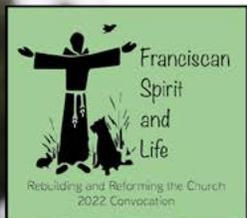


October 16, 2022

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Register Today on Realm. Only 40 spots Left!



“The Friars are coming!”

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Join us Saturday, Oct. 22 at 8:30am to 1:30pm for a Franciscan Convocation

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



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)



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Our Mission Statement

Inspired by our patron, Francis of Assisi, we seek to proclaim the reign of God by growing in Holiness through our experience of Christ in word, sacrament, and one another, offering Hope to those who hunger for human dignity, and extending Hospitality to all.



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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

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COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE: We are slowly continuing our move back to normal liturgical life as we progress through, hopefully, the twilight of the COVID-19 Pandemic. With the approval of our COVID-19 Taskforce, we are restoring the option to receive Holy Communion on the tongue this weekend (October 15-16). For those who may be uncomfortable receiving Holy Communion from a minister who may have given Holy Communion on the tongue to someone ahead of them in the line, those sitting on the entire left transept (baptistery side), both the masked and unmasked sections, will continue to receive the Holy Eucharist only in the hand. If you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please sit in the other sections of the church.

There are several conversations currently taking place in dioceses around the country on the restoration of the Precious Blood to communicants. At this stage, it appears this restoration is extremely isolated. We will continue to monitor this issue and when circumstances seem right, we'll ask the COVID-19 Taskforce to offer their guidance and restore the cup when they believe it is advisable.

Always remember: My highest priority is the safety of those who come to the church to worship. We believe the restoration of Holy Communion on the tongue is safe based on the experience of many other parishes and input from our taskforce. We continue to keep in mind those who may not yet be ready, for any number of reasons, to receive Holy Communion from a minister who has placed the Body of Christ on the tongue of a communicant before them in line. We believe creating two spaces in the church will accommodate everyone's needs.

NEW PIANO ARRIVAL: Jim Wahl tells us that the new piano will be delivered on Thursday, October 20. We will bless it at the beginning of the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. Thanks to all who helped us achieve this goal so quickly.

COLUMBARIUM AND FRANCISCAN GARDEN TIMELINES: Rob Neppel tells me that the columbarium addition and the Franciscan Garden construction should be completed by Thanksgiving. There will be more information available soon about when pre-ordering niches in the addition will open. Once the Art Committee overseeing the Franciscan art going into the garden has completed its work, we will notify everyone about what is being planned and how you may contribute to the funding of this art.

Fr. Michael

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

THROUGH BAPTISM MAY THEY WALK ALWAYS AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT:

Emma Paige Brown
Daughter of Matthew and Phoebe Brown

Emma Quinn Brown
Daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Brown

Carter Elizabeth Long
Daughter of Brett and Danielle Long

Weekly Envelope Schedule

- October 16 Weekly
- October 23 Weekly
- October 23 Propagation of the Faith
- October 30 Weekly
- November 1 All Saints Day
- November 2 All Souls Day

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/

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OCTOBER 15 TO OCTOBER 23



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 15, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Brian Barbee
Requested by Kathleen Owen

Sunday October 16, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Don Calnan
Requested by Frankie Lugiano

Sunday, 9:00
+Diane Kozak
Requested by Michael Kozak

Sunday, 11:45
+Eugene Francis Alexandre
Requested by The Givens Family

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

Monday October 17, 9am
+Martha Joy Aft
Requested by Vanessa Fleischmann

Tuesday October 18, 9am
+Carol Meyer
Requested by The Oxendine Family

Wednesday October 19, 9am
+Tom Sed Sr
Requested by Mary Beth and Phil LoScalzo

Thursday October 20, 9am
+Edward Davis
Requested by Peggy Powell

Friday October 21, 9am
+Virginia Orband
Requested by Lisa Miller

Saturday October 22, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Lily Samuel
Requested by Varghese Tharakan

Sunday October 23, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Judith Linden
Requested by The Fleischmann Family

Sunday, 9:00
+Joseph Gronski
Requested by Helga and Mike Pryor

Sunday, 11:45
+Kathryn Duffy McHugh
Requested by Regina Duffy

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

+Bach Mai Thi Le
Requested by Hanh and Gary Boyar, Hung and Trinh
Pham Remembrance

(ill) Emmy Kouskolekas
Requested by Heidi Hobler
Health and Wellness

Recent Deaths
+Marianne DiTonno
Sister of Anthony DiTonno
Remembrance

+Ellen Arbaugh
Sister of Kathy Duckworth
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

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 for 2023 is open. You may make your request(s) by going to our website (<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.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.

