

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

# ST. FRANCIS TV



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## EPISODE 28



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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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## THE COMPLEXITIES OF FORGIVENESS, PART II:

I have been asked many times to accompany people who have difficulty forgiving or have encountered people who have erroneous understandings of Christian forgiveness.

I thought it would be good to present a series on forgiveness in this column during the Lenten season. I looked at what forgiveness is and is not in last week's column.

[Click here to view last week's column](#)

This week I will explore why forgiveness can be difficult. There are many reasons why forgiveness can be difficult but I will focus on those that have emerged repeatedly in my conversations.

Scientists tell us that evolution has conditioned us to avoid being exploited by others for our own protection. This has caused us to develop a defense mechanism that can result in several outcomes. Here are just three: 1) retaliating as a way to warn others not to offend again or 2) retaliating as a way of expressing our pain, both of which make forgiveness harder, or, if you are the offender, 3) being fearful of asking for forgiveness because you may offend again.

Forgiveness can be difficult because it means letting go of something that can feel like a loss; loss of control, the upper hand, power, self-righteousness, an apology, even of a relationship, etc.

Forgiveness is challenging because we have a hard time staying in the present because we're still dealing with the hurt from the past. Forgiveness is about the present and the future while recognizing that it cannot forget the past. But if we get stuck in the past, forgiveness becomes very difficult.

Anger is a common reaction to hurt or an offense. Sometimes this emotion can be so strong that forgiveness never has a chance to help us recalibrate our anger so it doesn't have such primacy in our lives. We can use it to continually justify our unwillingness to forgive, especially when the hurt or offense is particularly egregious.

In relationships where hurtful and harmful behaviors or actions emerge repeatedly, there is legitimate fear that forgiveness will not remediate the situation, so we withhold it.

Sometimes we can withhold forgiveness as a way to punish the wrongdoer. This need or desire to punish can make forgiveness difficult.

Forgiveness can be perceived by the person who has done wrong as a sign of weakness. In this situation, the person becomes reluctant to seek forgiveness for fear of appearing weak out of the erroneous perception that only the weak forgive when in actuality it is the strong who forgive.

Next week we will look at why forgiveness is so important for us.

*Fr. Michael*

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

**+Jennifer Magnus**

Sister of Douglas McKinney

**+Mary Goble LeSuer**

Mother of Shawn Tenace

## Envelope Schedule

March 5 Weekly

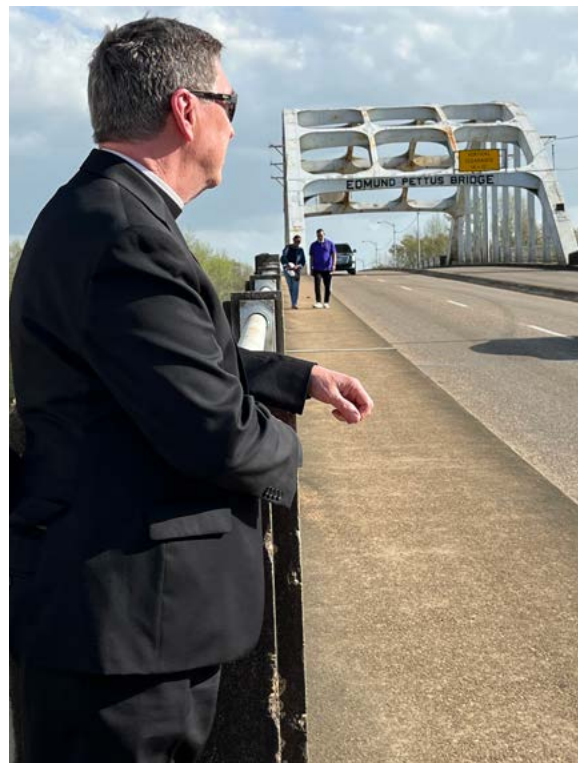
March 5 Maintenance Reserve Sunday

March 12 Easter Flowers

March 19 Weekly

March 19 Catholic Relief Services

March 26 Weekly



"Standing at Edmund Pettis Bridge, site of famous march for voting rights for African-Americans on March 7, 1965 in Selma, AL. We still have to fight for this right to be universally accepted in the U. S. even though Congress approved the Voting Rights Act in 1965." - Fr. Michael



# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MARCH 4 TO MARCH 12



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 4, 2023, 5:30pm  
+Laurie Whipple  
Requested by The Snyder Family

Sunday March 5, 2023  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Timothy Donahue  
Requested by Maureen and Tom Lindgren

Sunday, 9:00  
+Leonides Estoista  
Requested by The Palomar Family

Sunday, 11:45  
+Rocco Luat-Nguyen  
Requested by Anh Nguyen

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

Monday March 6, 9AM  
+Sebastian Naranjo  
Requested by Fr. John Alex Gonzalez

Tuesday March 7, 9AM  
+Mary Abu-Ghazaleh  
Requested by James Dolan

Wednesday March 8, 9AM  
+Eileen Barrett  
Requested by Betty Camp

Thursday March 9, 9AM  
+Bach Mai Thi LE  
Requested by Hanh Boyar and Trinh Pham

Friday March 10, 9AM  
+Marie Clark  
Requested by Maureen Maingi

Saturday March 11, 2023, 5:30pm  
+Peter Xin  
Requested by Anh Nguyen

Sunday March 12, 2023  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Richard Rossi  
Requested by The Fleischmann Family

Sunday, 9:00  
+Genevieve Bourbina  
Requested by Rick and Janie Bourbina

Sunday, 11:45  
+Jean Cawley  
Requested by Patricia O'Sullivan

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

+Dennis McCoy  
Requested by William Pfeiffer  
Remembrance

+Felizardo Gomes  
Requested by Maria and Steve Nicholas  
Remembrance

+Joseph Eck  
Requested by The Eck Family  
Remembrance

Recent Death  
+Jennifer Magnus  
Sister of Douglas McKinney  
Remembrance

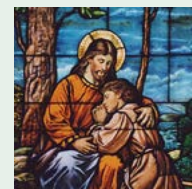
+Mary Goble LeSuer  
Mother of Shawn Tenace  
Remembrance

## 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.



**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.

# At a Glance

This week's events are shown in red.

**March 5**

**A Church that can and can not change:**

a discussion about the church teachings. 10:15-11:15am in Founders Rm / Refreshments. Presented by Fr. Michael.

**March 9**

**A Biblical Walk Through The Mass**

Adult Bible Study: 6:30-8:00pm  
Cost: \$20.00 (Cost of book). Thursday evenings – 6:30-8:00pm. There will be no session during Holy Week. Facilitator: Rich Zemonek. [Click here to register.](#)

**March 9**

**Coffee with Clay in the Assisi Café**

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

**Friday, March 10,**

**Stations of the Cross , 7:00pm**

**March 11**

**Women's Retreat**

9:00am – 3:30pm – Reflect on our rootedness in Christ while seeking renewal in our community of women. To register, click: [Parishioner Registration](#)  
[Non-Parishioner Registration](#)

Questions: [czejkowski@gmail.com](mailto:czejkowski@gmail.com)

**March 12**

**Service Sunday - Make Blankets**

Sign-up on [St. Francis Serves](#)

**March 12**

**Remembering Who We Are Recognizing Sin in Our Lives**

10:15-11:15am in Founders Rm / Refreshments. Presented by Tim Hetzel

**March 14**

**Listening Session**

Choose one session  
1. 11am-12pm in Founder's Hall  
2. (virtual): 7pm-8pm.  
Meeting Link: [Click here](#)  
Meeting ID: 292 180 927 083  
Passcode: fwjFk5

**March 15**

**RCIA Sponsor Workshop**

Presented by Fr. Michael  
Contact: [jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org) for details.

