

September 25, 2022

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 @ 1:00PM LABYRINTH

Blessing of the Animals: Saturday, October 1, 1:00pm in the Labyrinth. Bring your pets to be blessed by Fr. Jim Sabak!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 @ 9:00AM CHURCH

Blessing of the Processional Cross and Artist Presentation: Sunday, Oct 2, 9:00am. Join us as our new Processional Cross is blessed and listen to artist Ann Chapin present the meaning and history of the San Damiano Cross after Mass.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 @ 12:45PM - 4:30PM

Francis Fest: Sunday, Oct 2, 12:45pm-4:30pm. Our parish community celebrates together with activities for all ages!

See page 8



MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 7PM CHAPEL

Transitus: Monday, Oct 3, 7pm in the Chapel. Celebrate in prayer, light, music and word the passing of St. Francis from this life to our heavenly home (his "transitus") on the anniversary of the vigil of his death.



The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

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WHERE DID OUR TREES BETWEEN CLARE AND ANTHONY HALL GO AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THIS SPACE?

We have received several inquiries about the grounds between Clare Hall and the Church that have recently been cleared away. Allow me to update you on what's happening.

As most of you know, we approved the expansion of our columbarium, an additional 616 niches, as we have run out of available niches in our current one. Planning for this project began three years ago with construction that started last July. The expansion is completely self-funded from the sales of niches and is anticipated to be completed by Thanksgiving. One of the preliminary tasks of this expansion was resolving a water retention problem in that area which required drains to draw rainwater underground and pull it away from the area. This was the construction you saw in July and early August on the parking lot pavement. While we were addressing the water retention issue there, it was incumbent upon us also to address the water retention issue between Clare Hall and the Church building that results in ponding as well when too much rain comes down from our rooves on that side of our church and preschool.

The contractor hired for that project also came in July and began installing drainage on the Church side to evacuate the water accumulating there when it rains. This necessitated the removal of the bushes and others plantings next to the church building and replacement with new growth. This part of the project is now complete as you can see. So far, so good.

When preparations were being finalized for drainage work on the other side of the sidewalk towards Clare Hall (Preschool), we had an arborist come to look at the three tall pine trees sitting there, one of which was leaning toward the preschool. It was his assessment that this tree would fall at some point and likely take the other two trees with it because of their closeness to each other and the interconnection of their root system. The fall would completely slash through the building. The danger and damage factors motivated us

to have the trees removed, and with preschool starting in August, we had to take them down quickly. At the same time, the blue spruce memorial tree, already slated for replacement by the family who initially planted it, was removed. While painful to remove the trees, it was clearly the right thing to do.

The drainage project on the Clare Hall side of the sidewalk then began after the root system of the former trees was removed. Initially, fixing the drainage problem was our only goal. Nothing else was anticipated but it became apparent that we needed to resolve the tree issue and so took the steps necessary in order to complete the drainage project. Now we had a cleared space and a decision to make about what to do with it.

I was asked for my thoughts on what to do with the space. It struck me that, in keeping with our Franciscan identity, a garden where people could gather before/during/after events in the church, Fellowship Hall, and Founder's Hall, come to pray, and where plaques with the names, images, and biographies of the Franciscans whose names adorn our buildings could be placed might be an appropriate use of the space.

To that end, we have been working with our landscaper to design how a garden might look, incorporating an "Assisi look" and using vegetation native to North Carolina. At the same time, members of the community have been invited to brainstorm how we might feature these Franciscans in a way that would be child-friendly, accessible to all, and help all of us come to know these important women and men. The garden design and the art process are currently underway. The design should be finalized soon and, when approved by the appropriate collegial bodies, will be executed to create the garden. The Franciscan art will take more time and will be in need of donors but as soon as those plans are finalized and funded, the art will be commissioned, created, and placed in this garden.

Fr. Michael

THROUGH BAPTISM MAY SHE WALK ALWAYS AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT:

Wesley Michael Astrom

Son of Lars and Jessica Astrom

Aidy Clare Deacon

Daughter of Pat and Sarah Deacon

James Gerard Deignan II

Son of Jillian Deignan

Greyson James Higgins

Son of Tom and Jamie Higgins

Emmett James Ingle

Son of Connor and Alexa Ingle

Kinley Ann Kulis

Daughter of Chris and Lindsey Kulis

Elle Reagan McLean

Daughter of Brian and Rachel McLean

Harper Rose McLean

Daughter of Brian and Rachel McLean

Finley Jean Nolan

Daughter of Brent and Melissa Nolan

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM:

+Angela Macia

Mother of Carolina Kroninger

Weekly Envelope Schedule

September 25 Weekly

[For a complete list of SFA contacts](#)
[Group Opportunities,](#)
[Volunteer Opportunities](#)
[and Ministries, click here.](#)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER 24 TO OCTOBER 3



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 24, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Dora Saleh Makhoul
Requested by Mary Makhoul

Sunday September 25, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Lorraine Iati
Requested by Mary Makhoul

Sunday, 9:00
+Carmela Petrone
Requested by Marie Leone

Sunday, 11:45
+Patricia Subasic
Requested by The Subasic Family

Sunday, 5:30
For the Parishioners of St. Francis

Monday September 26, 9am
+Vincent Robert Pribish
Requested by The Pribish Family

Tuesday September 27, 9am
+Vivek Hari
Requested by Ed & Veronica Gilmartin

Wednesday September 28, 9am
+Vincent E. Clark Jr.
Requested by Maureen Maingi

Thursday September 29, 9am
+Robert Reynolds
Requested by Timothy and Joyce Jones

Friday September 30, 9am
+Jim and +Anne McAreevey
Requested by Maureen Copan

Saturday October 1, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Kathryn Cuseo
Requested by Stephanie Smith