October 16

Why Faith

Election 2022 What does the Catholic Church say about voting and citizenship 10:15-11:15am or 6:45-7:45pm in Founders Rm.

October 18

Solarize

A Triangle webinar, 7:00- 8:00. An opportunity to learn about multiple incentives now available for the installation of rooftop solar. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-H1mA_Vnvq0d4nEKB-vQqoqBcJwzW6uV41zZ4w2CMjqw/edit#m=mkelly

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 23

Death Row Exonoree Tells His Story

The 100th exonoree from Arizona's death row to bring his story to St. Francis of Assisi via a live Zoom event on Sunday, October 23rd, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.
<https://bit.ly/WitnesstoInnocenceSFA>.
Questions: prayerfulheart3@gmail.com.

October 26

The 50+ Adult Group

Potluck Lunch on Wednesday, at 11:30 in Claire Fellowship Hall. Contact Pat Gerney at pgerney@gmail.com or call 919-803-8276

October 30

Crop Hunger Walk

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

November 1

All Saints Day

Tuesday, Masses at 9:00am (with school children), 11:45am, and 7:00pm.

November 2

All Souls Day

Wednesday, Masses at 9:00am and 7:00pm

November 5

Memorial Garden Mass

Saturday, at 10:00am



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!

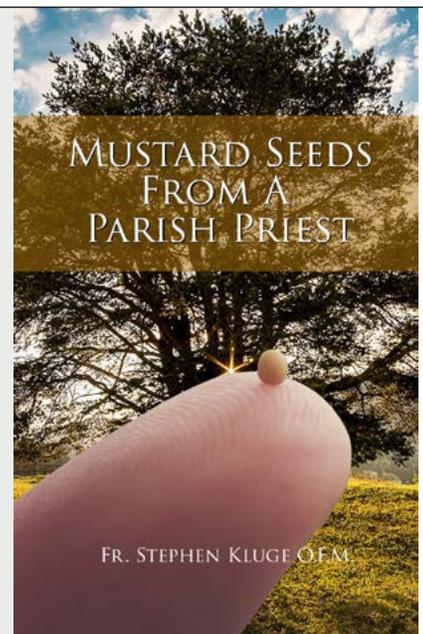


Scammers are at it again sending malicious emails to parishioners. You will NEVER get a solicitation email from staff, our pastor, or bishop asking for "a favor", or for emergency help in the form of money. Please do not open or click on them - simply trash them.



Fr. Kluge's new book is now available. It features richly sharp witty one-liners that merit contemplation. [Click here for more information or to order your copy.](#)

Proceeds from the sale of this and all of Fr. Kluge's books go to : Franciscan Monastery of St Clare in Chesterfield, NJ.



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Saturday, Oct 22nd
8:30am to 1:30pm

Keynote Speaker,
Dr. Joshua Benson,
"Repairing the Church with
Letter and Spirit."



Fr. Jim



Kathleen



Trevor



Jennifer



Chuck



Gladys



Jim



Jeanne



Becky



Lauren



Tim

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*



Dr. Joshua Benson publishes and teaches on the history of medieval theology, with a special focus on Franciscan figures. He received his MA from the Franciscan Institute and his PhD from St. Louis University and where he focused his research on St. Bonaventure. He has served as the Associate Director of Historical and Systematic Theology at the Catholic University of America since 2008. He is a married man and the father of six children.

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

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 :-)

Learn more about vocations to the priesthood at ncpriest.org

Coffee & Donuts



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!**




This will be the time to visit and celebrate the Friars!