**March 16**

**ONE Wake Listening Session**

7:00pm-9:00pm, Baptist Grove Church, 7109 Leesville Rd, Raleigh NC. 27613  
Visit [www.ONEWake.org](http://www.ONEWake.org) to register.

**March 16**

**Cancer Support Group (Virtual)**

1:00pm-2:00pm. Contact Suzanne at [Suzanne.ziemer@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Suzanne.ziemer@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**March 18 (Young Adults)**

**Spirits with the Spirit**

5:30pm in the Assisi Cafe  
[youngadults@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:youngadults@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**March 19**

**Coffee and Donuts in the Cafe**

[chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**March 19 (Young Adult)**

**Kickball Game**

4:30pm at the St. Francis baseball field.  
[youngadults@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:youngadults@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**Friday, March 24,**

**Stations of the Cross , 7:00pm**

**March 26**

**Service Sunday - Pack Meals**

Sign-up on [St. Francis Serves](#)

**Friday, March 31,**

**Stations of the Cross , 7:00pm**

**March 31**

**Veggie Box Registration Deadline**

[For more information, click here.](#)  
[To register, click here.](#)

**March 31**

**Communities of Calling Survey Deadline**

Attender survey: [https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_afawzEsaYRUO-HOu](https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_afawzEsaYRUO-HOu)



The 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds many ministries that allow us to proclaim the Gospel and reach even the most remote areas of Eastern NC. Your support plays a critical role in funding ministries in the areas of evangelization, discipleship, worship, liturgy, sacramental preparation, and a slew of programs that pour forth God's grace, love, and mercy.

**We are STRONGER TOGETHER.**

[Click here to make your pledge to the BAA](#)



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# Greener<sup>+</sup>Lent

Consider signing-up for Greener Lent this Lenten season! Greener Lent is a Lenten program that prepares our hearts for Easter through prayer, fasting and almsgiving through the lens of *Laudato Si* (Pope Francis's encyclical on caring for our common home and the poor). In addition to the Church's prescribed days of fast and abstinence, Greener Lent participants increase the rigor of their fast by reducing their consumption of meat, especially beef and lamb, substituting food with significantly lower environmental impact. Participants are encouraged to formally commit to prayer for the conversion of hearts, donate to Catholic Relief Services, and pray for those whose livelihoods have been hurt or destroyed by the climate crisis. Each week Greener Lent participants will receive an email message indicating an estimate of the carbon equivalents saved by our parish and how much has been donated to the CRS/Greener Lent fund. Signing up is easy! Go to [Greener Lent](#) and sign up to fast with us any time before or during Lent!



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## Service Sundays in Lent

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. Join us this Lent for "Service Sundays" where we will gather together to do service and almsgiving for the benefit of others in our community and beyond.

Sign-up now on [St. Francis Serves](#) for the Sundays of March 12, and March 26 at 4pm-5pm in Fellowship Clare Hall.

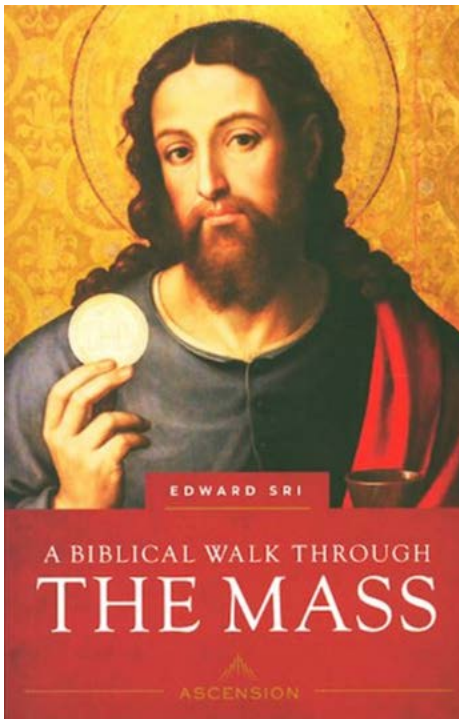
### **Lenten Service Sunday: Blankets of Love for Kids, Sunday, March 12**

At this Lenten Service Sunday, we will make simple handmade fleece blankets and write notes of prayer and compassion to children in need in partnership with Project Linus. These blankets will then be distributed across the Triangle to hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug.

