

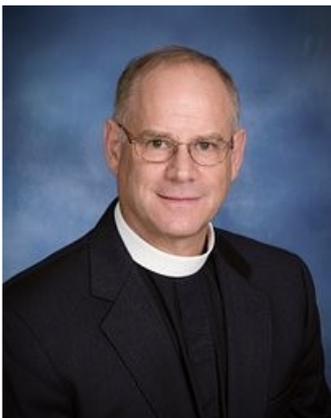


† ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMUNIQUE

May 2019

The Newsletter for St. Francis, Dunellen

A Letter from Fr. Jack Zamboni, Rector



Fr. Jack Zamboni

Dear Friends in the Resurrection,

A bit over a year ago, I was approached by a member of St. Francis about starting a second AA group to meet here (we've long hosted a group on Wednesday nights). This group would have a specialized focus within the AA tradition that this parishioner had found very helpful in her

own recovery journey and wanted to share with others. With the consent of the Vestry, permission was granted.

On Easter Monday this year, I received the email below from this parishioner which I share with her permission.

Hi Father Jack!

I wanted to drop you a note to say Thank You. Tomorrow our Big Book Step Study group (meets Mon nights in Milbank Hall) celebrates 1 year!

I often think back to your initial response when I asked if we could rent the hall. You said: "Would love to have you do this and privileged to have our space used for this life-changing work."

I want you to know that we have indeed changed lives in this last 12 months. About 17 people have done the inventory work that our Big Book focuses on, and as a result, have had a Spiritual Experience with God and are living life driven by God's direction instead of self-propulsion.

Personally, my life has been enriched since embarking

on this journey a year ago. I sponsored several women this past year, and one has her sponsee now attending our meeting! It is amazing to watch that miracle unfold before my eyes.

I am grateful to have use of Millbank Hall and grateful to have you and St. Francis in my life.

This was a wonderful gift to receive, and perfectly timed for the start of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. For what our sister in Christ is talking about is resurrection, lives being made new by God. In this most joyous season of the Church Year, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection – but not *just* Jesus' resurrection. For if his resurrection isn't also about resurrection in our lives – here and now, not just after we die – then I'm not sure what the point of it is.

Death and resurrection are what Richard Rohr calls the *Universal Pattern*, built by God into the universe from the beginning, revealed definitively in Jesus. Death, suffering, loss, unmanageable lives (as folks in AA say) – these are part of the human condition. But so, too, are renewal and rebirth, because that's who God is and what God does and has done, from the moment of Creation to the Resurrection of Jesus to our lives, here and now.

This parishioner was full of gratitude in telling me about the work of resurrection happening in her AA Group. So here is my question for you – where is resurrection happening in your life? Where is God bringing renewal and rebirth for you? Where is something new sprouting up where something old had died? Where are hope, joy, love and gratitude alive for you? Is it in your work, school, family, hobby, relationships, prayer? Wherever that is for you, God is working resurrection in your life.

Now, it's possible you don't experience any of that

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right now. Our individual lives don't always track the Church Year well. Maybe at the moment it feels more like you're in the middle of Lent or Holy Week. Life may feel dark, fearful, dry, fruitless; God may seem distant or absent. If so, don't try to talk yourself out of what you're experiencing at present (you probably couldn't even if you tried). You may need to pass through some dying before resurrection will become real – that's part of the universal pattern, too.

But if you find yourself somewhere in Lent, keep up hope. Easter is coming. The promise of resurrection will be fulfilled again for you in God's time and yours. Because resurrection is who God is and what God does.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Jack +

A Walk Through the Hebrew Scriptures



Fr. Frank Hubbard will offer a free adult education experience, "**A Walk Through the Hebrew Scriptures**" on Saturday, May 4 from 9 am - 3 pm in Milbank Hall. This offering is in response to the desire expressed at the end of last Easter Season's retreat for more teaching about the Bible.

It is open to parishioners and any other interested persons. There will be a sign-up sheet available. The church will provide coffee and welcome snacks. Participants are invited to bring bag lunches, Bibles, curiosity, and questions. There will be Bibles available for those who don't bring their own.