Sunday October 2, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+George Apuzzi
Requested by Carmela and George Brocco

Sunday, 9:00
+Barbara and +Patrick Curran
Requested by Janet and Charles Gerard

Sunday, 11:45
+Virginia McGuinness
Requested by Richard McGuinness

Sunday, 5:30
For the Parishioners of St. Francis

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

+Anil Nazareth Philimeno Gomes
Requested by Maria and Steve Nicholas
Remembrance

+Patricia Subasic
Requested by The Subasic Family
Remembrance

(ill) Mary Hertel
Requested by Michele Forde Hertel
Health and Wellness

Recent Death
+Angela Macia
Mother of Carolina Kroninger
Remembrance



Daily Mass at 9:00am is held in the chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Wednesday Daily Mass is held in the church.



Weekly Reconciliation Services

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for individuals is celebrated most Saturdays of the year between 4:00-4:45pm in the main church. There are normally two priests present. We recommend that you arrive well before 4:45pm so we may accommodate you.

Mass Intentions

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. Requesting a Mass is a most wonderful way to exercise this spiritual work of mercy. Our register for Mass intentions is open. You may make your request(s) by going to our website (<https://www.stfrancisleigh.org/mass-intention-prayers/>) or by calling the parish office at 919-847-8205 during normal business hours M-F.

At a Glance

This week's events are shown in red.

September 25

Why Faith

Topic: Turning Red Through the Lens of Faith. 10:15-11:15am. Presenter Tim Hetzel. tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org

September 25

Oak City Cares

<https://bit.ly/breakfastatOCCseptember25-2022> Contact Ann Lassiter at a lassiter@sbcglobal.net

September 25

"Come and See" open house sponsored by the Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order on Sunday, September 22, 2022 from 2:30-4:30pm Questions Questions ellenferrone@gmail.com, ofscentralnc@gmail.com or visit <https://ofscentralnc.org>.

September 25

Pilgrimage to Civil Rights Sites Information Session

For Zoom link contact paul.williams3rd@gmail.com or kshanpr@aol.com

September 27

Bereavement Series Begins Grief's Journey

Tuesday's at 5:00pm in Laverna beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

September 29

Mythbusters

Talk Saves Lives, 6:30pm in Founders Rm

October 1

Mass Intention Calender for 2023 Opens

[Click here for form](#)

October 1

Blessing of the Animals

1:00pm in the Labyrinth

October 2

Blessing of Processional Cross

9:00am in the church

October 2

FrancisFest

Our annual parish wide celebration of our patron saint. 12:45-4:30pm. Contact ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org or visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest

October 3

Prayer Chain for the Earth

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh 5:00pm - To register, [go to this link](#).

October 7

Contemplative Spirituality – Friday:

from 1 to 2:30 pm, via Zoom continue discussing Robin Wall Kimmerer's Book 'Braiding Sweetgrass', contact Richard Szulewski (919) 349-7422 / richszul@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at (732) 213-0104 / stephenwandrews@outlook.com

October 8

Herencia Hispana Mass

11:00am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Celebrated by Bishop Zarama. Questions: 984-900-3182

October 15

Wedding Anniversary Mass

10:00am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Zarama. Questions: 984-900-3184 <https://raldioc.configio.com/wam2022>

October 22

Franciscan Spirit and Life: Repairing and Reforming the Church Convocation

Saturday, Oct 22, 8:30am to 1:30pm More information to come.

Registration opens on September 16 via Realm. Questions, contact Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org

October 23

Coffee and Donuts with the Friars

Following 9:00am Mass. From 10:00-11:00am in Clare Fellowship Hall

October 30

Crop Hunger Walk

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-francis-of-assisi-catholic-church>



The Assisi Café is now open in the Community Center, Monday-Friday 8:30am-10:30am!

Come grab a hot cup of coffee and a delicious muffin after Mass. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!

Through Faith Direct you can support our parish using an electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or credit/debit card. To access, start here:



You can mail your contribution to us at:

St Francis Of Assisi
11401 Leesville Road
Raleigh, NC 27613

You can give online through:



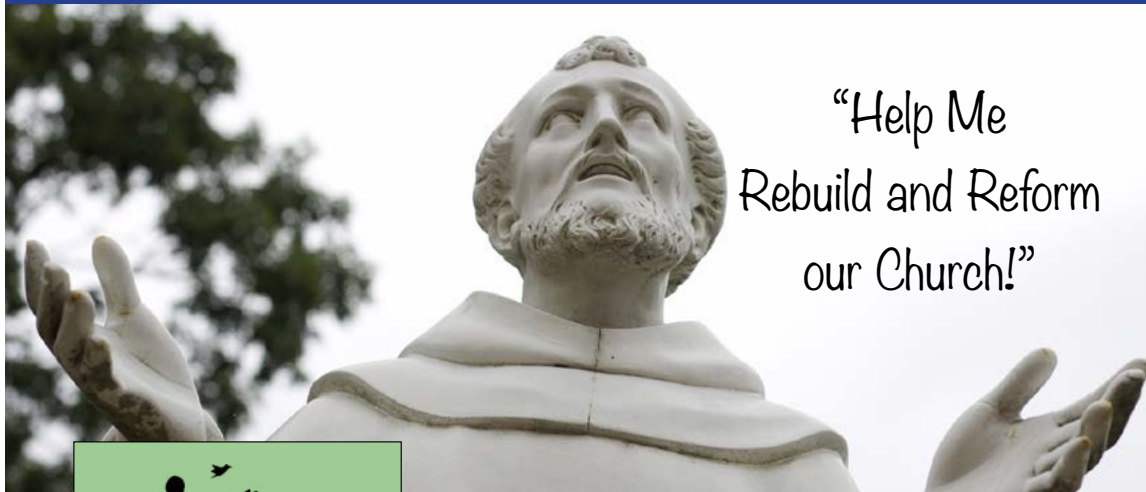
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/faith-direct/>



Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199

Additional Online Giving Methods:
www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/

Register Today on Realm. Only 200 spots!



“Help Me
Rebuild and Reform
our Church!”



October 22nd

a Franciscan Convocation from **8:30am to 1:30pm.**

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Joshua Benson,

“Repairing the Church with Letter and Spirit.”

Registration Fee: \$10 | [Click Here to Register](#)

Session 1

- 1. Helping Children to Find Their Place in the Sun:** Promoting Strong Social and Emotional Development in Children *with Lauren Wacenske*
- 2. Go Tell It on a Mountain:** The Liturgical Year According to Matthew's Gospel *with Jim Wahl*
- 3. “Praise be You, My Lord:”** A Franciscan Spirituality for Living in Relationship with God's Creation *with Trevor Thompson*
- 4. The House of God:** A Church Tour *with Chuck Small*
- 5. How to Pray with your Kids and Family** *with Jeanne Lewin*
- 6. Can a 12th Century Mystic Still be Relevant Today?** *with Gladys Whitehouse*

Session 2

- 1. The Laity:** Ordinary Circumstances, Extraordinary Mission *with Jennifer Fiduccia*
- 2. Go In Peace, Glorifying the Lord by Your Life:** How the Eucharist Leads to Service and Advocacy *with Becky Cawley*
- 3. Eucharistic Theology** through a Franciscan Lens: *with Fr. Jim Sabak*
- 4. The House of God:** A Church Tour *with Chuck Small*
- 5. The Mindful Catholic:** Finding God One Moment at a Time *with Kathleen Owen*
- 6. Prayer in the Franciscan Tradition** *with Tim Fasano*



Fr. Steve



Fr. Bill



Fr. Jim



Fr. Dan



Fr. Ray



Fr. Julian

The convocation will conclude with lunch with the Friars (for registered participants only)

*This
Weekend!*



Secular Franciscan Order

St. Francis of Assisi, not only wanted to live the gospel way of life, he wanted to be transformed into Jesus Christ. Are you interested in learning more about the Secular Franciscan Order, the Third Order founded by St. Francis 800 years ago? Please join us for an informative “Come and See” open house sponsored by the Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order on Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 2:30-4:30pm at the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi. The “Come and See” will be held in the church, in the Founders Room. If you are able to join us, please send an email to ellenferrone@gmail.com with your name, email address, mailing address and telephone number. For additional information please see our website <https://ofscentrinc.org>.

THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

Discernment is a process of drawing closer to Jesus, learning about the priesthood, and praying intensely about the Lord's will for your life.



The monthly priesthood discernment group meeting is a great opportunity to meet other guys who are in discernment and learn about the process. The meetings are led by Father Jim Magee on the 2nd Saturday of each

month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Catholic Center at 7200 Stonehenge Dr. Raleigh, NC 27613. To learn more visit ncpriest.org or contact Father Jim at:



(252) 417 0096



vocations@raldioc.org



you know what
to do :-)



[Click here to view the Synod Summary Report for The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi](#)

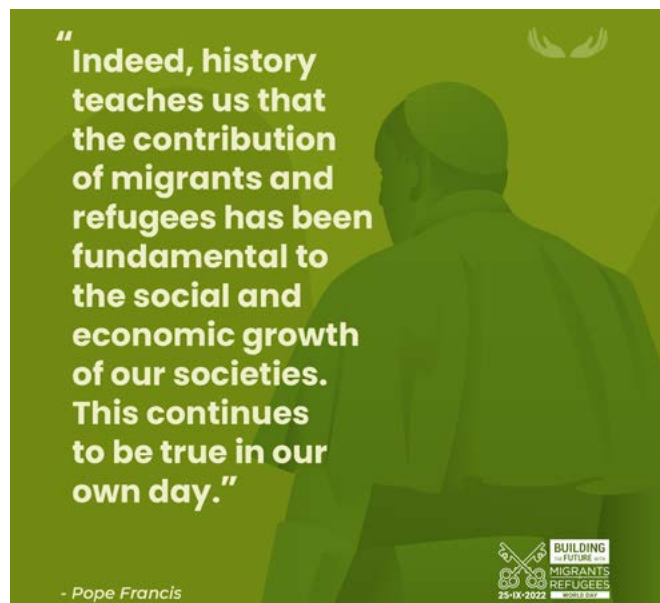


Corporal Works of Mercy "Bury the Dead" Outside Volunteer Opportunity

Funerals provide an opportunity to support those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Perhaps one of our lesser-known ministries at St. Francis is serving as a columbarium attendant. The columbarium attendant offers quiet, behind the scenes assistance by preparing the columbarium niche to receive cremated remains after a funeral liturgy. This includes setting up, opening and cleaning the niche, respectfully standing watch during the time the niche is open, and replacing the niche cover after the service. Those who serve must be physically able to remove, lift, and replace the granite niche cover, which weighs approximately 60 pounds.

