

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

February 15, 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 and thanksgiving of all whose lives have touched and blessed us.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE: *Februar, from Das Jahr*

Fanny Mendelssohn

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: Lift Every Voice and Sing

LEVAS II 1

- 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.
- 2 Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over away that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by thy might,
Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: 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.

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:5-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

ANTHEM: Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton

Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - - - ia.

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1-5

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Galatians

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. You who want to be justified by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: When in our music God is glorified

Hymnal 420 (v. 1, 2, 3)

- 1 When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!
- 2 How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Let us pray for Christ's Church, and for the world.

Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially the Bucks Deanery, & St. Philip's Church, New Hope; for our partner parishes in the Brandywine Deanery, especially St. Mark's, Honey Brook; and for our community of St. Francis-in-the-Fields;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Kevin, our Priest, Diane, our Deacon, Joe our music director, and all Bishops and other ministers.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially our President, Congress and Supreme Court, and our state and local authorities.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those named in our parish prayer list;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks and ask your blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Emma, Greg, Ed, Jim, Sarah, and Sharyn.

In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our ministries of evangelism, hospitality, and engagement, that their work may draw others to Christ, and to our community of faith.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, offered now silently or aloud.

Celebrant: God of Peace, whose only Son our Lord commanded us to love our enemies and renounce hatred, guide our nation now in the ways of peace. Grant wisdom and restraint to our governing authorities in the exercise of their power. Safeguard our military leaders and law enforcement officers from resorting to unnecessary violence. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that they may seek wisdom through consultation, attend to the concerns of the community, and act with reasoned and deliberate care. In all disharmony and discord, foreign and domestic, sow seeds of understanding, discernment, and love among all your children, through the saving power of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSIOIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Like the murmur of the dove's song

Hymnal 513

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460 (v. 1, 3, 4)

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

The recessional stops at the Baptismal Font for the Burial of the Alleluia's for Lent. The Celebrant covers the font and recites the following prayer:

Celebrant: Blessed Creator, as we bury this sign of heaven's song, guide us in a faithful and holy journey through the season of Lent. Remove from us those sins that distract us from embracing your unconditional love, and by the grace of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your ever-abiding and life-giving presence. We bury our Alleluia's now that we may rejoice all the more at the Feast of the Resurrection. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The recessional then continues for one final verse:

- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

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 on "Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Mark Miller

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, we will sing one of the most important hymns of our time "Lift Every Voice and Sing". This hymn was written in the late 1800s by James Weldon Johnson and then set to music by Johnson's brother J. Rosamond Johnson. Reflecting the worldview of African Americans in the late 19th century, the Johnson brothers sought not only to praise God for the progress African Americans had made but also to continue praying for future opportunities. Notice the imagery and text related to the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their journey to the promised land. This hymn has been lauded and enshrined throughout the fabric of American society. In fact, the NAACP named this hymn the "Black National Anthem" for its power and significance.

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Mr. Joseph Perry, Minister of Music

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 15, 2026

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study

There will be no Lectionary Bible Study on February 18, Ash Wednesday. Bible Study will return on Wednesday, February 25 at 10:00am, when our Lenten Study begins. The Study of *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross*, by Magrey R. DeVega, will be held each Wednesday, Feb. 25 to April 1. The book is available through most booksellers. Fr. Kevin will also offer a summary of the study on Sunday mornings from March 1 - 29, from 11:30am to 12:00pm in the Library.

Ash Wednesday Services

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend and begin their Lenten journey in prayer and reflection.

Adult Forum: *Letter from Birmingham Jail*

February 15 and 22, we will read and discuss Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*. Written as a message to the church, this powerful letter invites reflection on how people of faith respond when societal practices conflict with God's justice. **TODAY the group will meet downstairs in the Church School area** so attendees can enjoy the pancake breakfast. Grab your plate and join the conversation! Questions? Please contact Tom Ridington at mtr19355@gmail.com.

TODAY - February 15: "Shrove" Sunday Pancake Brunch

Come to the Parish Hall after worship for pancakes, bacon, sausage, etc., as we head toward Ash Wednesday. Those attending the **Adult Forum** class get a special pass to the front of the line (Rector's Orders!) and then head to the Church School area where tables and chairs are set up for dining. Led by our Men's Fellowship group. Donations accepted.

TODAY - 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 provided. 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).