From Deacon Marge



April 15, 2019

To all at St. Francis' –

My, but I do miss you all. I'm still in awe at the incredible send-off you gave me. That was totally unexpected. It is something I will always treasure, and for which I will be eternally grateful. I'm also so thankful to everyone who helped clean out my NJ house. I couldn't have managed it without you.

Moving has been far more traumatic than I expected, though the move itself went well. In fact, I received a call from the trucker the day he was to arrive that he was ahead of schedule, and could he unload now? Sure – only problem: I was at the lawyer's office closing on the house, and didn't own the house yet!

I now know it will be months before I feel 'at home'. Surprising frustrations have been many: kitchen cupboards that are too low to hang my knife rack underneath; shelves that are not high enough to hold a box of cereal upright, nor deep enough to put it on its side; no fan in the bathroom (and that is the *only* room in the house without an overhead light, so I can't install one easily), drawers that are only 8 ½ in. wide (so my utensil holder doesn't fit). There is no medicine cabinet (the prior owners took it with them). The light switch to the kitchen is at the back door, which means if I enter through the front door, I have to go through the dining area to the other end of the kitchen to turn it on. Why there isn't a 2-way switch near each door is beyond me. I went to put towels under the

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bath cabinet, only to discover that the water line runs *along* the shelf, not out the back...??? Huh? "Lord, help me deal with today's surprises."

I turned on the self-cleaning oven, it finished, I opened the door, but the latch stayed in the 'clean' position so I can't *close* the oven door. The cost of a part to fix it, and the fact that the cooktop is well worn, means...a new stove. (Actually, I'm not terribly upset with that.) The ice cube dispenser dispenses only crushed ice, no matter which button is pushed. I hope Pat (my daughter Becky's fiancé) can solve that problem.

I'm staying with Becky and Pat still, since I can't cook, don't have a washer/dryer (which I knew), can't set up the internet/phone since boxes are piled in front of the phone jack. As of yesterday I found enough bedding to be able to sleep, and should be able to shower at home by tomorrow. I hope to move in before Maundy Thursday even if it will be more like camping. I can still use the washer/dryer and internet at Becky's for the time being. I have one end of the table and one chair to sit on. (The rest of the furniture still has boxes in front of them.) Patrick has been a great help in putting up shelving in the pantry, utility closet, and huge walk in closets in the bedrooms, but he only has Saturdays to help.

The piles of boxes are beginning to get lower - they towered to the ceiling, and only Pat could lift them down as they were of books and china, cast iron cookware, etc. Unfortunately, the movers first brought in the bookcases, **then** piled the boxes of books in front of them...so even though I emptied the boxes, there were no shelves to put them on. Grrrrr. The living room is nearly impassable now because of all the empty, cut down boxes. Now...what to do with those? One thing at a time.

This is definitely 'low church' country. At the church 3 minutes from me on Palm Sunday: there was no blessing of the palms (although there was a basket of palm crosses that got pinned to one's clothing), and no festival procession. This is the second time I was in this church. So far, no one has introduced themselves, nor did I see a guest book, and the rector disappeared after the services. So much for "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You". They need a COME! Committee! They only plan on Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, no Reserved Sacrament on the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday and no Easter Vigil.

I did find a higher church in downtown Greenville (17 min. from my house, the same distance as SF) I intend to visit there during the Triduum. On Easter morning (they call it "Easter Sunday, the Sunday of the Resurrection" which is absolutely correct) they will be "digging up the Alleluias". J At St. Martin's in Bridgewater where I served before coming to SF, the children carried out the Alleluias during the recessional the Sunday. before Lent (each carried a flag with "Alleluia" printed on it), but they weren't 'buried'! This will be interesting.

This is the only church in the area to list all the Holy Week services I'm accustomed to. I'm hoping it will be 'high' in liturgy, but modern in theology, but I have my doubts. Becky tells me it's the oldest church in Greenville. I wrote to the rector because in driving by I couldn't find any place to park. I received a lovely reply. Becky tells me he is the only Episcopal clergy person in the area that bothered to contact her after her request to churches for volunteers at the assisted living facility where she is activities director. The Baptists responded in droves. Becky has met and likes him, and said "That is the only church I would consider going to."

There are several other churches about 30 minutes from the house. Becky suggested the one in Clemson (30 minutes away) but I wonder how they would react to my 'Michigan Alumni' license plate. I'm pretty sure God will give me a nudge in my search, one way or the other. Then again, it's really all up to the bishop as to where I might be able to serve as Deacon, and I have yet to meet him.