### **Lenten Service Sunday: Packing Meals for Hunger, Sunday, March 26**

At this Lenten Service Sunday, we will pack 10,000 meals for vulnerable children around the world to be distributed through our partnership with Rise Against Hunger and their network of emergency food centers.





## Adult Bible Study Opportunity - [Registration Open Now](#)

Whether you prefer meeting In-Person or via Zoom, come, join us for *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass* by Dr. Edward Sri.

The words, the gestures and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Filmed at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia, this 10th Anniversary edition of A Biblical Walk Through the Mass is newly revised and updated.

Cost: \$20.00 (Cost of book)

Dates: March 9, 16, 23, & 30. April 6 & April 20.

Time: Thursday evening - 6:30-8:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no session during Holy Week.

Facilitator: Rich Zemonek

In-Person sessions will be held in the Cupertino Room (Community Center). Virtual participants will receive a Zoom link prior to the first session. Books will be available for pick-up in the parish office during the weekend of March 4 and 5.

## Lenten Penance Services

March 8: St. Raphael, Raleigh, 7:00pm

March 9: St. Mary Magdalene, Apex, 7:00pm

March 14: St. Teresa of Calcutta, Cary, 6:30pm

March 16: St. Francis of Assisi, Raleigh, 7:00pm

March 17: St. Michael, Cary, 11:00am

March 21: Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh, 7:00pm

March 22: St. Catherine, Wake Forest, 10:00am

March 23: Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh, 11:00am

March 24: Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisburg, 7:00pm

March 28: St. Michael, Cary, 7:00pm

March 29: St. Catherine, 6:30pm

March 30: St. Luke, Raleigh, 11:00am

We have weekly celebrations of the Rite of Reconciliation each Saturday, 4-5pm, in the church. Note: NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8.



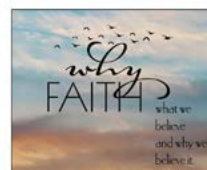
SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH



## “A Church that can and can not Change:”

A discussion about the  
church teachings.

presented by Msgr. Michael Clay



10:15AM -11:15AM | FOUNDERS RM | REFRESHMENTS

Next session: March 12th presented by Tim Hetzel

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH



## “Remembering Who we are. Recognizing Sin in our lives.”

presented by Tim Hetzel



10:15AM -11:15AM | FOUNDERS RM | REFRESHMENTS

Next session: April 23rd presented by Trevor Thompson

## Walking in the Spirit



### Is God Calling you to become An RCIA Sponsor?

Who is eligible to be a Sponsor?

Answer: Confirmed Adults,  
Young Adults and Youth!

Contact:

[jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org)

## Sharing the Good News of the Lord and Our Community: An Updated Approach

Kathy Sales, Director of Pastoral Ministries



This is the third part of a four part series about a recent effort to improve our communication processes (bulletin, website, social media) while not losing sight of meeting the needs of our community. If you missed the [first](#) or [second](#) part, please click the corresponding links in this sentence.

In February, we focused efforts on the following platforms:

- Establishing a credible social media presence by following best practices for our Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- Launching St. Francis Serves, an online portal for signing up for all volunteer opportunities
- Adding events and continuing to update the new website

With a focus on evangelization, combined with our parish mission and vision statement, a parish communication strategy emerged.

The parish website, [stfrancisraleigh.org](http://stfrancisraleigh.org), will continue to be our main evangelization tool for communication. Bimonthly stories will reveal how our SFA community is spreading the good news of the Gospel, and how the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus makes a difference in our lives.

