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ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024
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 arrangements this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our first great grandson Vincenzo Tobin given by Kathy Schilling.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

PRELUDE: Fanfare from Suite No. 1

Calvin Hampton

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.

The service begins in the Narthex of the church. All who are able are encouraged to partake in the procession, lining up behind the Altar Party, Choir, and Clergy. As you process into the church, you may take your seat.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The procession now begins. The following Psalm is spoken together during the procession.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (together)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
His mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures for ever."

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

The procession stops at the door of the church for the following prayer.

Let us pray

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The procession now enters the church, all singing heartily.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All glory, laud and honor

Hymnal 154

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

- 1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*
- 4 To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures forever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son
our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the
cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the
way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens~
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 31:9-16 (read responsively by half verse)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

ANTHEM: Hosanna! Blessed is He

Ralph E. Marryott

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth of full of your glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

THE GOSPEL

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. Please remain seated until instructed to stand. The Celebrant introduces the Passion reading by saying:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

SERMON

The Rev. Diane E. Faison

The Nicene Creed and Confession of Sin are omitted this Sunday.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. For Daniel, our Bishop, Kevin, our Priest, Diane, our Deacon, Joe, our music director and for all the clergy and people. For those who are preparing to be washed by the waters of Baptism, especially Vivian, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For your holy Catholic Church, especially the Montgomery Deanery and The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Brandywine Deanery and St. John’s Compass, Gap, and our community of St. Francis-in-the-Fields; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the President of the United States and leaders of all nations, and for all in authority. For Willistown Township, our various communities, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Philip, Noah, Cindy, Laura, Julie, Sue, Kathryn, and Harold. 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.

The congregation observes a period of silence, after which spontaneous prayers are invited.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, 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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MEDITATION MUSIC: Meditation

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 A

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might (x2)

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Hymnal 313

- 1 Let thy Blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord, of thy boundless love the token.

Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

- 2 Thou didst die that I might live; blessèd Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give Jesus by his sorrows gave me.

Refrain

- 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.

Refrain

- 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King, of thy matchless love forgive me.

Refrain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Creator, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended Hymnal 158

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.
- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.
- 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
- 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

DISMISSAL

Please Note: This Sunday, as we begin the pilgrimage of Holy Week, please exit the service in silence. You are welcome to remain in the Nave to hear the postlude, or for meditation and prayer. Fr. Kevin will greet guests and visitors during coffee hour in the Undercroft.

CHORAL POSTLUDE: Herzliebster Jesu

Johannes Brahms

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

For our final hymn and postlude we will be singing and hearing the classic hymn *Herliebster Jesu*. The original text was written by Johann Heermann. Heermann was a Lutheran pastor during a terribly difficult time period in Germany. The Thirty Years War was catastrophic in terms of destruction and death. Heermann had to flee from his church multiple times! Often he would need to leave behind all of his earthly possessions. Despite composing most of his hymn texts during the 30 years war, Heermann was eternally hopeful and strong of faith. The basis of this text is likely from Jean de Fecamp, who was usually misattributed as St. Augustine himself.

The postlude is a chorale setting of this hymn by my favorite composer, Johannes Brahms. Brahms had a personal story of loss throughout his biography often leaving him in a state of melancholy. Of course this sadness is expressed in his music which contains some of the most beautiful expressions of sadness. His Eleven Chorale Preludes were one of the last pieces he composed in his life. They were inspired by the death of Brahms' close personal friend (and unrequited love) Clara Schumann. As we transition into Holy Week, use this piece to reflect on the sacrifice and loss that is the journey towards Good Friday. It only makes the celebration of Easter even more exuberant.

The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris

The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, was the first woman to be ordained a bishop in the Episcopal Church of the United States – indeed, in its parent body, the worldwide Anglican Communion. She was born in Philadelphia in 1930.

Ms. Harris served as suffragan, or assistant, bishop of the Massachusetts diocese from 1989 until her retirement in 2002. Her election in 1988 [caused turmoil](#) both in the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion, an international family of 46 autonomous churches that includes the Church of England. She even faced death threats. For her consecration as bishop, on Feb. 11, 1989, at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, the Boston police offered her a bulletproof vest to wear. Ms. Harris declined.