CPO thanks you!! Catholic Parish Outreach sends their appreciation for our parish's generous donations during the St. Francis "Feed a Family" food drive. The response from St. Francis of Assisi was amazing with a donation of just over 6,500 pounds of groceries and \$7,000+ for families in need! During the pandemic, CPO has distributed enough food to serve over 101,000 people a week 1+ worth of groceries and the number keeps growing daily! CPO's ministry to those in need would not be possible without the generous assistance of the members of our community. We are blessed by your dedication to our mission of Providing Help, Creating Hope and Serving All during these unprecedented times! May God bless you.

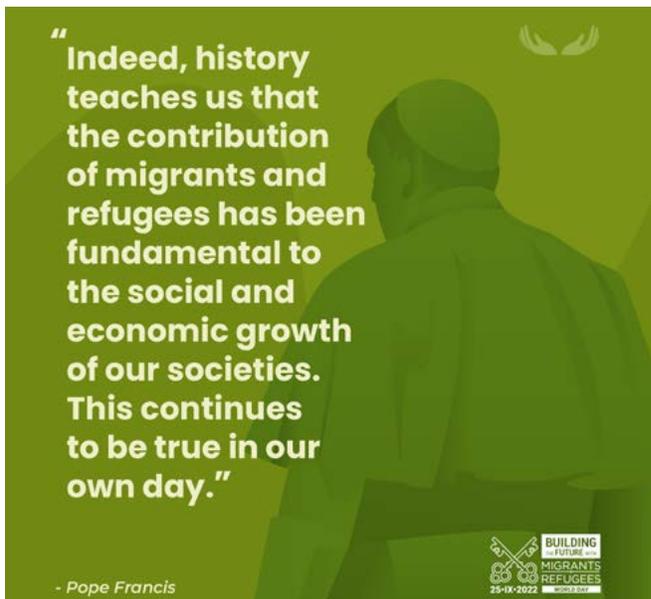


**Corporal Works of Mercy
"Bury the Dead"
Outside Volunteer Opportunity**

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.



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
— FAITH — ACQUAINTANCE — 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!

November: A Month of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance

A Book of Remembrance, with the names of loved ones of blessed memory, will be displayed throughout the month near the sanctuary. Names may be written directly into the book by parishioners, or will be recorded into the book from the names printed on All Souls Day envelopes. In addition, these envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the month

All Saints Day - Tuesday, November 1, Masses at 9 am (with school children), 11:45 am, and 7 pm.

All Souls Day - Wednesday November 2, Masses at 9 am and 7:00 pm

During these liturgies we will lift up all those who have gone before us as we pray that "with the mortality of this life overcome, they may gaze eternally on [God], their Creator and Redeemer" (Collect from November 2 in the Roman Missal).

We will specifically honor all parishioners who have died during the past year with a reading of names.

In addition, all parishioners are encouraged to bring photos (framed, maximum of 5X7) to the parish offices prior to Monday, October 31, to be displayed on the altar steps throughout this day and then displayed in the parish gathering space throughout the month of November. Please include your name and contact information on the back of the photos so you may pick them up when the month is completed.

Memorial Garden Mass – Saturday, November 5 at 10:00am

This beautiful memorial Mass is to celebrate the life and faith of all those inurned or memorialized in the St. Francis Memorial Garden as well as those buried in the St. Francis portion of the cemetery at Raleigh Memorial Park. All are welcome to attend.

Mass is held outside in the Memorial Garden so please dress accordingly.

SUNDAY, OCT. 16TH

Forming Consciences



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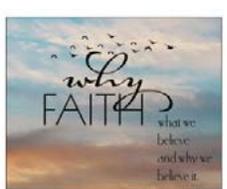
Faithful Citizenship

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

“Election 2022:

What does the Catholic Church say about Voting and Citizenship?”

presented by Trevor Thompson and Tim Fasano



Why Faith?
what we believe and why we believe it.

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

“Why Faith: what we believe and why we believe it.” Next session: December 4th.