Our social media platforms, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), will support this message by using engaging stories, photos, and videos, highlighting the events of the parish and enticing visitors to the other platforms for more information.

[St. Francis Serves](#) features all parish opportunities so anyone can easily find a way to serve in our parish and beyond. So far, we have 358 users on the site, with an average of 5 new users a day. There were 181 hours served in the month of February with 91 service opportunities with 950 shifts available. We continue to follow the lead of Fr. David McBriar, OFM in answering the question of how our parish can serve the city of Raleigh and beyond.

Realm continues to be the parish ministry database serving as a source for ministry communication and event registration.

[St. Francis TV](#) and the [SFA YouTube](#) channel will continue to feature videos about upcoming events and stories of our parish, as well as a location to always find the livestream of Sunday 9am Mass.

Last but not least, the [revamped bulletin](#), will become an instrument to point community members to these different platforms. Events will be featured in an easy to skim two-sided one sheet bulletin, allowing for a print version for those who do not have any type of device that allows them to read the bulletin. It also will be a tool in our evangelization tool belt as visitors will be able to receive a copy after Mass.

Next week, in the final part of this series, I will highlight sections of the revamped bulletin, and discuss how we will be able to serve those who do not have an electronic device to view the bulletin.

## "Coffee with Clay" in the Assisi Café



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



Thursday, March 9th



# The Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative

Our church is one of 13 congregations participating in the Collegeville Institute's Communities of Calling Initiative. This project is one of 13 hubs in the US and Canada working with about 350 congregations in the Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative.

The Initiative leaders are inviting us to participate in their evaluation and research of the entire Initiative. You can help! Please complete this 20-30 minute online survey by March 31, 2023. The Initiative and hub leaders will share the results from our congregation with us.

Help us learn about how our members understand and live out their callings and its role in a life of meaning and purpose.

Your survey responses will be anonymous. We will only know that they are connected to an attendee at St. Francis of Assisi. Nobody affiliated with your church will see your actual survey responses, and only the researchers will have access to the data.

Questions? Please contact Jane Patterson, Project Director of the Communities of Calling, at [jpatterso001@csbsju.edu](mailto:jpatterso001@csbsju.edu) or Kathleen Cahalan, project director for the Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative at [kcahalan@csbsju.edu](mailto:kcahalan@csbsju.edu).

Attendee survey: [https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_af-awzEsaYRUOHou](https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_af-awzEsaYRUOHou)



## 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. Our next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday March 16 from 1:00pm-2:00pm. For questions or to learn more about this ministry contact Suzanne at [Suzanne.ziemer@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Suzanne.ziemer@stfrancisraleigh.org)

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT  
MARCH 11, 2023

## BE ROOTED & RENEWED



Join the Women's Ministry for a day of R & R (Be Rooted and Renewed), Reflecting on our Rootedness in Christ while providing an opportunity for Renewal in our community of women as we pray, worship, and connect.

March 11th from 9am-3:30pm at St Francis

Register in Realm

Questions? Please contact Rosemary  
at 919-632-7553 or [czejkowski@gmail.com](mailto:czejkowski@gmail.com)

[Non-Parishioner: Register here.](#)

[Parishioner: Register here.](#)

## Community Center Summer Open House

**March 19th 10:00-11:30**

**Coffee and Donuts in the Café**  
**Open Gym Basketball**  
**Games in the labyrinth**

Contact

[chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org)



# YOUNG ADULT KICKBALL GAME

March 19th at 4:30pm

For those in their 20s and 30s, join the Young Adult Ministry for a Kickball Game at the St. Francis baseball field.

Questions: [youngadults@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:youngadults@stfrancisraleigh.org)



## Sign-Up Now for the Spring St. Francis "Veggie Box"

Ready to put words into action? Sign up today and join fellow parishioners in supporting farmers of color and caring for the Earth. Get ready to bite into some local, tasty, healthy spring produce and support social justice in our food system by joining the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) at St. Francis. The CSA at St. Francis is in partnership with RAFI. RAFI-USA "challenges the root causes of unjust food systems, supporting and advocating for economically, racially, and ecologically just farm communities". Currently, St. Francis of Assisi is being served by Brown Family Farms, in Henderson, NC.