In a church whose parishioners have included about a quarter of American presidents and business titans like J.P. Morgan and Henry Ford, Ms. Harris pressed for the integration of historically segregated parishes – she was an early member of the Union of Black Episcopalians, founded in 1968 – and called for greater numbers of women in the clergy.

This story is shared in today's bulletin as a way of honoring Women's History Month.

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ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 24, 2024

Services of Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday	March 24	Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist: 8am/10am
Maundy Thursday	March 28	<i>Agape Meal</i> & Stripping of the Altar: 7pm
Good Friday	March 29	Solemn Vigil: 12pm
Holy Saturday	March 30	Great Vigil of Easter: 7pm
Easter Sunday	March 31	Holy Eucharist: 8am/10am; Easter Egg Hunt follows

March 26: Brown Bag Lunch

Our next BBL is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 26th.** Our speaker will be Lisa Eckenrode from Main Line Health and she will be talking about **Fall Prevention**. Attendees will learn how to identify controllable risks and make changes to reduce fall risks at home, etc.

March 27: Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends will meet in person, in the library, on **Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 pm**. If you are unable to join us in person but would still like to participate, packets can be prepared for pickup or delivery as needed.

March 28: Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & with Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

The first day of the “Paschal Triduum” – the three days encompassing the Last Supper, Jesus’ trial and death, and his resurrection at Easter - is Maundy Thursday. This year our celebration of Maundy Thursday will take place in the Parish Hall, and include a simple meal and fellowship and a service of foot washing and Holy Eucharist, followed by the Stripping of the Altar. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to give an idea of how many to expect. Anyone, however, is welcome to attend.

March 31: Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for an Easter egg hunt after the 10 am service on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Bring a basket or bag to gather eggs. All children are welcome!

Beginning April 2nd - Enneagram Growth Group

Next Month, Kevin & Donna Dellaria will begin hosting an ongoing, monthly, small-group discussion on Enneagram reflection and practice. This small group is open anyone who has taken the foundational Enneagram course, *The Enneagram Journey*. The group will meet on the 1st Tuesdays of each month, from 6pm to 8pm, at the Dellarias’ home in Paoli. For more information, contact Fr. Kevin or Donna Dellaria (donnadellaria@gmail.com)

Beginning April 15th - Small Group Study (April & May)

You are invited to join with John & Nina Whitnah and Meridith & Tom Ridington as they journey through the Lord's Prayer. "Lord, teach us to Pray: a Study of the Lord's Prayer" will take place on six successive Monday evenings from April 15 until May 20. We will meet at 7-8:30 pm at the Ridingtons’ home (15 Valley Creek Road, Malvern). Space is limited to 16 participants. Please reach out to Tom Ridington (mtr19355@gmail.com) or John Whitnah (rev.whitnah@gmail.com) to register your interest in attending.

April 14: Organ Dedication Concert

The Organ Dedication Concert is set for Sunday, April 14th at 4:00 PM. This concert will feature both solo pieces and pieces for organ and choir. The choir would like to invite any one who is interested in singing to join the **2024 St. Francis Festival Choir**. We will be singing three very fun anthems for the choir and organ to perform together.

If you are interested in joining the choir for this opportunity, please contact Joe Perry during church or by e-mail at jr.perry@me.com.

April 18: Brandywine Deanery “Virtual” Plenary

What is a “Deanery”? How does it play a role in the life of the Diocese? How can the churches of the Deanery and Diocese work together for mission and ministry? Fr. Kevin Dellaria, Dean of the Brandywine Deanery will host the first “Virtual Plenary” meeting of the Brandywine Deanery on Thursday, April 18th, from 7pm to 8pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom, and anyone interested in the work of the Deanery and/or the Diocese is encouraged to attend. To register, or for more information, email Fr. Kevin at frkevin@stfrancisfields.org, or contact the St. Francis office.