Services are typically Tuesday thru Saturday and take approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours of time. Columbarium attendants can serve as their schedule allows. For more information, please contact Trish Adamkowski 919-847-8205 x 236 or trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org.

A New JustFaith Program: Faith and Immigration Justice



Love the stranger then, for you were once strangers in Egypt. (Deut 10:19)

Would you like to join a JustFaith virtual study group focused on immigration?

We at St. Francis are one of the first communities to offer this new "[Faith and Immigration Justice](#)" program. It's an opportunity for our parish to build on the three spectacularly successful racial justice programs in which more than a hundred parishioners participated over the past three years. It also seems a fitting way to reflect on the challenge of "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees", the theme of [National Migration Week](#) (Sep 20-25, 2022) sponsored by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and the [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) (Sep 25, 2022), sponsored by the Holy See.

Depending on interest, we expect to organize one or more groups that meet online Wednesday evenings at 7pm (beginning Oct 26), and one or more that meet online Thursday afternoons at 3pm (beginning Oct 27). The groups will meet for eight weeks, with a break scheduled for Thanksgiving week. Sign up at bit.ly/ImmigrationSFA2022a.

There's no registration fee; the cost of books is about \$28/person.

The Faith and Immigration Justice program, like other JustFaith initiatives, aims to encourage healthy conversation; equip participants to advocate for just, effective, and compassionate policies; and prepare participants to extend hospitality toward their neighbors. Its immigration-specific goals include discerning "how our faith calls us to respond to the immigration debate," and examining the nuances of immigration policy and the citizenship process in this country.

If you'd like to receive occasional emails about this and other parish news and activities related to immigration, consider joining the parish "Immigration Allies" Realm group (login to Realm, then search for "immigration"; or contact Trevor Thompson directly at Trevor.Thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org). You needn't worry about meetings or commitments; the allies group is nothing more than an email list that allows you to keep your finger on the pulse.



**Sunday
October 2
12:45 - 4:30**

Everyone is invited!



Live Music and Entertainment
Fun for all ages!

Game Truck
Mobile video theater with over 7 TVs

Carnival World
Crafts and games all day

Inflatable Zone
Bounce, Bounce, Bounce!

Food Truck Rodeo
Varieties of venues visiting

Franciscan Tasting Room
Local and regional beers and wine

If you join us at FrancisFest, a good option is to bring cash! The cash line to purchase wristbands is always shorter, and some of our food trucks only take cash as payment!

**Purchase wristbands at
www.stfrancisraleigh.org/FrancisFest**



Hundreds of Volunteer Spots are available for our Annual Parish Celebration on Sunday, October 2nd!

Volunteer for an hour or the whole day!

We need adults, high school students and middle school students to help.

TFS Middle School Students: Volunteer for Service Hours or for a Dress Out Pass!

To sign up go to <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest>.



2023 Mass Intentions

Open

October 1st, the Mass Intention calendar for 2023 will open.

Payment is required at time of submitting.
You can pay either cash, check or using Faith Direct.

Click [HERE](#) for form.



The Cancer Support Group

Here there is hope. Here there is deep understanding. Here there is camaraderie. We are a group touched by cancer and we gather monthly to listen and offer support to each other. No matter where you are on your journey; newly diagnosed, long-hauler, or in survivorship come gather with us. Here is where we laugh, cry and pray with each other as we journey with cancer. We meet virtually the Third Thursday of the Month at 1:00pm contact Sziemer.slp@gmail.com with questions.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25TH



This Weekend!

“Turning Red
through the Lens of Faith.
Faith through the Lens of
Turning Red.”



10:15AM -11:15AM OR 6:45PM-7:45PM | FOUNDERS RM

This presentation is the kick-off to our ongoing adult faith formation series
“Why Faith: what we believe and why we believe it.” Next session: October 16th.

St Francis of Assisi Environment and Arts Ministry

Have you ever been interested in volunteering behind the scenes – decorating the church for the liturgical seasons and/or providing essential water for the greenery?

If so, we have a spot for you!!

With this flexible and creative ministry, you can serve the community with every lily, mum and poinsettia to your hearts content!

If you would like to be included on the email distribution highlighting environment volunteer opportunities, please follow the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449AFAB2EABFD0-stfrancis>

If you have questions with this ministry please reach out to Theresa Baumgartner at theresabaumgartner@nc.rr.com

Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Series: Grief's Journey

Tuesday's at 5:00pm in the LaVerna

September 27

October 25

October 4

November 1

October 11

November 8

October 18

November 15

Register for Grief's Journey Series

Monthly Grief Support Group: Good Grief

Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:00am in LaVerna

First Meeting 9/14 at 10:00am What is Grief?

Register for Good Grief Monthly Support Group

Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

Myth Busters

Talk Saves Lives:
American Foundation of Suicide Prevention

Talk Saves Lives!

As we continue our talks on mental health, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will present "Talk Saves Lives" on

Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 pm in Founders Room.

These events are for adult participants 18 and older.