By joining the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) you will support local farmers of color and sustainable and/or organic farming methods. By subscribing to a CSA, you share 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 Spring season.

Please consider joining me in subscribing to this effort, to provide fresh, healthy 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.

The deadline to sign up is March 31st. The first week of delivery will be April 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.

Here is the link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/uQ98UaovTCFb7Q7U8>

Here is an article about the program: <https://indyweek.com/food-and-drink/features/rafi-faith-and-farms-partnership-project/>

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## SPIRITS WITH THE SPIRIT

For those in their 20s and 30s, join the Young Adult Ministry for Wine and Snacks after Saturday 5:30 pm Mass on the First and Third Saturday's of the Month in the Assisi Café.

Upcoming Dates: 3/4 and 3/18

QUESTIONS CONTACT:  
[YOUNGADULTS@STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG](mailto:YOUNGADULTS@STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG)



## **Employment Opportunity**

### **Director of Parish Life**

We have an immediate opening for a Director of Parish Life. We are seeking a caring and compassionate individual to oversee volunteer ministries dedicated to the physical and spiritual care of our parish community. The director supervises and collaborates with a team in establishing goals and implementing programs in pastoral support and care to our parishioners.

The successful applicant will have a 4-year degree in Religious Studies, sociology, pastoral ministry or a related field. Two years of supervisory experience is required along with skills in handling situations with compassion and mercy, having difficult conversations with those who are in crisis or mourning, and using excellent listening skills while encouraging and connecting others to God's love. The director collaborates with the leadership team in building on the parish's longstanding history of bringing baptismal and ministerial priesthood together in the collaborative vision of Vatican II.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, résumé, and salary requirements to: [Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org)



All are welcome to attend one of two listening sessions to offer input and insights regarding the Director of Justice and Peace position to aid in discernment in filling this important role.

When:

Tuesday, March 14th  
(choose one session)

Session One:

11am-12pm in Founder's Hall

Session Two (virtual): 7pm-8pm.

Teams link:

Meeting ID: 292 180 927 083

Passcode: fwjFk5

Meeting Link: [Click here](#)

## **Employment Opportunity**

### **Director of Justice and Peace**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish has a longstanding commitment to social outreach, advocacy for human dignity, forming consciences for faithful citizenship, and solidarity with those most vulnerable. We are seeking a Director of Justice and Peace to provide oversight of our ministries in the areas of justice formation, service and mission in the wider community, and advocacy. Through these ministries, the Director of Justice and Peace, in collaboration with the pastoral staff, fosters the social mission of the Church, raises awareness of social issues, and promotes an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching.

If you are an active, fully initiated, practicing Catholic dedicated to collaborative ministry and the advancement of the vision of the Church, as promoted by the Second Vatican Council, this position may be right for you.

Qualifications:

A minimum of three years' experience in parish or diocesan-based social ministry, charitable service, advocacy, mission work, pastoral ministries or a related field

Strong relational, communication, computer, organization, budgetary, and leadership skills

A thorough understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and its' application to a wide scope of contemporary social issues

Comfortable speaking to small and large groups

Preferred qualifications:

Master's degree in theology, education, sociology, or related field

Experience in small group facilitation and teaching

Experience in leading advocacy campaigns and community-based organizing, as well as project and event planning

Applicants should submit a résumé with a cover letter to: [search.committee@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:search.committee@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Applications accepted through March 22, 2023.

### **The Franciscan School Career Opportunities**

We have the following positions available at The Franciscan School (see the school website for additional details).

