



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

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



**Holy Eucharist: Rite II & Baptism  
The Day of Pentecost**

**May 24, 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  
May Darnel given by Elizabeth Darnel and  
in loving memory of Donna Underhill Spain given by Walter & Esther Underhill

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Tierce en taille a 5, from Veni Creator*

*Nicholas De Grigny*

## 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: O Holy Spirit, by whose breath

Hymnal 501

- 1 O Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises vibrant out of death;  
come to create, renew, inspire; come, kindle in our hearts your fire.
- 2 You are the seeker's sure resource, of burning love the living source,  
protector in the midst of strife, the giver and the Lord of life.
- 3 In you God's energy is shown, to us your varied gifts make known.  
Teach us to speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear.
- 4 Flood our dull senses with your light; in mutual love our hearts unite.  
Your power the whole creation fills; confirm our weak, uncertain wills.
- 5 From inner strife grant us release; turn nations to the ways of peace.  
To fuller life your people bring that as one body we may sing:
- 6 Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word, and to the Spirit: God the Lord,  
to whom all honor, glory be both now and for eternity.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Creator of All

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**A**lmighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs~ in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

    In the last days it will be, God declares,  
    that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
        and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
    and your young men shall see visions,  
        and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
    in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
    and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
    and signs on the earth below,  
    blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

## PSALM 104:25-25, 37

**O** Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

**ANTHEM: Fill-a Me Up!**

Pepper Choplin

*Refrain:*

*Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit  
Fill-a me up, to the top-a my soul.  
Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit  
Fill-a me up now and take control.*

*So many things try to fill me up.  
So many things try to weigh me down.  
Fill-a my heart now until you stay  
And chase the other things away.  
Fill-a my heart, come, Spirit.      Refrain*

*Now my heart is an open door.  
Here your Spirit is welcome, Lord.  
Fill-a my heart now and let it grow  
And change my life so all will know.  
Fill-a my heart, come, Spirit.      Refrain*

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

**N**o one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing

by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body~ Jews or Greeks, slaves or free~ and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

**Thanks be to God**

**SEQUENCE HYMN: Holy Spirit, Lord of love**

**Hymnal 349**

- 1 Holy Spirit, Lord of love, who descended from above,  
gifts of blessing to bestow on your waiting Church below,  
once again in love draw near to your servants gathered here;  
from their bright baptismal day you have led them on their way.
- 2 When the sacred vow is made, when the hands are on them laid,  
come in this most solemn hour with your strengthening gift of power.  
give them light, your truth to see; give them life, your own to be;  
daily power to conquer sin; patient faith, the crown to win.

**THE GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-23**

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

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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*

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>We present Leo Walker Sizer to receive the Sacrament of Baptism</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>I renounce them.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce the evil power of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>I renounce them.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>I renounce them.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>I do.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>I do.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	<b>I do.</b>

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

*Congregation* **We will.**

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

## **THE BAPTISMAL CONVENANT**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Deacon:* Let us now pray for Leo, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

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

*Leader:* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Come Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. Veni Sancte Spiritus.  
Come, Father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts, Veni Sancte Spiritus.  
Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God;  
disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people. Veni Sancte Spiritus*

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

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

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

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

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

# THE BAPTISM

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

**Post-Baptismal Hymn: We know that Christ is raised Hymnal 296 (v. 1-2)**

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

*The baptismal party returns to the Altar for the Chrismation.*

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

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

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

## THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**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

## 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 1

EOW

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## 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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which

is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.**

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the blessed St. Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

## **FRACTION ANTHEM**

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: Holy Spirit, ever living

Hymnal 511

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through her in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ;  
thee we praise with endless worship for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;  
quickenng, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age, and soul to soul,  
in a fellowship unending thee we worship and extol.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 69

**G**od of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### SEASONAL BLESSING

BOS

**G**o on your way in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, cheer the sick, honor everyone, love and serve the Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sustains, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: Praise the Spirit in creation** Hymnal 506 (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

- 1 Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin:  
Spirit, moving on the waters, quickening worlds to life within,  
source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.
- 2 Praise the Spirit, close companion of our inmost thoughts and ways;  
who, in showing us God's wonders, is himself the power to gaze;  
and God's will, to those who listen by a still small voice conveys.
- 3 Praise the Spirit, who enlightened priests and prophets with the word;  
his the truth behind the wisdoms which as yet know not our Lord;  
by whose love and power, in Jesus God himself was seen and heard.
- 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit, on our lives descend in might;  
let your flame break out within us, fire our hearts and clear our sight,  
till, white-hot in your possession, we, too, set the world alight.