Mental Health Matters: Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 pm



Catholic Parish Outreach
A Program of Catholic Charities

Catholic Parish Outreach

The CPO Truck will be on site this weekend to collect your filled grocery bags. Drop off times to the truck is Sunday 7:00am-1:15pm and 4:45-6:00pm. For more information please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/catholic-parish-outreach/>

Items Needed for the Drive (No glass please) Cans of vegetables, tuna, chicken, soup, spaghetti sauce, fruit; boxes of cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, hamburger/ chicken/tuna helper, crackers, instant dry milk; bags of rice and beans. Peanut butter, fruit juice, salad dressing, laundry detergent, bathroom tissue, soap, diapers size 4-6, baby wipes, milk-based infant formula, Stage 1, 2, 3 or graduates baby food.

**Families Looking for Adventure,
Fun and Leadership Development
in the outdoors? Join Scouts BSA!**

St. Francis has multiple options for
children interested in Scouting:

Pack 352 – Boys ages K-5th

Troop 352 - Boys ages 11+ (or 10 and in
5th grade)

Troop 219 - Girls ages 11+ (or 10 and in
5th grade)

Venture Crew 722 - Boys or Girls ages
14+ focused on high adventure activities
like rock climbing, whitewater rafting,
hiking, etc.

You do not have to be a member of the
church to join!

Please contact the following individuals
if interested:

Cub Scouts Pack 352 – Luis Suau –
ljsuau@gmail.com

Boys Troop 352 - Rob Sadler -
rsadlernc@gmail.com

Girls Troop 219 - Christina Cash - gator-
cash96@gmail.com

Venture Crew 722 - Jim Erlinger -
jimerlinger@gmail.com



"Coffee with Clay"
in the Assisi Café



Join Monsignor Clay for
coffee and conversation from
9:30-10:30am, after Daily Mass.

October 6th
October 20th
November 3rd
December 1st
December 15th

Call for Donations for The Franciscan Experience at TFS

Do you have your own business, work for a service company, own a rental home, or have season tickets for a sporting event or theater? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we'd appreciate your help!

The Home and School Association (HSA) of The Franciscan School is looking for additional items to be donated from you, your small business, or your company to offer in this year's Franciscan Experience. The Franciscan Experience is the school's annual online silent auction fundraiser that is set to go live on Friday, September 30. The proceeds from the fundraiser are used to fund the many HSA sponsored events, such as Catholic Schools Week and field day, and for various teacher grants and capital improvements such as security enhancements around campus and playground updates. Please reach out to Carolyn Sanspre or Sue Jakubowski at TFSfundraiser@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to donate an item.



Sunday, October 23rd @ 10:00

Join us for Coffee and Donuts Sunday, October 23rd following 9:00am Mass from 10:00am-11:00am in Fellowship Hall hosted by LGBTQ+. The Friars who are visiting us for the Convocation will also be joining us that morning.

It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. **All are welcome!**



Coffee and Donuts Sunday Schedule

Sunday, November 13 th	Sunday, March 26, 2023
Sunday, January 29, 2023	Sunday, April 2, 2023
Sunday, February 12, 2023	Sunday, May 7, 2023



The Burning Bush

Celebrate the Season of Creation

"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

Pope Francis – Laudato Si'

Faith life: Learn what our Franciscan brothers are doing.
franciscanaction.org/issues/care-for-creation

Daily Life: Monitor your own energy usage.
duke-energy.com/home/products/power-manager

Lots more information here! stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation

To connect with us: stfccreation@gmail.com



Youth Basketball Season

Join us for the 32nd season of the St. Francis Youth Basketball League. Participants shall have a spirit of loyalty to Catholic ideals, to parish, to coach, and to the team. The program enables the gifted to excel, the less gifted to participate and improve. This program is open to girls and boys grades 1st thru 8th, in 6 different divisions. Practices will be held once per weeknight and begin late October. Division 1 (grades 1 & 2) will practice before their games on Saturday and not during the week. Games will be on Saturday and Sunday. The season will run through Early February. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/st-francis-youth-basketball-league-2/>

Strength and Yoga

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 8:00am-9:00am

DVD Guided Classes

Classes run from mid-September through May in the Cupertino Room at the Community Center. For more Information please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/fitness-classes-and-programs-2/> or contact Ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OPEN PLAY

TUESDAY NIGHTS

8:00PM-10:30PM

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

\$5 PER PLAYER

THE MINISTRY LEADER WILL BE
JESSICA DOUGHERTY.

DOUGHERTY_JESS@YAHOO.COM





The Return of Children's Liturgy of the Word!

Children's Liturgy of the Word, or CLOW, is an opportunity for children, ages 5 to 7, kindergarten to the date of their First Eucharist, to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in an age appropriate way. We celebrate CLOW at the 9:00am Mass on weeks that we do not have Crosswalk Faith Formation. Children will be invited to process out after the opening prayer, and will return to their families before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This program will kick off on October 9th at the 9:00am Mass.



TFS
THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL
FITH - ACADEMICS - SERVICE

Do you know TFS alumni doing great things? Click [here](#) to nominate them to be featured in a story for the school website and social media!



Advocating our Values for Local Elections

On Nov 8, there is an important election for both statewide and local elected officials. Next month, there are two public assemblies organized by ONE Wake that invite your voice to share our concerns and values with the candidates running for city council and senate. Please join us!

