

The bulletin contains the pastor's columns, a summary of upcoming events and links to important information and parish news.



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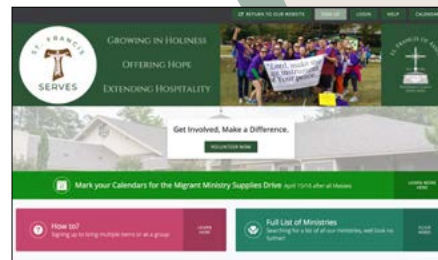
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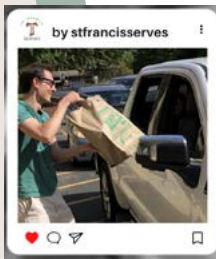
Web Site

Essential information, Evangelization, Ministries, Staff, Just about anything related to our parish can be found on the website including links to past bulletins, Realm, St. Francis Serves and all our social media platforms.



An easy way to discover and sign up for volunteer opportunities.

Where Do I Find it?



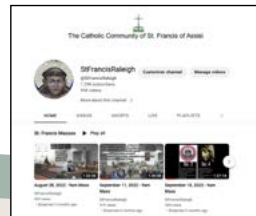
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Posting of happenings at St. Francis with links to stories and events.



Facebook

Posting of happenings at St. Francis with links to stories and events.



YouTube

Contains videos of past Masses, Fr. Jim's reflections and more.



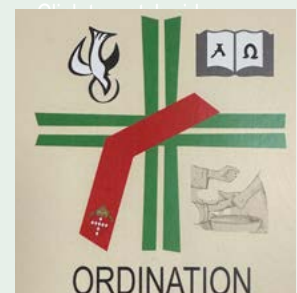
Realm

Maintain your personal information and discover fee based programs for which you can sign up. Also contains the full parish calendar. Please note: you must set up an account in Realm to be able to use it.



Cong Le and the BAA see page 4

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.



Cong Le's Ordination Invitation
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THE COMPLEXITIES OF FORGIVENESS, PART IV:

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 three weeks ago. In weeks two and three I provided an overview of some reasons why forgiveness can be difficult.

See [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

This week I will address how Christians are called to view and process forgiveness as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Forgiveness was one of Jesus' central teachings and his passion, death, and resurrection was the supreme way he demonstrated forgiveness to the entire human family for all time. His teaching and example on the cross on forgiveness invites his followers to move from retributive justice (i.e., an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth) as our way of dealing with wrongs committed against us to restorative justice. Why is this shift important? Restorative justice benefits those who are victims of others' wrongdoing by restoring their dignity and freedom but without the need for retribution. In addition, it also opens a door to wrongdoers to move away from evil so they too may be free of the shackles their wrongdoing places upon them and restore their tarnished dignity so they may also be free to live life in a better way. This understanding of forgiveness, viewed through the teaching and example of Jesus, is the litmus test of his followers.

What would motivate us toward restorative justice and away from retributive justice: Recognizing and appreciating the forgiveness we ourselves have received and continue to receive from the Lord. When we recognize and appreciate what Jesus' death and resurrection mean for us personally and how we did nothing to earn it, it in turn opens us to forgive

in the same manner because we recognize what the Lord has first given us. In addition, when we recognize how Jesus Christ continues to offer us forgiveness through the four sacraments of forgiveness (i.e., baptism, eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick), it helps us to appreciate the Lord's ceaseless love for us and motivates us to practice forgiveness over and over as a way of life in response to what the Lord ceaselessly offers us.

When we are willing to forgive in this way, we collaborate with Christ in healing a broken world and bring the Kingdom of God a tiny step closer to reality on earth. This is the litmus test of a disciple: our desire to share what we have received with others, our desire to share the forgiveness and freedom we have as forgiven people with others so they too may be free and have a better future. In other words, we want others to receive and have what we have received and have.