TOUR OF CHESTER COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY CENTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 – NOON-1 PM

The Chester County 9-1-1 Communication Center operates around the clock, providing essential services to the citizens of Chester County. Their dedicated staff handles over **1,000 emergency calls daily**, which include everything from urgent requests for assistance to coordinating responses for police, fire, rescue, and ambulance services. To learn more about the 9-1-1 Emergency Center and what happens when someone places a call, please join us on **Wednesday, April 17th**. **A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and the tour is limited to 20 attendees.**

Altar Flowers

Please sign up for altar flowers in the book in the back of the church. The donation for the flowers is \$50. If you have questions contact Pam Hudson, pchudson715@gmail.com.

NAMI Resources and Training

Over the last year, St. Francis has been building a relationship with the Chester County branch of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Two members of St. Francis, Mike and Susan Lenkaitis, are now undergoing training with NAMI for future acts of ministry in through that organization. Is God calling you as well? For information on mental health support groups, trainings, and other opportunities with NAMI, please visit www.namichescopa.org.

Expanding Our Online Community:
Follow, Like, and Share for a Stronger Connection!

We encourage the St. Francis community to participate in our social media journey. By following us on Instagram (@st_francis_in_the_fields) and Facebook (/St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church), you not only stay in the loop with our events but also become part of a thriving online community that celebrates faith, love, and fellowship. Your clicks matter – every 'like', 'share' and 'follow' helps amplify the message of hope that we, as a church family, hold dear. If your ministry has a message to share, please contact Cindy Claffey (cindyclaffey@gmail.com) or Noel Dutton (duttondn4@gmail.com).

Ministry to Refugees

To do more for refugees, **please visit nscphila.org** where you'll find many opportunities to donate your services or contribute goods to persons in need. Sign up for NSC's newsletter to get periodic updates on what you can do to help. For future furniture pickups, send photos to John Groch at 610-547-3583.

This week we pray for: Andrew, Joan Corr, Hortense Gordon, Gretchen Hall, Olene Carmack, Dorothy Langton, Skip Lewis, Matt, Shane Smith, Bill Spane, Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne & Bill Speaker, Shelley Steel, Tom & Grace, Julie, The Partridge Family.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week especially Philip Taylor, Noah Alconera, Cindy Claffey, Laura Petersen, Julie Alconera, Sus Nangle, Kathryn Ackerman, and Harold Vanasse. 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.

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday – Friday

The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria, *Rector*

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Our Vestry:

Anne Crowley, *Rector's Warden*; Nancy Needhammer, *Accounting Warden*;

Kathy Schilling, *Secretary*; Susan Lenkaitis, Sherri Lewis, Susan Nangle, Ed Damerau,

Roberta Torian, John Groch, John McGovern

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	March 24	March 31
Acolytes 10	Paige Dutton, Noah Alconera Lana Alconera	Charlotte Goff Charlotte Ackerman Luca Barbato
Altar Guild	Christine Schnackenberg Laura O'Brien	Jane Brooks, Sheila Rees
Flower Guild	Mahala Renkey	Sharon Fernandes
Flower Delivery	Roberta Torian	~
Intercessor 10	Kathy Schilling	Jane Brooks
Readers 10	David Culver, Paul Faison, Connie Scanga, Jim Crowley, Jane Brooks, Dave Dutton, Shelley Steel, Steve Castellan, Deacon Diane Faison, Fr. Kevin, Ed Damerau, Paige Dutton	David Culver, Steve Castellan Charlotte Ackerman
Reader 8	Donna Geiger	Carolyn Brown
Oblation Bearers 10	Pam Hudson	Shelley Steele
Coffee Hour 10	Pam Hudson	~
Greeter/Usher 10	Mike & Sue Lenkaitis	John McGovern, Mike Quinn
Audio/Visual 10	Mike Quinn	Everett Warren
Recycling Team	Tim & Sue Kelly	Josiah Dellaria
Vestry Member of the Week	Roberta Torian 610-715-2270	John McGovern 610-331-9964