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ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist and Baptisms: Rite II

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 11, 2026

10:00 am

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 our parents Lawrence & Louise Paul and Earl & Virginia Needhammer and in honor of Debbie Bachman & Lisa Homa given by Earl & Nancy Needhammer.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE: *"Floating"*

Garreth Brooke

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 opening and procession*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Baptized in Water

Hymnal 294

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King: one with his rising,
freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King: born of one Father,
we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

OPENING ACLAMATION

Blessed by the one, holy, and living God
Glory to God for ever and ever.

There is one Body and one Sprit;
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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

COLLECT FOR BAPTISM

Almighty 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

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,

I tell you of them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God

PSALM 29 - Sung

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the *liv-ing* God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pil-grims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs. *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of you're A-nointed.

ANTHEM: *Bless These Children*

Paul Hamill

*Lord grant these children hearts to seek,
And wisdom always to discern,
And minds that hunger for the truth,
And come to you to learn.*

*Refrain
Lord, you love each of us;
Receive these children for whom we pray;
Pour down your gifts of grace
And walk with them each day.*

*Lord, grant these children wills to serve
And give them strength to persevere
And courage when the days seem hard
And strength to conquer fear.*

Refrain

*Pour down upon these children Lord,
Your Holy Spirit from above.*

*That they may know your loving care,
And come in faith and love.*

Refrain

*And fill their hearts with joy when they see
All your loving hands have made,
A sense of wonder at the power
And wisdom there displayed.*

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: Descend, O Spirit, purging flame

Hymnal 297

- 1 Descend, O Spirit, purging flame, brand us this day with Jesus' Name!
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, within, without.**
- 2 Forbid us not this second birth; grant unto us the greater worth!
Enlist us in your service, Lord; baptize all nations with your Word.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria

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>	We present Everett Elizabeth Lee to receive the Sacrament of Baptism
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	We present Jonas Andre Martins to receive the Sacrament of Baptism
<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>	I will, with God's help.
<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>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil power of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her 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 COVENANT

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 Everett and Jonas, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

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

Leader: Open their heart to your grace and truth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: Bring them 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 Everett, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Celebrant Jonas, 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 Everett and Jonas the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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!**

During the hymn, the baptismal party returns to the Altar for the Chrismation. At the Altar, the priest makes a sign of the cross on the newly baptized, saying:

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

Celebrant Jonas 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

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

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

(He's got the whole world in his hands / He's got the wind and the rain in his hands)

MEDITATION MUSIC

THE 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 2

EOW 60

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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the blessed St. Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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, 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: 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.

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.

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: O Food to pilgrims given

Hymnal 309

- 1 O Food to pilgrims given, O Bread of life from heaven,
O Manna from on high! We hunger; Lord, supply us,
nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
- 2 O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling
from out the Savior's side! We faint with thirst; revive us,
of thine abundance give us, and all we need provide.
- 3 O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden
in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is riven,
we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine.

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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SEASONAL BLESSING

EOW 70

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The sinless one to Jordan came. Hymnal 120 (v. 1-5)

- 1 The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his Father willed.
- 2 Uprising from the waters there, the Father's voice did then declare
that Christ, the Son of God, had come to lead his scattered people home.
- 3 Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head.
- 4 How blest that mission then begun to heal and save a race undone!
Straight to the wilderness he goes to wrestle with his people's foes.
- 5 O Christ, may we baptized from sin, go forth with you a world to win:
grant us the Holy Spirit's power to shield us in temptation's hour.

DISMISSAL

Our 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: *Toccata*

Theodore Dubois

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

I am a big fan of New Year's resolutions. I usually start with a few too many but I always hang on to one or two throughout the year. I'm always interested in learning new music, and I think the art of composition is still alive even if it's not as prominent as it used to be. So one of my piano goals of 2026 is to play more music by living composers (I pledge to play at least one piece every month). This Sunday, we will hear from British/German composer Garreth Brooke. Born in 1985, Mr. Brooke specializes in piano compositions and is especially prominent with piano pedagogy where he writes music for young piano students.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS January 11, 2026

TODAY: Church School

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

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.

January 15: Exploring Flannery O'Connor

Flannery O'Connor thought of herself as a Christian writer, and her short stories often incorporate bits of her theology. This group, led by the Rev. John Woodcock, will meet for 4 or 5, 60-minute sessions beginning Thursday, January 15th at 10:30am. Session #1 will include an overview of her life and her views on writing. The group will then explore 4 of her stories over the following 4 weeks. John will be working from *Flannery O'Connor: The Complete Stories*, but any collection should do. For more information and a Zoom link, email John Woodcock: pastorsheepngoat@gmail.com

January 16: 3rd Friday Book Group

The next book group will be meeting on January 16, 2026 at 1 pm in the library. We will be discussing *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

January 17: New Year “Flip Board” Workshop

10am to 2pm at St. Francis. Join us for a day of reflection, creativity, and laughter. Start your journey into the New Year exploring the Spirit’s movement in your life with the power of images. You will be guided to use collage to create a unique project showing your goals and hopes, while also representing and offering up struggles and challenges you are working to overcome. \$30.00/person. Lunch and all supplies provided. Ages 15+. Call or text Donna Dellaria to register: (484) 401-1260.