Key to this vision is our own awareness and gratitude for what Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, what we call the "paschal mystery," means personally to each of his disciples. Lent is a time to ponder what the paschal mystery means to us individually and as a community of faith. Holy Week invites us to walk anew as followers of the Lord as we commemorate his paschal mystery, so we may enter more deeply into the most important thing to have occurred in human history, something that has the potential to change everyone for the better.

I hope you will consider what has been presented in these four columns on forgiveness in light of your life as a follower of Jesus Christ and join in the special celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Sunday to experience more deeply the Lord's endless love for you.

Fr. Michael

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

+Linda Carr

Wife of John Carr

+Diane Long

Sister of Stephanie Smith

+Bill Hubof

Husband of Charlotte Hubof

+Ellen Kort

Wife of Glenn Kort

Envelope Schedule

March 19 Weekly

March 19 Catholic Relief Services

March 26 Weekly

Did You Know?

You can make direct donations to the Church and charities directly from your IRA when you are being forced to take Required Mandatory Distributions (RMD's) by making it a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you direct your distributions to a charitable organization, you avoid the taxes on the withdrawn funds. Please make sure your name is on the check. Here is a link to a reference on this subject:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/seniors-can-reduce-their-tax-burden-by-donating-to-charity-through-their-ira>

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MARCH 18 TO MARCH 26



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 18, 2023, 5:30pm
+Lolita Brojan
Requested by The Palomar Family

Sunday March 19, 2023
Sunday, 7:15
+Martha Ann Berheide
Requested by Joan Cavanaugh

Sunday, 9:00
Oneal and Dinnah Palomar
Requested by Dinnah Palomar
15th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, 11:45
+Anthony and +Lucy DiMaggio
Requested by Marianne and Grant Heston

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

Monday March 20, 9AM
+Elaine Cincala
Requested by George Cincala and Family

Tuesday March 21, 9AM
+John Potanovic
Requested by The Battista Girls

Wednesday March 22, 9AM
+Frank Becallo
Requested by Maria Becallo

Thursday March 23, 9AM
+William J Ferguson
Requested by Greg & Clare Pope

Friday March 24, 9AM
+Debbie Quinn
Requested by Angela Abbott

Saturday March 25, 2023, 5:30pm
+Patricia Schramm
Requested by Mary and Cliff Piper

Sunday March 26, 2023
Sunday, 7:15
+Gianmartino Matesic
Requested by Chelsea Picinic

Sunday, 9:00
+Ruthie Pappas
Requested by Rick Pappas

Sunday, 11:45
+Frank Petrone
Requested by Marie Leone

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(ill) Martha DeCain
Requested by Mark DeCain
Health and Wellness

(ill) Veronica Gilmartin
Requested by Ed Gilmartin
Health and Wellness

(ill) Lois Andrews
Requested by Stephen Andrews
Health and Wellness

(ill) Gary Boyar
Requested by Hanh Boyar
Health and Wellness

(ill) Marie Leone
Requested by The Leone Family
Health and Wellness

+Michael Corn
Requested by Leslie Corn
Remembrance

+Paula Walsh McGovern
Requested by Peter and Nancy Sorge
Remembrance

+Ercel Daniel
Requested by Jeff and Pat Rohman
Remembrance

Recent Deaths
+Linda Carr
Wife of John Carr
Remembrance

+Diane Long
Sister of Stephanie Smith
Remembrance

+Bill Hubof
Husband of Charlotte Hubof
Remembrance

+Ellen Kort
Wife of Glenn Kort
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 19

Coffee and Donuts in the Cafe

chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org

March 19 (Young Adult)

Kickball Game

4:30pm at the St. Francis baseball field.

youngadults@stfrancisraleigh.org

March 22

The 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

11:30 in Claire Fellowship Hall. Contact

Pat Gerney at pgerney@gmail.com or

call 919-803-8276.