These assemblies are wonderful opportunity to exercise our faithful citizenship in the political process through our partnership with ONE Wake, a community organizing group that has gathered nearly 50 congregations together in Wake County to advocate for the needs of vulnerable people in our community and for policies that uphold the dignity of all. The Church does not tell us who to vote for, but the Church is adamant that it is our responsibility to be politically and prayerfully engaged so we make prudent choices that reflect our moral values as Christians.

ONE Wake is strictly non-partisan and does not promote specific candidates. However, given the values of the participating congregations, ONE Wake does encourage candidates to endorse fair and equitable policy for affordable housing, education, job opportunities for all of God's children. At the recent ONE Wake clergy meeting, St Francis committed that 50 parishioners would register to attend each of the following events (in-person or virtually).

Please join us!

Raleigh City Council Local Candidate Assembly

October 6 at 7:30pm

[Register your attendance here.](#)

US Senate Candidate Assembly

October 16 at 3:00pm

[Register your attendance here.](#)

All you have to do is show-up to the assembly and show your support! Nothing more. We need you! There is power in numbers.

If you want more information about these events and our community organizing in Wake County, contact Nancy Dilger, ndilger3@gmail.com.

Whether you've been a parishioner for 40 years or 40 days, thank you for your care & compassion for all of our neighbors!

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Jennifer A. Davis, Assistant Principal



So grateful to have this opportunity to share and reflect on my first two months here at TFS. My name is Jennifer Davis, and I am the new K-5 Assistant Principal here at The Franciscan School. After two months on the job, I have already witnessed the beauty of a community grounded in faith and a common purpose to joyfully prepare children for today, tomorrow, and for many years to come. It doesn't take long to realize that TFS is a very special place and unlike any other that I have experienced.

Perhaps the most impressive experience in which students, families, and staff participate is the celebration of the Holy Mass as a school and church community. On the very first day of school, I was welcomed to the altar, along with Principal Smith, to be prayed over and blessed by Father Jim and Father Alex. Families, teachers, students, and staff had already welcomed me with open arms, but this particular extension of love meant so much to me. Undoubtedly, it was one of the most emotional and touching moments of my life. The vibrancy and celebration of God's love inside the Holy Mass at TFS is transforming, and I look forward to it every single week.

Another striking attribute is the commitment of teachers and the desire to make our school the best it can possibly be. There are many teachers who founded the school 23 years ago that are still here, and others that invest above and beyond what is ever expected. This morning, a student stopped me during morning carpool just to tell me that her fourth grade teacher, "Mrs. Giannini is awesome". Whether it's the incredible flexible seating options, the fun science projects, or the way each student is loved, it is evident that the result is pure joy! As I come to know each teacher's story, I am inspired.

As I reflect on my first few months here at TFS, I smile. I am grateful for this incredible opportunity to work for, with, and alongside you all. Even my husband notices my joy and how the TFS community charism has touched my heart. As each day ends with the folding of the flag and an empty parking lot, I am humbled and encouraged to do good work here. TFS now feels like home to me, and I look forward to what's next.



As you explore school options for your child's education next year, we welcome you to become a part of The Franciscan School. We have several virtual information sessions coming up in the next few months. More information regarding our school and the admissions timeline can be found on our website at www.franciscanschool.org/ or contact Principal Dawn Smith at dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

Way Up High in the Apple Tree!



Apples, Apples, Apples! We are touching, smelling, examining, and eating them! And if you shake them in a bucket, you can hear them rolling around too! At preschool, like with most everything we do, discovering all about apples is a full sensory experience!

As we enter fall, it is quite common to see apples in some form or fashion in many preschool classrooms. It could be from art created by stamping with half of an apple, a sensory bin with seeds, measuring apple peel lengths, or, my favorite, cooking a batch of cinnamon sauce (I have been the taste-tester for a few batches this week!). There have also been many apple tastings taking place in classrooms. In one of our 4-year old classes, I was even able to take part in a spontaneous lesson about trying things that you might not have liked at one time. I shared with the students how my face has a big smile when I eat a red apple because it is my favorite. My lips pucker and my facial features scrunch up when I eat a green apple because when I had one many years ago it tasted very sour. While the students were sharing with me their favorites, a few students encouraged me to try a green apple again.

This then led to a lesson about trying something new or re-trying something that we thought we didn't like at one time, but now might very well like since we are older. By coincidence, this also went along with our monthly "earth tip" which focuses on teaching children not to throw away what they don't eat, but rather take it home to eat later or to let mom/dad know that it didn't taste good. Although it turned out that green apples are still not my favorite, I at least gave it another try which delighted the kids!

Besides the aforementioned activities, several classes created voting charts which reflected the ballots cast for the color that they liked best- red, yellow, or green. This allowed for practice not only in identifying/labeling colors (sometimes in Spanish too with the older students) and in counting, but it opened the door for an equally, if not more important, topic to be introduced. While our students noted the different colors and tastes of three types of apples, they also were able to see that all apples are a fruit, grow on trees, and look the same on the inside. They each have unique qualities but they come from the same place, are part of the same food group, and look the same

on the inside. Upon further reflection, it is a wonderful way to remind our children that they might look different from friends, but we all come from God, are part of His family, and He made us all the same on the inside. He gave us all the capacity to love, care, and respect each other. It seems as though something as ordinarily simple as an apple has the potential to teach our children and remind "big people" of what matters most and what God hopes for us!

