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# St. Francis Episcopal Church

## Weekly Communiqué

### May 1, 2024

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*"Somewhere on this crowded planet, in a place I have never been before and will never visit in my lifetime, someone I do not know and will never meet has just said a prayer in a language I do not understand as an expression of faith in a religion I do not accept. And yet, the prayer was for me. Please bless all those who are in need, the stranger prayed, and that includes me. The wonder of faith is not that we all agree, but that we all care, even when we are strangers. So I return the prayer: please bless all who are in need. All, please, not some: for they are praying for me as I pray for them."*

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston

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### Join us for Worship!

1st Sunday of the the Month at 8 am  
(in-person only)

Every Sunday: 10 am (in-person & live-streamed)

[Click HERE to join us on Facebook](#)

[Click HERE to join us on ZOOM](#)





## Pastoral Care

If you would like to receive Holy Communion, in one or both kinds, at home AND/OR are in need of pastoral care, please don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Ayden!

Click on Rev. Ayden's picture to send them an email.

**My office hours a bit different for the week of 5/6.** Please note the changes for solely this specific week in **bolded pink**:

**Mon: Work from Home**

Tues & Weds: 8:30-1:30 pm

**Thurs: 8:30-12:00 pm**

Fri: Sabbath

## ATTENTION:

THERE WILL BE NO "Coffee with the Cleric" on Monday, May 6th.



## Submissions to Communiqué!

The Communiqué will now be sent out weekly via Email. If you have events, notices, etc. that you would like to have in the weekly Communiqué, please email submissions to **Rev. Ayden** by Tuesday, 5 pm. Anything received after Tuesday at 5 pm will go in the next week's Communiqué.

## ALERT! EMAIL CHANGES! ALERT!

**St. Francis is changing email providers!** This will be a **slow** transition. However, to begin this process, please note the following changes so that you can begin to program these contacts into your phones/email accounts:

**"Contactus@stfrancisdunellen.org" will change to:**

Stfrancisdunellen@gmail.com



**Rev. Ayden's email address will now be:**

RevApetrone@gmail.com

**PLEASE READ:** There are many email scams being sent out impersonating clergy. Please note that I, Rev. Ayden, will **NEVER** ask you for money, favors, gifts, etc. by email. I will also not send vague emails asking for you to contact me or email me back for no apparent reason.

## Celebrations this Week!

### Birthdays:

Anthony DeRogatis

Karen Baker

Brianna Tirado

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Vito Pelliccia, Jr.

Derek Staats

### Confirmation Anniversaries

Kelsey Pelliccia

Nancy Crowther

David Doll

Dawn Mayer

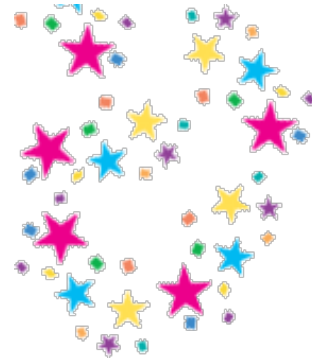
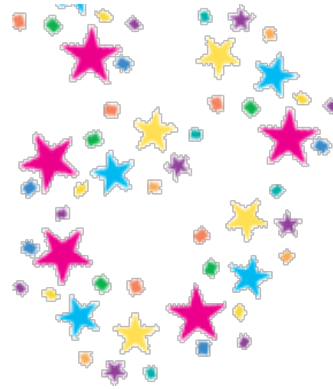
Gerriane Breck

Joanthan Parmelee

Larry Quirk

Laura Breck

Xiomara Mitchell



## A Special Congratulations goes to...

Our very own, Michelle Klastava, who was awarded Teacher of the Year for Piscataway Public Schools! Woot Woot!

Thank you for all you do for today's youth.

Congratulations on such a well deserved award!





**With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:**

**For those on our hearts and in our minds:**

Audrey, Gloria, Errol, Rev. Jean-Louis Felix, Clyde, Barbara, Sally

**For those who have died:**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We prayer for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

The Revs: Frederick S. Baldwin, George L. Campbell, Jacob David, Johan Johnson, E. F. Michael Morgan, Ph.D, Wectnick Paul, Dr. Leslie Smith, Mary Ruth Stone, The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell, Refugee Response Teams, Members and Ministry of the Environmental Commission, The Ven. Dcn. Carol Ann Pepe, The Rev. Dcns: Henry P. Bristol, II, Janet Daniels, Carlton Dunn, Sally B. Maurer, Canon Clive Sang The Ven. Dcn. Theodore A. Foley, Members and Ministry of the Planned Giving Committee, The Rev. Patricia D. Pierce

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**Join us for Prayer!**

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**Click [HERE](#) to access  
Contemplative Prayer  
on Zoom**

**Contemplative Prayer**

Every Tuesday at 3 pm via Zoom. All are welcome.

