hosting an evening of dinner and fellowship at their house, on a date agreed upon by the group. A new member is invited to join the group. If you are able, **please** volunteer to be one of the hosts. Please sign up by **September 20th** if you'd like to participate in the Fall Supper Six. Feel free to contact me at jkculver26@gmail.com or [610-724-1322](tel:610-724-1322) if you have any questions, or to sign up. Thank you!

Tuesday, September 22 @ 12pm: Brown Bag Lunch – We are truly happy to have our wonderful parishioners, Helen and Larry Schroepfer, join us as speakers at the September

BBL. Morocco is a fascinating and extremely diverse country, with a gorgeous coastline, the Sahara Desert, and great cities such as Fes, Casablanca, and Marrakesh. It is a Muslim country and was the destination for the Moors expelled from Spain in 1492. Morocco is therefore deeply infused with Moorish culture that flourished during Europe's "dark ages." Helen and Larry will share stories and pictures about Morocco, including Rick's Café in Casablanca, because "In Casablanca, everybody comes to Rick's!" Please arrive by 11:45 AM to allow time to socialize before the event. Remember to bring lunch and a drink. We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday, September 26, 12pm to 4:00 pm – St. Francis Fair! In the spirit of the Season of Creation, our community will once again sponsor a fair in celebration of community and social and environmental awareness. The fair features social service, health care and environmental agencies along with artisan and food vendors and family fun activities. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this celebration of community well-being! Contact John Groch for more information or to get involved (grochjohn@hotmail.com, 610-547-3583). Volunteers are needed! See you at the fair!

Friday, October 23: CRIME at St. Francis! Mark your calendars for the evening of *frivolous fun* and *murderous mayhem* as our parish hosts ***The Murder Mystery Company*** of Philadelphia for an evening dinner theater. Tickets will go on sale in September. Invite friends, family, associates . . . or anyone else who looks "suspicious". Proceeds will benefit the Outreach ministries of St. Francis and the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR! Joe Perry invites you to a project he has been working on with his community theatre in Phoenixville. JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR! Experience this powerful, unforgettable musical as it brings the final days of Jesus Christ to the stage through a thrilling rock score and compelling storytelling. For the performance schedule and to purchase tickets, please visit facetimetheatre.org.

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

Weekly Contemplative Prayer: The group meets 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.

Join the Fellowship Committee! Do you enjoy bringing people together and creating opportunities for fun and friendship? The Fellowship Committee at St. Francis in the Fields is looking for enthusiastic members to help foster fun, fellowship, and community within our church family. Whether you have lots of ideas or simply enjoy helping out, we would love to have you join us! If you're interested in being part of the Fellowship Committee, please contact Susan Nangle at [610-470-4019](tel:610-470-4019) or snw795@gmail.com. Come help us make St. Francis a place where everyone feels welcome and connected!

Church Farm School-Griffin Clothes Closet: Help ensure CFS scholars are dressed for success! Your support helps Griffins walk confidently into every opportunity. Ways you can help: Volunteer on student shopping days, Hang and merchandise donations, Donate the most needed items. Please visit <https://www.gocfs.net/giving/griffin-clothes-closet> to learn more and sign up to help, and we'll be in touch with you directly. Our "most wanted" items have been updated on this page. You may also reach out to Cindy VanHefter at cvanhefter@gmail.com

The Circle of Friends Committee is looking for members to participate in sending cards to parishioners - birthday, sympathy, get well and thinking of you. All supplies are provided. **The committee will meet in the library on September 23 at 11:45 am.** The time commitment is about 30 minutes a month. **Come join us.** Please contact Anne Crowley at anne.r.crowley@gmail.com or 610-563-8340.

Collection for Trinity Church, Coatesville: We are collecting for "Paper Pantry A Go!" for Trinity Church, Coatesville for college students in need and will be an ongoing collection. Collection of shampoo and single-serve meals. **Single-serve meals must be shelf stable and not frozen!** Samples of the single-serve meals will be in the Narthex. A bin is in the Narthex for your donations.

This week we also pray for: Alice, Debbie Bachman, Bob Bark, Patricia Bird, Randy Bisesi, Carrie Hall Borgert, CJ & Family, Ken Connor, Carol Estornell, Peggy Ewing, Leslie Fant, Victoria Ford, the Rev. Phil Geleibter, Tom Grady, Grace & Tom, Gretchen Hall, Karen, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Nicole, Maria, Ruthe Meyer,

Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ruth, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Diane Schopf, Larry Schroeffer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson, Linda Jackalous.

Birthdays: Jim Vankoski, Elizabeth Pitt, and Sarah Dutton.

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

Our Diocese: The Montgomery Deanery, especially Advent, Hatboro; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) Ascension, Parkesburg. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester, as they proceed in their search process for new Rectors.

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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*

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

Ministers of Worship & Service

	September 20	September 27
Acolytes	Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly	Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria
Altar Guild	Noel Dutton	Laura O'Brien, Susan Thomas
Flower Guild	Mer Groch	Laura Petersen
Flower Delivery	Susan Thomas	Ida Guckes
Intercessor	Dave Dutton	Larry Schroepfer
Readers	Jim Crowley, Charlotte Goff	Steve Castellan, Skye Dellaria
Coffee Hour	Laura Petersen	Sue & Tim Kelly
Greeter/Usher	Tim & Sue Kelly	Everett & Shirley Warren
Audio/Visual	John Groch	Greg Kopia
Front Sign	Cindy VanHefter	Liz Darnel
Counters	Judy Culver	Judy Culver
Linen Schedule	Sherri Lewis	Sherri Lewis
Sacred Bread	Cindy VanHefter	Cindy VanHefter
Vestry Member of the Month	Roberta Torian	Roberta Torian

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