If I had time, I would keep a journal of what a move after 39+ years is like. Maybe later...

I miss you all, and keep thinking of 'what is going on now at SF?' especially during the Palm Sunday service. I imagine as I write this that Fr. Jack and crew are in the process of rearranging the pews and setting up for the Triduum and Easter. Happy memories. Have a glass of champagne for me at the Easter Feast!

May you have a most Holy and Blessed Easter!

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Peace and Blessings to you ALL!
Dcn. Marge



OUTREACH

Outreach coordinator: Pam Maiolo

Fish Hospitality—Thanks to those who provided food & fellowship for our support dinner (coordinated by Xiomara) at Christ United Methodist Church on April 3rd. Our next support dinner is on May 23 at 5:30pm. Watch for the sign up sheet in the narthex.

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United Thank Offering—Thanks to those who have contributed to our special Lenten collection. All monies received will be presented on May 25th at 10am at Christ Church, Toms River. This year’s diocesan Episcopal Church Women’s Ingathering will be a potluck picnic. Our total giving amount will be reported in next month’s Communique.

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Grace’s Kitchen—Our next date to serve at this local soup kitchen is Memorial Day, May 27th. Join us at 10:30am to prepare the luncheon meal that is served at 11:30am and ends at 1pm. Grace’s Kitchen is located at Grace Episcopal Church, 600 Cleveland Ave., Plainfield, NJ. Any questions or concerns, please speak with Pam Maiolo.

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FISH, Inc.—Suggested donations for May are canned and jarred fruit. All non perishable food is welcome. Please check expiration dates. Collection of seasonal clothing also continues throughout the year. The donated clothing can be placed in the box near the front entryway.

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Eyeglass Collection—Our collection of all types of eyeglasses (sunglasses, adults, children’s, prescription & non prescription) continues. All are given to the local Lion’s Club for their Recycle for Sight program. Collection bucket is on the narthex back table.

FISH Donations



Serving Middlesex, Union, and Somerset Counties in New Jersey

Donation suggestion for this month:

May: *Canned/jarred fruit*

All donations are welcome! Please check expiration dates.

The collections basket is located in the narthex.

Monthly FISH Donation

2018/2019

<u>JULY</u> Juice	<u>AUGUST</u> Peanut Butter / Jelly	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> Cereal Cold / Hot
<u>OCTOBER</u> Canned/Dry Dog/Cat Food	<u>NOVEMBER</u> Canned Vegetables	<u>DECEMBER</u> Milk Powdered or Parmalat box
<u>JANUARY</u> Pasta / Sauce	<u>FEBRUARY</u> Canned Tuna / Meats	<u>MARCH</u> Rice & Beans
<u>APRIL</u> FISH Hospitality Donation (TBA)	<u>MAY</u> Canned / Jarred Fruit	<u>JUNE</u> Your choice

- The suggestions for each month are just suggestions for donation. You may give any food or personal product at any time.
- Please remember to check expiration dates on the food that you donate. All products with expired dates will be discarded.
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

STEWARDSHIP GET INVOLVED!



Sharing our time, treasure, and talent with others.

Stewardship is sharing the gifts God has given us.

A WALK THROUGH THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

May 4 @ 9am—3pm

Join Fr. Frank Hubbard for this adult education opportunity. Details are on page 2 of this *Communique*.

ECW ANNUAL UTO INGATHERING AND ANNUAL MEETING PICNIC

May 25 @ 10am

Details are on page 10 of this *Communique*.

GRACE'S KITCHEN

May 27 @ 10:30am—1pm

Lunch preparation begins at 10:30am and serving to guests concludes at 1pm. Grace Episcopal Church, Plainfield. For more info, contact Pam Maiolo.



HOST COFFEE HOUR

**Sundays after 10am service
2nd Sunday after 8am service**
Fellowship after Sunday services is a time-honored tradition, and a great way to connect with your fellow parishioners and new comers. Volunteers are needed to provide beverages and light refreshments. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. To learn more, see Cynthia Pelliccia for 10am service, or Carline Sinckler for 8am service.