Join our Fall CSA Membership for Fresh Veggies and Register for Upcoming Info Session about Going Solar

Interested in supporting farmers of color and caring for the Earth? Ready to bite into some local, tasty, healthy Fall produce? If you are, it is time to get ready for the Fall CSA! The CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) at St. Francis partners with RAFI. RAFI-USA is currently signing up farmers of color, who sustainably farm and care for their crops without the use of pesticides and herbicides, to bring farm fresh produce to families in churches who sign up to participate. Currently, St. Francis of Assisi is being served by Brown Family Farms, in Henderson, NC.

By joining the Farm and Faith Partnership Project Community Supported Agriculture subscription (CSA) you will support local farmers of color and sustainable and/or organic farming methods. We have an exciting opportunity to join with other churches in Wake County to bring a Fall CSA to interested families at St. Francis. Subscribing to a CSA shares in both the risks and rewards of a farmer and their farm produce. The subscription fee is paid up front to the farmer. Subscribers share the risks of the farming and the rewards of receiving a weekly box of sustainably and organically grown produce for 8 weeks during the Fall season. This effort is coordinated by the Rural Advancement Foundation International: rafiusa.org. RAFI-USA "challenges the root causes of unjust food systems, supporting and advocating for economically, racially, and ecologically just farm communities".

Please consider joining me in subscribing to this effort, to provide fresh produce to our families while supporting farmers of color, caring for Earth, our common home, and taking a step to add more justice to our food system.



SOLARIZE THE TRIANGLE
Info Session

INTERFAITH CREATION CARE OF THE TRIANGLE

Learn more about going solar for your home or faith community

Please join Solarize the Triangle campaign organizers and Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle for a free, virtual, informational event that will cover:

- An overview of Solarize the Triangle's group-purchase bulk-discount program
- How to take advantage of all the incentives for solar available to residents, nonprofits, and businesses
- Info about the benefits of solar and batteries and how to enroll for a free assessment

Learn more about Solarize the Triangle at solarizethetriangle.com

Scan this code to register on **zoom**

October 18, 2022
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Q&A to follow

Or register here
<https://www.interfaithcreationcare.org>

The deadline to sign up is October 17th. The first week of delivery will be October 22nd. You will receive a box of fresh, delicious produce, every Saturday, for 8 weeks. The price of a full share is \$250, a half share is \$125. You will need to come to St. Francis on Saturday mornings (9am - 10am) to pick up your produce. You will also have the option to

purchase farm fresh eggs every week from Lakay Farm.

Here is the link to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0NLa-9I1U_knGslOcYWGfRxsYpiOK_2oOsB-4wacYZDXscRcg/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact parishioner Elizabeth Kearse, eskearse@gmail.com.

Join St. Francis at the CROP

HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 30TH



3 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

- 1. REGISTER & WALK
- 2. WALK & FUNDRAISE
- 3. MAKE A DONATION

SIGN UP OR GIVE BELOW



BENEFITING ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE: CPO – URBAN MINISTRIES – NC FOOD BANK

Your presence is the greatest gift you can give! Come join your parish community on October 30th at Pullen Park in Downtown Raleigh as we walk at the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk. Registration is free and the first 100 registrants receive a free t-shirt! Signing up is easy--just follow this link. Bring your entire family for this awesome experience of solidarity, advocacy, and fun. Can't wait to see you there!
<https://youtu.be/H8SJRKS0avc>



Do you have a rising 6th 7th or 8th grader?

The Franciscan School meets the academic, social, and emotional needs of students as they prepare to be citizens of the world in a faith-based environment

Upcoming Campus Tours & Information Sessions

October 19th at 1:30 PM

November 7th at 8:30 AM

November 9th at 1:30 PM

Admissions and financial aid support available

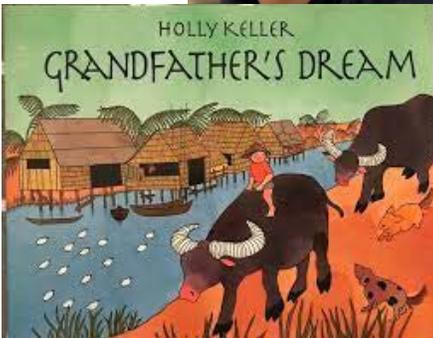
Contact Principal Dawn Smith for more details at
Dawn.Smith@stfrancisraleigh.org