**Click [HERE](#) to access  
Compline Prayer on  
Zoom**

**Compline Prayer w/Ayden**

Every Wednesday 7:00 pm via Zoom. All are welcome!

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# Liturgical Schedules and Calendars

Date/Role	On-Site Usher	Camera	Acoloyte/ Chalice	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Prayers of the People	Counter(s)
May 5th	Laura	Gerrianne	Gabbie/ Byrch	Kate	Robert	Cynthia	Marie	Rilette, Cynthia
May 12th	Chris	Vin	Jaeden, Byrch	Larry	Chris	Pam	Kate	Larry, Kathy
May 19th	Pam	Gerrianne	Byrch	Princess	Pam	Grace	Laura	Marie, Michelle
May 26th	Laura	Vin	Byrch	Pam	Laura	Pam	Princess	Grace, Olivia

[Click HERE to Access the Church Calendar](#)

## This Week's Altar Flowers

Altar flowers given in recognition of Episcopal Community Services-NJ by the vestry.



## Let us know what you want!

What activities would you like to participate in as a congregation?

[Service projects outside of the church \(ex. Building a house for Habitat for Humanity\)](#)

[Do a guided retreat at a monastery](#)

[Attend a class taught by Rev. Ayden](#)

[I have other ideas that I want to talk about](#)

[I don't want to participate in any activities](#)

[Join Us!](#)

Mass on the Grass & Pot Luck Picnic!

Questions? Email Cynthia by clicking the green button below!

[Email Cynthia](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

MASS ON THE GRASS  
ANNUAL POT LUCK  
PICNIC



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## The Write Stuff: Parish Pieces

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**May's Healthy Bits**  
By Chris Colwell

[Click HERE to access May's Healthy Bits](#)



**Poems to Ponder**  
By Michelle Klastava

[Click HERE to access May's Poems to Ponder](#)

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## Community, Outreach, & Donation Needs

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## 31st Annual Piscataway Street Fair

**When:** Saturday, June 8th, 10-4

**Where:** Stockton St. behind the YMCA

**Why you should come:** Food, Giveaways & FUN!

**What you can do:** VOLUNTEER! Help is needed!

Contact Heather Nunes for more info!

[Contact Heather](#)



## Coffee & Crafts

Many thanks to our crafters and to those who took part in the series!! Big thank you to Princess Thomas for coming up with the idea!

### Crafters

Larry Quirk

Grace McDougal

Natalie Edwards & Heather Nunes

Amy Myzie

If you have any ideas for future demonstrations, contact Heather Nunes.

[Contact Heather](#)

## A Civic Duty? You don't say!

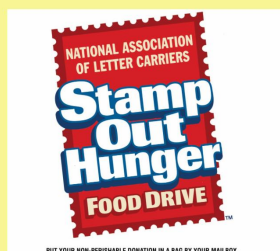
Indeed, voting is a civic duty and the primaries are just around the corner!

Please make sure that you register to vote, if you have not already registered. **The deadline to register is MAY 14th!**

Click the picture to venture on over to the NJ Division of Elections where you will find all you need to know about voting registration!



**Saturday,  
May 11th**



## Donating Food has NEVER been Easier!

The National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting non-perishable foods on Saturday, May 11th at YOUR mailbox!

So easy!

*Please click on the picture to learn more about the food drive and how you can help!*



## St. Paul's Food Pantry

St. Paul Lutheran Church continues to accept non-perishable foods.

April's Needs: Peanut Butter, Jelly

Thank you to ALL who continue to donate!

***Click the picture to learn more!***

## Fresh Start Period Initiative

Menstrual products, as well as children's diapers and pull-ups, are expensive as many of us know. Unsurprisingly, there is a HUGE need.

***Click the picture to learn more!***



There is a bin in the Narthex labeled for this collection. Please consider donating these basic-need items. Thank you to ALL who continue to donate!



## Plainfield Area Humane Society

The Humane Society continues to accept our donations of wet and dry pet food and is always in need of more.

Please consider donating additional items as well, such as small blankets and towels. Thank you to ALL who continue to donate!

***Click the picture to learn more!***

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## April Dunellen Community Events

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What's Happening in Dunellen...

**Click HERE for the Dunellen  
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[Click HERE for More Community Events](#)

## Links of Interest

[St. Francis Facebook](#)

[St. Francis Homepage](#)

[Episcopal Diocese of NJ](#)

[The Episcopal Church](#)

[The Worldwide Anglican Communion](#)

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