To apply, please email your cover letter and resume to: [tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Immediate Opening:

Instructional Teaching Assistant – Elementary school

2023-2024 School Year:

Social Studies Teacher – Grade 6

General Music Teacher – Part time

Teacher – Grade 4 (with math focus)



## Join us for A Listening Session with Community Partner ONE Wake

We are a founding congregation of a non-partisan, multi-racial, multi-issue community organizing effort in Wake County called ONE Wake. This organization has brought together 46 faith congregations and non-profits in Wake County to work together on addressing some of the most pressing needs of vulnerable people in our communities. In 2020, ONE Wake publicly launched and since then has been working diligently around 3 issues: affordable housing, education, and employment/wages.

Over the last 3 years, ONE Wake members, including St. Francis parishioners, have met with elected officials, attended press conferences, stood in solidarity with Latino neighbors, advocated for new affordable housing initiatives, organized residents in rapidly gentrifying areas, canvassed for non-partisan local elections...This is good work and it's God's Work!

Over the next couple months, ONE Wake is inviting participating faith congregations and community groups to undertake a series of listening sessions to evaluate the current challenges facing families in our communities. This will set the agenda of ONE Wake for the next few years. This feels very much like the global synodal process of the Catholic Church. Speaking our concerns and engaging in deep listening are important ways the Spirit moves us to discern and take loving action.

Please join us on March 16 at Baptist Grove Church where we are co-hosting a Community Listening Session. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join our neighbors and express concerns that confront you and the ministry(s) you serve.

### **ONE Wake Listening Session**

March 16, 2023 7:00pm-9:00pm

Baptist Grove Church, 7109 Leesville Rd, Raleigh NC. 27613

Please register today:

[www.ONEWake.org](http://www.ONEWake.org)





## The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Francis of Assisi

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps us listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

The neighbors helped by SVdP are usually the working poor. People who can make ends meet until an unexpected event—a funeral, a car needing service, an injury or sickness.

Here are some ways SVdP helped those in need celebrate the grace of God's love in February:

- A 52-year-old woman was able to pay her rent as well as her electric bill with help from SVdP and other churches. The case for the neighbor took patience because one church didn't get the pledge in on time, so the landlord refused to accept the checks from the others. The neighbor advocated on her own behalf and was able to resolve the situation.
- A 63-year-old woman who injured her Achilles tendon and was off work fell behind on rent. SVdP and the North Raleigh Christian Church helped her catch up. She is now on Social Security and will be able to meet her financial obligations.
- A woman with a nine-year-old daughter received a five-day notice of eviction proceedings. She is unemployed and in training for a new job. She paid part of her electric bill and SVdP and another agency were able to help her pay the rest.
- A single mother with a 15-year-old daughter was unable to work after she was injured by a falling tree. SVdP assisted with her electric and water bill.
- A 27-year-old mother with a 10-year-old autistic daughter works two jobs to make ends meet after her husband left. Her car broke down, and she had to get a new one. She fell behind on rent and faced certain eviction. Donations from several agencies, including SVdP, Doorway to Hope, and Crosspointe, helped prevent the loss of their home.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 919-534-484...we want to help!

# Summer



## at St. Francis

**Looking for Summer Opportunities at St. Francis?** St. Francis of Assisi has many activities for all age groups this summer. Look for the opportunity that meets your needs.

We offer a variety of summer camps with lots of different offerings in Camp Francis, faith based camps (Vacation Bible School, Mercy Camps, Mission Mercy), preschool aged camps in Summer Adventures, and drama camp with Justice Theater Project. For more information about planning your children's Summer at St. Francis visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camps/>



### Youth Basketball Skills Clinic

Registration is NOW OPEN! Are you looking to improve your game? We are offering skills clinics for Youth Basketball players. This program is designed for campers to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph. Spring 2023 Sessions will take place on the following Monday Nights: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22  
Session Times are:  
6-7pm for 1st-4th graders  
7:05-8:20 for 5th-8th graders.

For More information and how to register Visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/>