February 20: Book Group

The next meeting of the book group will be on February 20, at 1 p.m. in the library. We will be discussing *James* by Percival Everett. Jim runs away when he hears he is about to be sold. Huck fakes his death to escape his violent father. This historical novel retells their story from Jim's point of view. Percival Everett will be a guest speaker at a public event at Church Farm School on Friday, March 27, 2026. Full ticket details are here: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/cfseventseries/event/percivaleverettatthefarm/>

February 21: Faith & Wellness Conference

“Connecting Communities with Care”

8:30am to 12:pm at St. Francis

St. Francis is honored to be those host sight for the next **Faith & Wellness Conference**, sponsored by Community Care Behavioral Health. The morning will include uplifting personal testimony, insights from local service providers, panel discussions, opportunity for connection, and resources! This event is a meaningful opportunity to strengthen your ministry, build supportive relationships, and learn about **free**, practical resources that can make a real difference in the lives of those you serve. All denominations and anyone in a leadership or supportive role within a faith community are warmly welcomed. To register, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMZZ6FP>

February 21: Hayride for Hope

Inspired by the Buddhist Monks "Walk For Peace" and the tragic events in Minnesota, Bob and Kristina Lange of Sugartown Strawberries (and faithful members of St. Francis!) will offer a "HAYRIDE FOR HOPE" on their family farm. The rides will be on Saturday, February 21 from 1pm to 4pm. Rides will begin at the farm (650 Sugartown Road), will travel through our farm and make a stop at St Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church for some inspirational words, and then return. It will be an opportunity for like-minded folks to gather and support one another during these trying times. There will be no charge, but a food donation is appreciated for the West Chester Food Cupboard and shelters is appreciated. There will be a bonfire, warm beverages and inspirational music. In keeping with the Buddhist Monk "Walk For Peace" and their dog, Aloka, leashed dogs are welcomed to go on the hayride.

February 24: Brown Bag Lunch

Join us for our Brown Bag Lunch on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, as we welcome Natanya Sortland, an inspiring advocate for people with visual impairments. Natanya will share her powerful journey of losing her sight after a stroke and how Vision Corps—one of Pennsylvania’s oldest nonprofits supporting people who are blind or vision-impaired—helped her regain independence and hope. She will also introduce us to the free services Vision Corps offers, including support for those with macular degeneration, and lead hands-on activities that give sighted participants a glimpse of navigating the world with limited vision. **Bring your lunch, invite a friend, and join us for this meaningful and eye-opening conversation.**

Church School

There will be no Church School February 22. Church School will resume on March 8. Church School meets 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.

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.

New Community Partners at St. Francis

The *West Chester Garden Club* is our newest community partner! “Since its inception in July of 1925, the objective of the members of the *West Chester Garden Club* (WCGC) has been to stimulate the love of gardening, to conserve our resources, and to improve the quality of our environment.” The WCGC will begin holding regularly-scheduled meetings at St. Francis in the fall of 2026, meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10am to 1pm. Visit westchestergardenclub.org for more information!

This week we also pray for: Alice, 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, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Larry Schroepfer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Nancy Kent Sowa, Bill & Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Linton Warren.

Birthdays: Emma Collins, Greg Kopia, Ed Damerau, Jim Crowley, Sarah Neely, and Sharyn Huffman.

Our Ministries: In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our ministries of evangelism, hospitality, and engagement, that their work may draw others to Christ, and to our community of faith.

Our Diocese: The Bucks Deanery, especially St. Philip’s Church, New Hope; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. Mark’s, Honey Brook. 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

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	February 15	February 22
Acolytes	Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria	Lisa Buono Kimberly Osterman
Altar Guild	Sherry Lewis, Karen Richards	Noel Dutton
Flower Guild	Mer Groch	Laura Petersen
Flower Delivery	Susan Thomas	Lynd Meyer
Intercessor	David Culver	Sandra Healey
Readers	Larry Schroepfer, Skye Dellaria	Jim Crowley, Lisa Buono
Coffee Hour	Pancake Breakfast	
Greeter/Usher	Sherry Lewis, Virginia Webb	Jamie Watson, Dana Pizarro
Audio/Visual	John Groch	Mike Quinn
Front Sign	Liz Darnel	John Gallagher
Counters	Judy Culver	Susan Callahan
Linen Schedule	Jane Brooks	Jane Brooks
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