EDUCATION MINISTRIES

TFS Kicks Off Catholic Social Teaching

by Celina Manville



“The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.” Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, USCCB

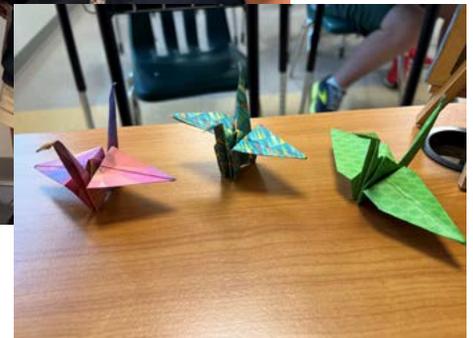
That is the challenge offered to us by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops. In early September, Tim Fasano, the Coordinator of Justice and Peace at St. Francis of Assisi Parish joined TFS for morning prayer to kick off our year of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). Tim shared a beautiful story to illustrate how “God cares about the big & the small things in our lives” and to emphasize that “We are God’s response to what is broken in our world.”

At TFS we will dive into CST as part of our rich religion curriculum. To unite us as we answer the call to this special mission, we are implementing our “1

Book, 1 School, 1 Mission” program. Every month, one special book, which focuses on a Catholic Social teaching principle will be read and discussed in every grade. In September, religion classes heard the story Grandfather’s Dream by Holly Keller to set the stage for the school year. Students reflected on their own dreams for the future as well as pondered the question - What is God’s Dream for our World?

This year we are excited to set aside one Early Release day each month to focus exclusively on CST. Students will have opportunities to hear speakers, collaborate in service projects, participate in meaningful discussions, create special crafts, and reflect on how these principles help us answer God’s personal and unique call to grow in holiness and help build His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven! We will celebrate our 1st CST day on Thursday, October 20th.

Want a sneak peak into CST in kid-friendly language? Check out: [The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching for Children.](#)



Know that the TFS CST Committee is working hard all year to make the heart and mission of Catholic Social Teaching accessible and relevant to all our students!

Thank you to our TFS CST Committee Members: Tim Fasano, Jennifer Davis, Carol Lyles, Karin Kuropas, Ed & Celina Manville

As you explore school options for your child’s education next year, I welcome you to become a part of The Franciscan School. We have a virtual information session on Wednesday, October 19th. You may register on our website. 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

Showing Our Appreciation to Our First Responders



Our parish embraces Catholic social teaching on many levels. All one needs to do is peruse the number of ministries that we have on our campus. Whether it's related to taking care of the poor, maintaining the dignity of each person, caring for God's creation, or some other social teaching, there are many examples to be found.

Helping our students learn about the importance of service and respecting others are just a few of the lessons that we try to embed throughout our days at preschool. Additionally, we also try to model these teachings for our little people so that they will grow to be compassionate, loving, and giving individuals.

While we aim to be an example for our students, we recognize the importance of seeking examples in others who can do this as well. One of the ways in which

we do this is by engaging our students in lessons about people who serve and give to others in their daily jobs, particularly those who are community helpers. We try to highlight firefighters, police officers, and EMT's who are often called first to offer assistance to those in need.

Last year, with the amazing help of some parent first responders, we were able to host a safety vehicle parade. Thanks to some wonderful parent volunteers, we were able to host another parade this past week. There were firefighters, police officers, and an EMT who generously gave their time to drive their vehicles around our campus while our students watched. It was outstandingly exciting for our students for sure!

The students were able to not only see some first responders but also to express their thanks and appreciation for all that

they do on a daily basis to serve others. It was such fun to not only see all of the smiling faces from the children but also to hear their enthusiastic cheers and shouts of appreciation! These helpers were showered with lots of love and gratitude!

Do you know of someone who exemplifies Catholic social teachings? Maybe they do it in a big way such as through a career choice or maybe it's in a smaller way such as filling a bag of snacks/toiletries for a ministry like Curbside Care. It's important to show our children those examples. In this way, we can teach them to practice this in their own lives but also to express their gratitude to God who never stops taking care of us.