**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: Dialogue sur les grands Jeux, from Veni Creator** Nicholas De Grigny

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This morning, we will sing a hymn that is personally meaningful to me. The "Veni Creator Spiritus" is a devotional hymn centered on the gifts that God, through the Holy Spirit, bestows upon us. The text was written in the ninth century with the tune being written later in the eleventh century. We will be singing that tune in our processional hymn. How cool is it that we will be singing the same music as the Christians who have been singing it for the last thousand years? I invite you to take a moment to read the text of hymn number 501 in the hymnal as a poem. You will quickly see why it is a particular favorite hymn for composers to use as inspiration.

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 2026

**May 26: Brown Bag Lunch:** Almost 30 years ago, Connie Black (Scanga) set off for Wellington, New Zealand, where she lived, worked, and cherished her three-and-a-half years of exploring the Antipodes. When she returned to Malvern, she brought back a strong case of the travel bug—and since then, she's spent many summers uncovering new corners of the world. Connie is excited to share highlights from her journeys and may even inspire your next adventure. Please add this presentation to your calendar, come listen to her amazing travel stories, and help us celebrate her upcoming retirement after a long and successful teaching career at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

**May 27: Kitchen Clean-up night:** Wednesday, May 27th, 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: Quarterly Food Drive** for the West Chester Food Cupboard. Our spring food collection will be **canned meat and fish**. Canned proteins are a blessing to many facing food insecurity. Please bring canned tuna, salmon, chicken, etc., to church on that Sunday morning or during the week prior.

**Also on May 31: Annual Parish Picnic!** Celebrate the start of summer with our annual Parish picnic, immediately after the service on Sunday, May 31st! The Men's Group will fire up the grill with hot dogs, hamburgers, and a few vegetarian options. Please help fill the table with your favorite potluck dish: **Last names A-I: salads; J-R: fruit; S-Z: desserts.**

Come for the food, stay for the games, laughter, and fellowship – everyone is welcome to join the fun. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Thank you!

**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 31, beginning at 9 am** in the Library.

**Saturday, June 6, 11am:** 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.

**June 15: Jeff Quinn Memorial Golf Outing:** The 6th Annual Jeff Quinn Memorial Golf Outing is coming up on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester. St. Francis is always well represented, and it is a fun and meaningful day. Limited space is still available for those who have not yet registered to play golf. Not a golfer? You can still enjoy the fun by attending the post-play dinner and silent auction. All proceeds benefit the HEADstrong Foundation, which provides emotional and financial support to families struggling with cancer. Please visit our event website to sign up for golf, dinner only, or for more information on this wonderful organization which the Quinn family has been proud to support over the past 9 years. [IQMF 2026](#) See Jill or Mike Quinn for questions.

**Red Cross Blood drive:** Please consider signing up for our next *St. Francis Blood Drive Tuesday, June 23, 2-7 pm*. (Donors receive a \$15 e-gift card & a chance to win a \$7,500 prize.) Look for the flyer at the bottom of our stairs for details and scan the QR code to make an appointment. Or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use our joint drive Id (SFXWUMC), and select an appointment time. Together we can make a meaningful difference and save more lives! Please call Nancy Orlando if you have any questions 484-757-4040.

**Vacation Bible School July 13-16 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am:** This summer we are excited to announce our program from Concordia Supply titled “Emerald Crossing”. Children ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us. If you have a child older than 5<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to volunteer to help with crafts and games we would love their help. Registration forms will be available soon. In a world filled with worry, chaos, and

confusion, it is essential for kids to know there is a God who cares for them. At Emerald Crossing VBS, kids will journey through Ireland's green, lush landscapes while exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. Kids will explore the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from anxiety to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. Get your VBS passport ready and join the adventure through the rolling, sheep-covered hills of Ireland

**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 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.

**Church School Important Date:** Our last day of church school will be Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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!)

**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 Bisesi, Carrie Hall Borgert, 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:** Maria Huggins, Amy Goff, Nicci Graham, and Mary Alice Spane.

**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.

**Our Diocese:** The Delaware Deanery, especially St. Michael's, Yeadon; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. Paul's, Exton. 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 24	May 31
<b>Acolytes</b>	Noah Alconera, Lana Alconera Mike Quinn	Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sherri Lewis, Susan Thomas	Meridith Ridington, Roberta Torian
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Lynd Meyer	Mer Groch
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Jill Quinn	Susan Thomas
<b>Intercessor</b>	Sandra Healey	Earl Needhammer
<b>Readers</b>	Shelley Steel, Mike Quinn	Tom Neely, Tim Kelly
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Elizabeth Darnel	Church Picnic
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Tim & Sue Kelly	Everett & Shirley Warren
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	David Brooks	John Groch
<b>Front Sign</b>	Barbara Rivers, Greg Kopia	Cindy VanHefter
<b>Counters</b>	Susan Callahan	Susan Callahan
<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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