Save the Date! June 8th! St. Francis' Annual Yard Sale Opportunities

We will be holding our Yard Sale in the Church parking lot as part of the Dunellen Town-Wide Garage Sale on June 8th (Rain Date June 15th).

You can help support our Church and help yourself in three ways.

1. Donate any usable items for us to sell with all proceeds going to St. Francis. These items can be brought to the Church starting now and up to the date of the sale. Please contact either Larry Quirk (Qman1900@gmail.com) or Elaine Patania (elai15@aol.com) to make arrangements for items to be dropped off.

2. Rent a table to sell your own treasures for \$20/table.

Either way it is a Win-Win situation as you can de-clutter and the Church makes some money.

3. You can tell your friends and social media pals to join you and shop at the Yard Sale. One person's trash is another person's treasure!

Health Bits with Chris Cowell

Let Your Yoga Dance will be offered on May 19 beginning at 12:00 noon. This is a wonderful offering to all to enjoy the chance to relax and get in touch with your spiritual, calm side. Did you know Yoga can offer some health and life benefits? Yoga has been shown to increase flexibility, increase muscle strength and tone, improve respiration, energy, and vitality, decrease stress, relieve anxiety, and promote better sleep quality. LYYD can help you blend calmness of mind with spirituality of soul.

Please join us for a very relaxing, uplifting session!

Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of New Jersey (ECW) Present...

Let Your Yoga Dance



*A moving celebration of Spirit
A place where fun and joy meet deep and sacred
LYYD is for Every Body
No Yoga or Dance experience required
For the very young and old alike
All yoga dance can be done from a chair*



The mission of LYYD is to spread joy and consciousness throughout the world by transmitting brain health, body health, heart health and soul health. The day's activities will be presented by Jane Hager & Janice Higgins. Light refreshments will be available.

When: May 19, 2019 @ 12:00 p.m.

Where: St. Francis' Episcopal Church, (Milbank Hall) 400 New Market Road, Dunellen 08812.

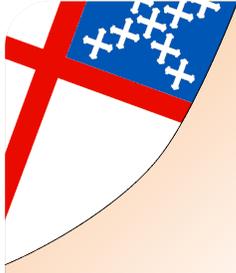
Suggested free will donation to ECW: \$5 per person

RSVP/Questions to:

Elaine Patania at: elai15@aol.com or (732) 968-6781

Registration requested by May 12th





EVENT CALENDAR and LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 11:30am Mid-week Worship 7:30pm A.A.	2	3	4
5 3rd Sunday of Easter 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist	6 7:30pm A.A.	7	8 11:30am Mid-week Worship 7:30pm A.A.	9 7pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 4th Sunday of Easter 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist	13 7:30pm A.A.	14	15 11:30am Mid-week Worship 7:30pm A.A.	16	17	18
19 5th Sunday of Easter 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist	20 7:30pm A.A.	21 7pm Vestry Meeting	22 11:30am Mid-week Worship 7:30pm A.A.	23	24	25
26 6th Sunday of Easter 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist	27 10:30am Grace's Kitchen 7:30pm A.A.	28	29 11:30am Mid-week Worship 7:30pm A.A.	30 Ascension Day	31	June 1

Worship Schedule:

Holy Eucharist—Sundays, 8:00am

Holy Eucharist, Sunday School, & Nursery – Sundays, 10:00am

Mid-week Service – Wednesdays, 11:30am

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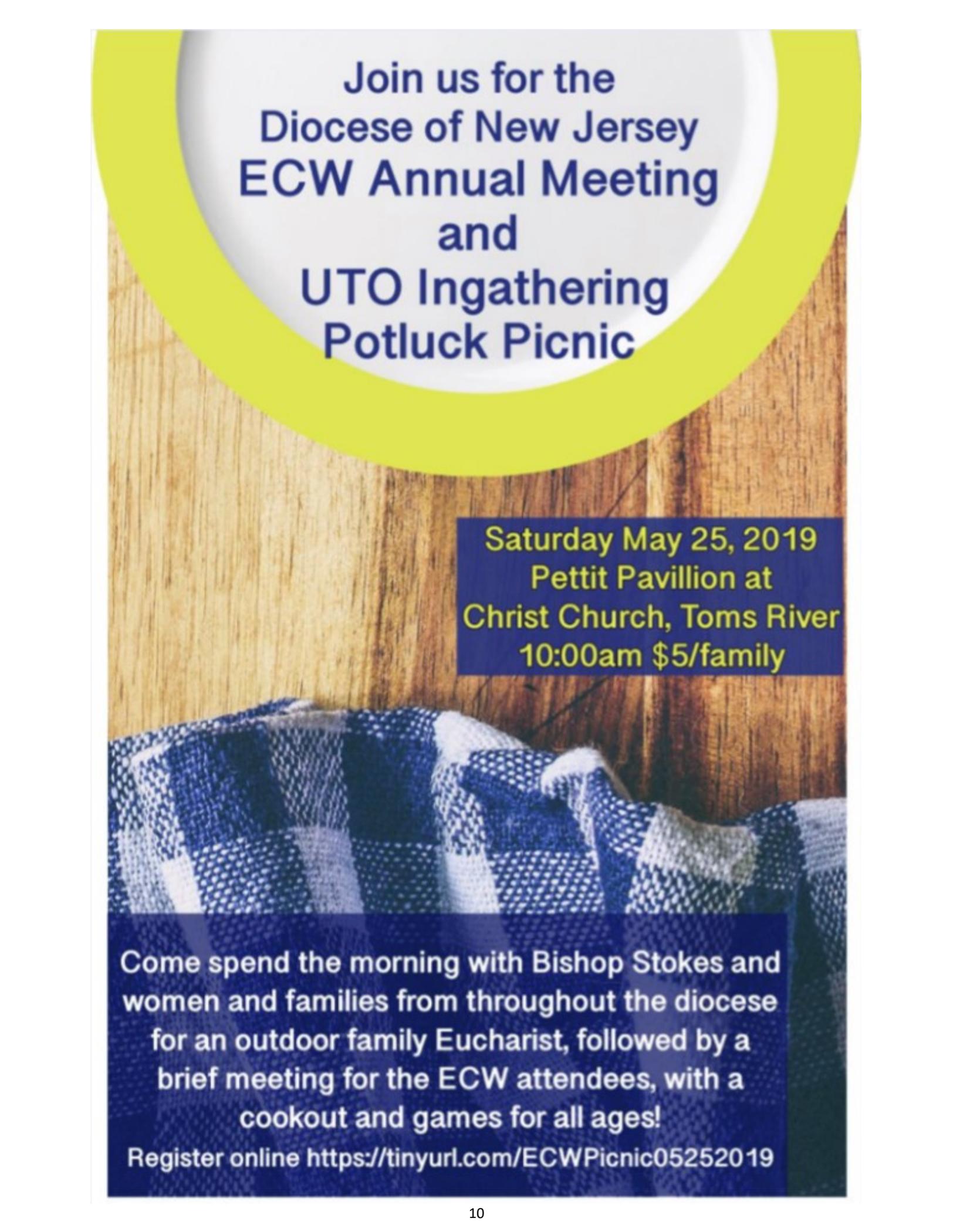
St. Francis Liturgical Schedule

May 2019

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	LECTORS	CHALICERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETER	COUNTERS
<i>8:00 AM Service</i>							
05/05	*	Ilia S.	*	Paul S.	Sharon B.	*	*
05/12	*	Paul S.	*	David Doll	Ilia S.	COFFEE BREAK	*
05/19	*	Alan B. Sharon B.	*	Paul S.	Carroll W.	*	*
05/26	*	Carroll W.	*	David Doll	Paul S.	*	*
<i>10:00 AM Service</i>							
05/05	Pam M. Barbara D.	Rillette H. Sam M.	Tiffany O. Hilary C.	Connor D. Avery D. Jaeden P.	Elaine P. Tom P.	Audrey J.	Ava P. David D. Xiomara M.
05/12	Pam W. Gail S.	Princess T. Kathy B.	Kia P. Elaine P.	Jayden P. Gabrielle P. Robert P.	Pam M. Arthur M. Cynthia P. Larry Q.	Ava P.	Larry Q. Anna T.
05/19	Audrey J. Nathalie E. Sharon B.	Nancy D. Pam M.	Tiffany O. Hilary C.	Everette P. Maddie P. Catherine P.	Cynthia P. Larry Q.	Heather N.	Cynthia P. Karen B.
05/26	Princess T. Karen W.	Elaine P. Larry Q.	Kia P. Princess T.	Jayden P. Jaeden P. AJ K.	Sam M. Karen W.	Barbara D.	Amy M. David Doll Paul S.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking to increase our roster of *Greeters* (who greet people in the narthex before the service), *Ushers* (who hand out bulletins, take collections and bring gifts to the altar) and *Lectors* (who read the Scriptures and lead the Prayer of the People) and *Altar Guild* members (who prepare the church for worship each week). Training is offered for people serving in these roles. To learn more, speak to Fr. Jack or Laura Breck (lbreck@verizon.net) and Pam Maiolo for Altar Guild.