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

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: WITNESS TO INNOCENCE

A Death Row Exonoree Tells His Story

Nancy J Jones, Parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi



Every October, the Catholic Church puts a spotlight on all the ways human life is neglected and threatened and our call to celebrate and respect the dignity of all. In light of this, the Office of Justice and Peace, in partnership with national organization Witness to Innocence, will host a unique event where we will have the opportunity to hear the story from an individual who was an exonoree from Arizona's death row.

There are a number of reasons why some Catholics have come to the conclusion that capital punishment – taking a life to punish someone for taking another's life – is no longer a viable solution to the problem of murder in our state. Some of these rational reasons include the cost of incarcerating someone on death row

far exceeds the cost of someone living in the general population of a prison; the inherent evil of willfully ending another person's life while others sit by to witness it; capital punishment is not a deterrent to any crime; we now have maximum-security prisons that will safely keep away from society those who committed the worst of crimes; and some wonder how many put to death may have been innocent.

As of August 2022, there are now 190 men and women exonerated from death rows around our nation. They all have stories to tell, and some have been written down and published (The Sun Does Shine and Just Mercy to name two) or made into films and documentaries.

And yet some exonorees are willing to relive the horrors – of being innocent while arrested, charged, tried, and then sentenced to death – by telling their stories orally.

In this latter way, we are blessed to have the 100th exonoree from Arizona's death row to bring his story to us at St. Francis of Assisi via a live Zoom event on Sunday, October 23rd, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. If you would like to hear his life-changing story and what he's also been doing since released from prison, sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/WitnesstoinnocenceSFA>. If you have any questions, send them to me at prayerfulheart3@gmail.com. Please note that this event will not be recorded.



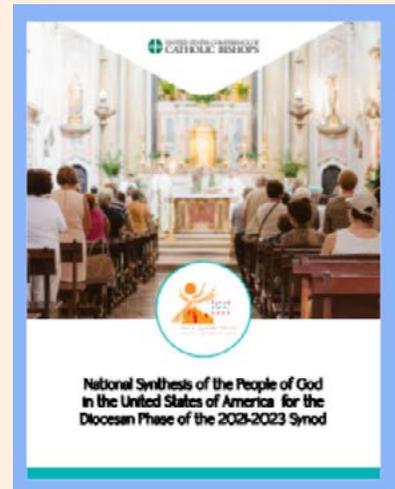
2023 Mass Intentions

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.
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[Click here to view the National Synthesis of the People of God in the United States of America for the Diocesan Phase of the 2021-2023 Synod](#)

Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief

As we have all seen in the news, the impact of the storm has been devastating. Communities were destroyed, families lost everything, and the loss of human life was heart breaking. This is one of those situations where the generosity of our community is needed the most. While it may take years for the area to recover, the storm victims need our help now just to meet their basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing. Please use the QR code or log into your [FaithDirect](#) account to make a donation.





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!

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

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

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AND

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“Society . . . must put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations, procedures, and controls.”

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home, Chapter I

Check interfaithcreationcare.org for local issues and
VOTE!

For more eco info: stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation

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"Coffee with Clay" in the Assisi Café

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



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

50+ Adult Group

50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

The 50+ Adult Group will have its "Potluck Lunch" on Wednesday, October 26 at 11:30 in Claire Fellowship Hall.

Come enjoy a meal and lively conversation with your friends from the 50+ Adult Group, many of whom you haven't seen for some time, and perhaps make new friends.

If last names starts with, then bring

A thru C = Salad/Side Dish

D thru J = Main Dish

K thru Z = Dessert/bread or rolls

Coffee, soda and water will be provided.

This "Potluck Lunch" will also be the annual Pajama Drive (Pajamas in sizes 3-8) to be donated to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO).

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Gerney at pgerney@gmail.com or call 919-803-8276.

Employment Opportunities

THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL

Social Studies Teacher – Full Time ([See more here](#))

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.

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 contact Trish.Adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org to obtain an application.

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!

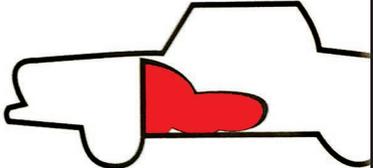
Please contact Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
— Psalm 121:1-2



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