

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 14

August 9, 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 thanksgiving for our wedding anniversary given by Earl & Nancy Needhammer.
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Variations on Foundation*

Joseph M. Martin

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: Eternal Father, strong to save Hymnal 608

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

HYMN OF PRAISE: All creatures of our God and King Hymnal 400 (v. 3,4)

- 3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:

Refrain

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us

go to Dothan.” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God

PSALM 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

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.

Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.

The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:5-15

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is

saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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SEQUENCE HYMN: Jesus calls us o'er the tumult **Hymnal 550 (v. 1, 2, 3)**

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me;”
- 2 as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 14:22-33**

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink,

he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM VI

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, Diane our Deacon,
Joe our Music Director, and for all Bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the Merion Deanery & especially St. Christopher's, Gladwyn; for the Brandywine
Deanery, and St. John's, Concord; and for our community of St. Francis-in-the-Fields.
For those we work with in the life of our Diocese.

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.
For those we share with in the ministry of our church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: especially Esther, Doug, Mia, and Everett.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

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. The People may add their own petitions

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

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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

MEDITATION MUSIC: *Meditation on Restoration*

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. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

SANCTUS (*Yellow Card in Pew*)

Hymnal S127

**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,

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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: Lamb of God *(Yellow Card in Pew)*

Hymnal S374

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 MUSIC: *Improvisation on Suscipime*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 69

God 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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: How firm a foundation

Hymnal 636

- 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: *Alleliua Toccata*

Fenton Grodon

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, we will be singing a classic hymn with a complicated past. "How Firm a Foundation" was first printed in "A Selection of Hymns" compiled by John Rippon in 1787. John Rippon wrote a few collections of hymns that were very popular. However, Rippon was not the best at curating the hymns within the selection; He often misattributed the hymns or made changes without their permission. "Foundation" is one of these. All of the information we have is that it was written by "K". Let's thank "K" this day for this classic text.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 9, 2026

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

TODAY: Summer Rector's Study – Colossians: Join Fr. Kevin in the Library for background and discussion of this short New Testament epistle. Sundays @ 11:20am, through August 9.

Friday, August 14 at 9:30am: Join us for a peaceful hour of reflection in the Meadow at St Francis. Please consider bringing a folding chair, water bottle and hat. (extra folding chairs will be available). We will gather beside the Meadow on Friday, August 14 at 9:30am. Contact Phil Taylor-pc.taylor@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Tuesday, August 18: Calling all blood donors~ The American Red Cross recently declared a *national blood supply crisis*. All blood types are needed, with special emphasis on type “O” donors. Our partner blood drive is August 18th, 12-5pm, at nearby, Willistown United Methodist Church, 6051 West Chester Pike (between 352 & 926) If you can't attend, please consider scheduling at the Red Cross donor center for the same day or on 8/19, and then you will still be eligible to donate at our St Francis drive on 10/14. *August donors receive a \$20 e gift card.* Use the QR code to make an appointment.



Sunday, August 23: Back to School "Family Fun Day" at St. Francis! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 23rd! Our "abbreviated" service of Holy Eucharist that morning will be followed by games and lunch in the courtyard. Try our "velcro" soccer goal! Throw a glider! Play some cornhole! We'll have a host of games and other fun things on the back lawn, under the trees, with food and drink to celebrate.

Sunday, August 23: West Chester Food Cupboard Quarterly Drive: 50,000 people are currently experiencing food insecurity in Chester County. We can help. Our next quarterly drive is Sunday, August 23rd. Our focus is School Lunch Foods. Unexpired, non-perishable food items including peanut butter, jelly, healthy snacks, fruit cups, applesauce, etc. would be welcome! Thank you for caring!

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.

Journey Small Group launching in September: Building on last year's study of Barbara Brown Taylor's *Altar in the World*, we will journey this year through ancient and contemporary Christian writings on embodied faith to seek wisdom for daily living. Our time together will include: **Monthly readings and meetings** to explore how these various voices challenge, encourage, and guide us today. **A spiritual practice** each month to deepen our experience of God and integrate what we learn. Please let me know if you would like to join us. Tom Ridington, mtr19355@gmail.com

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. Holy Eucharist follows at 11:15. A weekly email link is sent out for those who desire to attend virtually. **LBS will return on August 19!**

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.

Save the Date! St. Francis Fair - Saturday, September 26, Noon to 4:00 pm: 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). See you at the fair!

Save the Date . . . for a CRIME at St. Francis! Mark your calendars for the evening of **Friday, October 23rd**, as our parish hosts *The Murder Mystery Company* of Philadelphia for an evening of dinner theater fundraising fun! 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.

News from the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania (DIOPA):

Saturday, August 22, 9am – 12pm – Introduction to Systemic Racism (via Zoom)

Session 1 of 5. DIOPA's Anti-Racism Commission training series is designed to help participants understand the historic creation, preservation, and personal and institutional effects of a society built upon ideas of racial difference, which in turn support an unjust, racially based hierarchy. For more information, please contact Fr. Kevin.

Saturday, August 22, 10am to 3pm, Church of the Holy Apostles, Wynnewood - Church

by the Numbers: How New Data on Best Practices Can Drive Church Growth & Faithfulness - Fr. Chris Corbin, Editor-in-Chief of Earth & Altar and leader of the TEC Trajectory Study. will share practical, evidence-based practices that foster congregational health, deeper discipleship, and faithful evangelism - with a little fun and practice along the way.

Sunday, August 30, 4pm to 6:30pm - Wild Adventure: Get ready for a fun evening of adventure, music, food, and fellowship to kick off your fall. Youth and their families from across the diocese are invited to our Diocesan Youth Wild Adventure at Valley Forge National Historical Park – on the grounds of the beautiful Washington Memorial Chapel. Come spend an evening outdoors together as we set our hearts toward the coming school year. Visit “Events” at diopa.org to register.

This week we also pray for: Alice, Debbie Bachman, Bob Bark, Patricia Bird, Randy Bisesi, Carrie Hall Borgert, Carol Cashon, Ken Connor, Carol Estornell, Leslie Fant, Victoria Ford, the Rev. Phil Geleibter, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Sharyn Huffman, Karen, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Maria, Ruthe Meyer, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ruth, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Linda Parker, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Ryan Schmidt, Larry Schroepfer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Bill Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson.

Birthdays: Esther Underhill, Doug Claffey, Mia Cooper, and Everett Lee.

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 Merion Deanery, especially St. Christopher's, Gladwyn; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. John's, Concord. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester, as they 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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Parish Office Hours: 9pm to 2pm, Monday - Friday

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

Ministers of Worship & Service

	August 9	August 16
Acolytes	Lisa Buono Kimberly Osterman	Noah Alconera, Lana Alconera Mike Quinn
Altar Guild	Susan Thomas Meridith Ridington	Sherri Lewis, Shirley Warren
Flower Guild	Janet Galib	Carol Forte
Flower Delivery	Lynd Meyer	Lynd Meyer
Intercessor	Ed Damerau	David Culver
Readers	John Gallagher, Lisa Buono	Larry Schroeffer, Mike Quinn
Summer Fellowship	Judy Culver	Pam Hudson
Greeter/Usher	Jamie Watson, Dana Pizarro	Tim & Sue Kelly
Audio/Visual	Mike Quinn	David Brooks, Paul Supina
Front Sign	John Gallagher	John McGovern
Counters	Susan Callahan	Judy Culver
Linen Schedule	Shirley Warren	Shirley Warren
Sacred Bread	Janet Galib	Janet Galib
Vestry Member of the Month	Carol Forte	Carol Forte

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