**Join us for the
Diocese of New Jersey
ECW Annual Meeting
and
UTO Ingathering
Potluck Picnic**

**Saturday May 25, 2019
Pettit Pavillion at
Christ Church, Toms River
10:00am \$5/family**

Come spend the morning with Bishop Stokes and women and families from throughout the diocese for an outdoor family Eucharist, followed by a brief meeting for the ECW attendees, with a cookout and games for all ages!

Register online <https://tinyurl.com/ECWPicnic05252019>



CELEBRATIONS

May 2019

Birthdays:

05/02 Anthony DeRogatis, Jr.
05/04 Karen Baker
05/07 Julien Greene
05/07 Brianna Tirado
05/09 Nikolai Powis
05/11 Jordan DeAndrea
05/13 Mihwa Palmieri
05/15 Derek Palmieri
05/17 Elaine Patania
05/18 Joanne Mathew
05/19 Pete Telesco
05/21 Gregg Palmieri
05/22 Gary Neal
05/23 Xavier Smith
05/24 Jonathan Parmelee
05/26 Madelynn Pfeiffer
05/28 Jordan Villa-Chauvin
05/29 Antenor Villa-Chauvin

Baptism:

05/01 Vito Pelliccia, Jr.
05/03 Carol Gold
05/13 Margaret Forsythe
05/18 Kelsey Pelliccia
05/18 Blessy Mathew
05/20 Liliana Kolarick
05/27 Avery Dunham
05/30 Jack Zamboni

Confirmation:

05/03 Nancy Crowther
05/03 Kelsey Pelliccia
05/07 Dawn Mayer
05/07 David Doll
05/07 Carol Gold
05/07 Monique Phua
05/07 Kia Phua
05/07 Branden Villa-Chauvin
05/07 Laura Breck
05/07 Gerrienne Breck
05/07 Xiomara Mitchell
05/07 Larry Quirk
05/07 Jonathan Parmelee
05/10 Barbara Kolarick
05/11 Heather Nunes
05/20 Princess Thomas
05/22 David Magee
05/27 Gregory Myzie
05/27 Arielle Baker
05/27 Ashley Thomas
05/27 Kaitlyn Meyer
05/27 Joshua Scolnick
05/27 Josh Scolnick
05/28 Joyce Tereman
05/31 Jason Pfeiffer

Wedding Anniversaries:

5/06 Mary & Jason Pfeiffer
5/13 Brenda & Josh Scolnick
5/24 Cheryl & Ilia Scriven

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Rector

The Rev. Jack Zamboni

Vestry

Cynthia Pelliccia—Sr. Warden, Fellowship, Finance, Buildings & Grounds
Paul Sinckler—Jr. Warden, Finance, Buildings & Grounds
Kathy Balenson—Sunday School, Clerk, COME, ECW
David Doll—Buildings & Grounds Assistance
Carol Gold—Communique, Website Calendar, Liturgical Scheduling
Xiomara Mitchell—Fellowship, Fish Hospitality Dinners (Outreach)
Pam Maiolo—Outreach, Finance, ECW, Buildings & Grounds, Rectory liaison w/ current tenant

Vestry (continued)

Elaine Patania—Finance, Stewardship and ECW Liaison.
Monique Phua—Facebook page, COME
Larry Quirk—Fundraising, Finance
Carline Sinckler—COME

Non-Vestry

Ilia Scriven—Treasurer, Finance
Amy Myzie—Donation recording; electronic banking
Christy McGuire—Communication (Press releases)
Tom Patania, Yuennadi Moya—Buildings & Grounds
Nancy Dunham—Acolyte Scheduling