Eat an apple this week with a young person in your life or, if possible, celebrate national Take A Child Outside Week (T.A.C.O. week which begins today) by going apple picking! While partaking in either of these events, remind your child that God loves him/her and everyone who is part of His family. He gave us differences to make our world extra beautiful and diverse, but He never wants us to forget that we should practice kindness and compassion with each other because He made us all the same on the inside!

To learn more about the wonderful opportunities that we provide, please visit our website at www.preschoolatstfrancis.com.

Want to Go on Pilgrimage to Civil Rights Sites?



St. Francis Church and Baptist Grove Church are working together to plan a Civil Rights Pilgrimage March 1-5, 2023. We invite you to join us and spend an enlivening five-day, four-night "Social Justice Race Relations Tour" with fellow parishioners and members of St. Francis of Assisi and Baptist Grove Church. We will travel by luxury coach to visit historic sites and museums in Alabama and Georgia - The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, The Legacy Museum, Freedom Rides Museum, The Edmund Pettus Bridge, The Rosa Parks Museum and much, much more!

Sign up here to attend an Information Session Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 3:00 pm, via Zoom to receive more detailed information including cost, itinerary, accommodations and COVID-19 precautions. Get all of your questions answered!

Please reach out to Deacon Keith Shannon from Baptist Grove at kshanpr@aol.com or St. Francis parishioner Paul Williams at paul.williams3rd@gmail.com for questions/comments before the information night. This is being coordinated with assistance from the St. Francis Office of Justice and Peace.

A Zoom link will be sent to you closer to the event. Thank you so much for your interest in this very important topic.



Season of Creation Join Us for a Prayer Chain for the Earth

Join fellow members of St. Francis and others in the Triangle for the 2nd Annual Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle Prayer Chain for the Earth on October 3 at 5pm. Triangle people of faith and people of conscience will find our socially distanced places on the sidewalks near the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh (UUFR) on Wade Ave. At 6:00 PM a brief, outdoor clergy-led prayer vigil with music will follow at UUFR. Parking is available at UUFR, CUCC, and on the side streets. To register, [go to this link](#).



This week begins the month-long Season of Creation, a time that churches around the world focus on our call to care for God's creation. Pope Francis wrote in his [2015 teaching document called Laudato Si'](#) that our earth is like our sister, "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse . . . the earth herself . . . is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; . . . We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air, and we receive life and refreshment from her waters." This year's Season of Creation theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

In this Season of Creation, our Care of Creation Ministry (stfcreation@gmail.com) is offering a number of opportunities to learn more about our earth, to experience it spiritually, to listen deeply, and to demonstrate our care for creation. We look forward to you joining us.

Celebrate the Season of Creation

Read the book ***Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation*** and mark your calendar for an in-person **book discussion** on September 27 in Founder's Room, 7:00-8:30pm. You can find this book at your local library or purchase at your favorite book store/outlet. There is a lot of information in this book, so please start early! Read and mark the areas that interest you most to be ready for discussion on the book. Check here for more information; bit.ly/phregbk. To RSVP for this event, [go to this link](#).

Men's Prayer Breakfast - The Men's Prayer Breakfast is set to resume meeting on every 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7 to 8 am beginning on 9/19. We plan to meet in the Padua Room and we will resume serving Breakfast Burritos and Coffee for \$2.50. We will be discussing the final book from the Bridges Series by Thomas Merton. If you never read Thomas Merton don't be intimidated. Each chapter we discuss is only 4 pages and it is easy reading but insightful. It is Book # 8 in the series "Bridges for contemplative living with Thomas Merton". The book is titled "Seeing That Paradise Begins Now" and is available from Amazon for \$5.95. If interested please respond to Richard Szulewski (919) 349-7422 / richszul@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at (732) 213-0104 / stephenwandrews@outlook.com.

Contemplative Spirituality – Friday: On Friday 10/7 from 1 to 2:30 pm, via Zoom we will continue discussing Robin Wall Kimmerer's Book 'Braiding Sweetgrass', a National Best Seller. In it she examines native peoples mystical and real connection with creation. As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In Braiding Sweetgrass, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together to take us on "a journey that is every bit as mythical as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, as clever as it is wise".

If you are interested contact Tracy Hurley at (828) 773-3152 / danandtracy@hotmail.com or Deacon Steve at (732) 213-0104 / stephenwandrtews@outlook.com. We will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Oak City Cares



Homelessness and hunger continue to be experienced by a growing number of people in the Raleigh area. Oak City Cares is a multi-services center working against this issue by connecting members of our community to the resources they most need (such as housing, food, etc.) St. Francis has the honor of providing a simple breakfast to the guests of Oak City Cares on the 2nd Saturday of every other month, and the 4th Sunday of each month. As the issue of homelessness continues to affect more individuals, we've grown from feeding 100 to 150 at each meal. Our presence is needed now more than ever!