January 12: Annual Meeting Reports Due

Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026. Committee Chairs are encouraged to prepare a written report to be included in the meeting booklet. **The deadline for reports is Monday, January 12, 2026.**

January 25: Parish Brunch & Annual Meeting

Please make plans to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on January 25. We will begin the morning with worship at 10am, followed by the meeting. A delicious brunch will be provided during the meeting by our outgoing Vestry. At the meeting, we will review the parish finances, elect new Vestry members, and hear other important reports and updates. New members, long-time members, and aspiring members alike are encouraged to attend! Our Vestry slate up for election this year includes Tom Neely and Laura O’Brian for full, 3-year terms, and Carol Forte to fill a 1-year term. See the December Fieldnotes for candidate biographies.

January 27: Brown Bag Lunch

Join us for our first Brown Bag Lunch of 2026 on **Tuesday, January 27, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM**, as we welcome Jennifer Green, Director of Education at the Chester County History Center, for an inspiring presentation on West Chester-born artist Horace Pippin. In her talk, **“The Life and Art of Horace Pippin: A Real and Rare Genius,”** Jennifer will explore how Pippin transformed hardship, resilience, and deep personal faith into influential works of art that continue to captivate audiences worldwide. Come discover the story of a local legend whose courage and creativity still shine brightly today. Please bring your lunch and join us at 11:45 AM for a few minutes of fellowship before we begin.

February 6: Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross blood drive is right around the corner, at St Francis, **Friday, 2/6/26** from 2-7pm. I hope you will consider signing up. Look for the poster in the stairwell and scan the QR CODE, and select an appointment time, or sign up on the app. Currently the Red Cross has issued an **“emergency need”** for type O blood. Thank you for your support of the Red Cross blood drives. Call me for help scheduling or with questions. Please note there is no age limit for donating as long as your vitals meet the requirements. Together we help save lives! With gratitude, Nancy O. 484-757-4040.

Beginning February 15: The Enneagram Journey (12 weeks)

Sundays, 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Through the Enneagram you come to know yourself better, and learn to understand and connect with others in deeper and more meaningful ways. This is the full course of The Enneagram Journey, using videos from noted Enneagram teacher Suzanne Stabile. The class includes video and discussion. A simple soup supper is provide. This is a great course for couples and individuals alike. Cost: \$50. To register or for more information, contact Fr. Kevin or Donna Dellaria (donnadellaria@gmail.com).

Church Farm School Clothes Closet

Winter is here! Winter coats and jackets, hats, scarves and gloves would be greatly appreciated. The Griffin Clothes Closet could also use the following items: Black and brown shoes, both casual and dress. Black and brown belts (small and medium), deodorant, body wash, and plastic bar soap containers (they have a lot of bars of soap). Donated items can be put in the bin located in the narthex. Thank you! For more information about donating please contact Cindy VanHefter cvanhefter@gmail.com.

August 9 – 14: Cross Roads Family Camp

Are you looking for a faith-based summer camp opportunity? Bring your whole family to enjoy the awesome perks of summer camp: fun activities, learning, nature, worship, and time for reflection. Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center is a joint venture of the of the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. Fr. Kevin and his family enjoyed a week of vacation at Cross Roads in 2025, and will be returning for Family Camp week in 2026. For more information, visit <https://www.crossroadsretreat.com>.

This week we also pray for: Alice, Carol Estornell, Leslie Fant, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Jojo, George & Jackie Kennedy, Ted Knauss, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pearse, Shirley

Powell, Ryan, Larry Schroepfer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Nancy Kent Sowa, Bill & Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Linton Warren.

Birthdays: Georgeann Speaker, Emma Samet, Leo Phillips, and Miles Phillips.

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 Bucks Deanery, especially St. James the Greater, Bristol; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. Andres's, West Vincent. 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*; Kathy Schilling, *Secretary*
Ed Damerau, John Groch, Sherri Lewis, 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

	January 11	January 18
Acolytes	Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly	Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria
Altar Guild	Jane Brooks, Roberta Torian	Karen Richards, Susan Thomas
Flower Guild	Mahala Renkey	Carol Forte
Flower Delivery	Lynd Meyer	Susan Thomas
Intercessor	Wes Thomas	Kathy Schilling
Readers	Tom Neely, Charlotte Goff	Steve Castellan, Skye Dellaria
Coffee Hour	Judy Culver, Lisa Buono	
Greeter/Usher	John McGovern, Mike Quinn	Sherri Lewis, Virginia Webb
Audio/Visual	John Groch	Greg Kopia
Front Sign	Ed & Ellen Simek	Mark & Liz Hansler
Counters	Karen Richards	Susan Callahan
Linen Schedule	Sherri Lewis	Sherri Lewis
Sacred Bread	Barbara Rivers	Barbara Rivers
Vestry Member of the Month	Susan Nangle	Susan Nangle

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