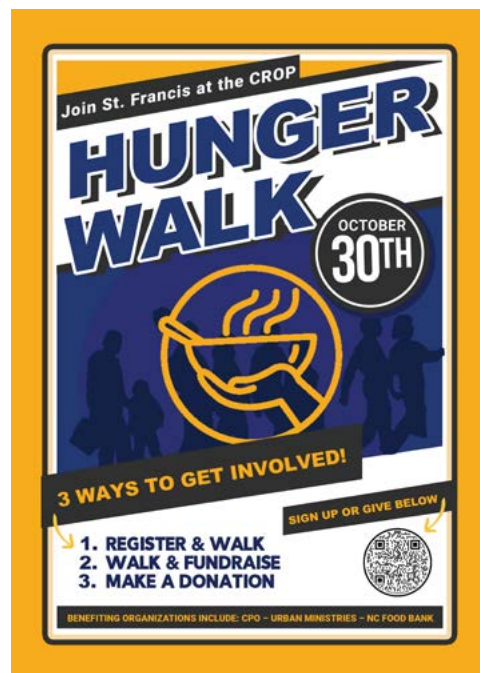
Won't you help us alleviate their hunger? There are two easy ways. You can donate food, dropping it off at the parish, or join us in serving the meal at Oak City Cares in downtown Raleigh. Just click on the links to sign up!

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<https://bit.ly/breakfastatOCCOctober23-2022>

Questions? Contact Ann Lassiter at aclassiter@sbcglobal.net or 501-258-4607

Thank you for any help you can provide!



It can be easy to think hunger is a distant issue affecting people far away in other countries. But did you know that as of 2020, 15% of people in Wake County were food insecure including 22% of children? According to Feeding America, "Food insecurity is defined as a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life." But it does not have to be this way! Come join our parish as we walk with others from all over Wake County on October 30 in the annual CROP Hunger Walk to raise awareness of this issue and call for change.

Join our "official" team by following this link and following the instructions <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-francis-of-assisi-catholic-church>

Employment Opportunities

THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL

Part-time Music Teacher (16 Hours – T, W, Th)

The Franciscan School is seeking an energetic individual to share a love of music teaching our students in grades 3, 4 and 5. If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging and faith-filled experience for our students, please send a cover letter and resume to: tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Afterschool Program Staff – Part Time

The Franciscan School is seeking energetic candidates with a positive attitude and love of children to work in our Bridges Afterschool Program. Hours and days of the week are flexible, Monday thru Friday 3pm – 6pm. Bridges staff are responsible for the supervision and well-being of students in our program. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and successfully complete the Diocesan background check. To apply, please send resume and cover letter to tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org or contract Trish.Adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org to obtain an application.

Social Studies Teacher – Full Time

The Franciscan School is seeking a qualified and passionate history/social studies teacher to join our middle school faculty. Preferred candidates will have previous experience teaching middle school social studies in an innovative way utilizing a variety of classroom technology. If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging experience for our students, please send a cover letter, that includes your educational philosophy, and resume to: tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH

Part-time Community Center Staff (Evenings and Weekends)

Our community center offers programs and events that strengthen the communal aspects of our parish in light of our mission to be “one family living in community”. These part time evening and weekend positions support operations by ensuring a safe, clean, controlled environment for participants. A high school diploma or equivalent is required and the applicant must possess, or be able to obtain, Red Cross or American Heart Association CPR Certification with First Aid training, and Diocese of Raleigh Safe Child training. For a complete job description, questions, or to submit a resume, please email Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Register for Cross Step



Cross Step (formerly known as Play N' Pray) is the newest addition to St. Francis' Crosses Faith Formation programs. Our mission is to the development of faith of children, ages one-and-walking through four. The children come to us in Clare Hall during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Using Pflaum Gospel Weeklie's SEEDS curriculum, the children learn about the weekly Gospel and participate in fun, interactive activities that focus on Catholic doctrine and traditions. Let us help your children to take their first STEPS on their walk with God!

Interested families can register their children for the 2022-2023 year in REALM. Please contact Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org for more information.

Interested in sharing your faith with young children in a fun-filled and loving environment?

The Cross Step program is currently seeking part-time employees to lead our Parish's preschool-aged faith formation classes for the upcoming 2022-2023 year. Our classes occur during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and consist of playing, praying, sharing a short Gospel-based lesson that is provided in advance, and participating in a related arts-and-craft activity. No teaching experience is necessary, just the desire to have fun and share God's Word. Sharing a couple hours of your time on Sundays can forever transform a child's faith-journey!

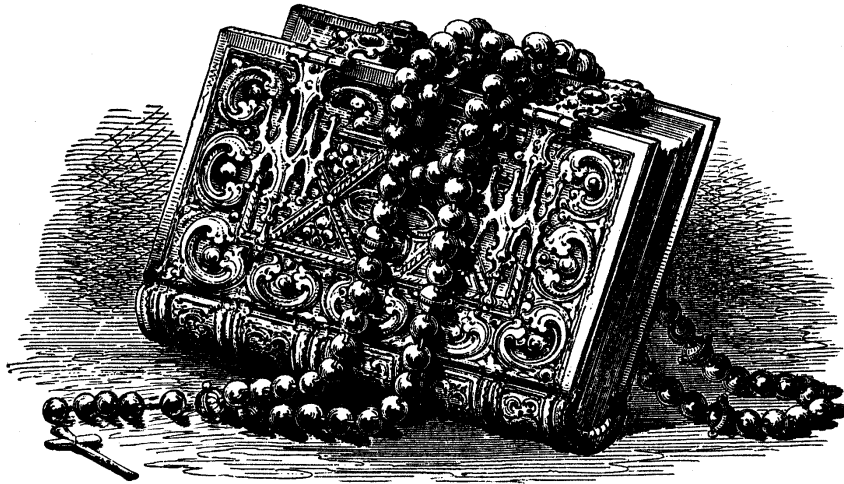
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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2022

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— 1 Timothy 6:14



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