Friday, March 24,

Stations of the Cross , 7:00pm

March 25

Spring 2023 Blood Drive

Please sign up on line at [www.redcross-](http://www.redcross-blood.org)

[blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org). Contact: Bryan Kozak at:

bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com

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.qual-](https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_afawzEsaYRUO-HOu)

[trics.com/jfe/form/SV_afawzEsaYRUO-](https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_afawzEsaYRUO-HOu)

[HOu](https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_afawzEsaYRUO-HOu)

April 1

Spirits with the Spirit - Young Adult Ministry

Wine and snacks after Saturday 5:30pm

Mass. Contact [young.adults@stfrancis-](mailto:young.adults@stfrancis-raleigh.org)

[raleigh.org](mailto:young.adults@stfrancis-raleigh.org)

April 15/16

Migrant Ministry Donation Drive

After all Masses

Contact Person: Tim Fasano

Email: tim.fasano@stfrancisraleigh.org

Link: [https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydig-](https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydigital.com/ministries/migrant-ministry-collection-drive/)

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[lection-drive/](https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydigital.com/ministries/migrant-ministry-collection-drive/)



Scan QR code above to give

The 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds many ministries that allow us to serve our communities, not just our parish community, but our larger Catholic family. Half of Catholic Charities' operating budget comes directly from the Bishop's Annual Appeal. And that's only a sliver of the many ministries and programs provided by the Bishop's Annual Appeal that reach the underserved and disadvantaged in our own backyard. We are STRONGER TOGETHER.

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



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Greener⁺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!



Click image above to view Episode 28

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 Sunday March 26 at 4pm-5pm in Fellowship Clare Hall.

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

A FEW SPOTS REMAIN

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.

This Weekend!

Community Center Open House

March 19th 10-11:30am

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

Contact:

Chris.Damico@stfrancisraleigh.org



Lenten Penance Services

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, Wake Forest, 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.

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: 3/20, 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/>



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 Saturday of the Month in the Assisi Café.

Upcoming Dates: 4/1

QUESTIONS CONTACT:
YOUNG.ADULTS@STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG



Now Available on St Francis Serves!!



Brown Bag Ministry

Get involved with our most popular ministry for families!!
Opportunities available for:

- April 15th
- May 20th
- May 27th




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: young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org



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Discover new ways
to make a difference

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

Kathy Sales, Director of Pastoral Ministries



After several months of study and a part of the updated communication plan for the parish, we will resume printing the new reformatted version of the bulletin on March 25/26. Based on the received data, it will be a condensed two page bulletin with essential information for our readers. See sample below.

Those parishioners who receive the electronic version of the bulletin in a Saturday evening email will continue to receive this as usual.

If you don't have internet access, you may request to receive a paper copy of the bulletin on Sundays after Mass. Please see the weekend volunteer receptionist in the church office area to place your request.

January 22, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why I Support the Bishop's Annual Appeal (B.A.A.) and Hope You Will Too

Since the mid-70's, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has served hundreds of thousands of people throughout the Diocese of Raleigh. This year's appeal kicks off this weekend. I have supported it annually since I was ordained and ask you to join me this year to help fund 23 programs and ministries that benefit so many. Here are just a few of the beneficiaries: Catholic Charities, parish assistance to small rural parishes, grants to help small Catholic schools, and seminarian education.

BAA Distribution

Each parish's goal is proportionate to its population and annual offertory. As the largest parish in the diocese with the highest offertory, our goal is the largest: \$473,665.36. Distributed evenly among our 5,300+ households, this would translate into a gift of \$90 per household if all households participated. Last year some 1200 households helped us reach our goal for the second year in a row, an accomplishment I am very proud of. The median gift was \$400. I am pledging \$500 payable over five months. I ask you to consider a pledge or donation of equal value. If you are unable to match me, please know that any and all pledges or donations are gratefully accepted.

You may make your pledge or donation in a number of ways:

- 1) Online: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/make-baa-pledge>
- 2) Stock Transfer: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/make-baa-pledge>
- 3) Mail-in check using the pledge card you should have received in the mail
- 4) QR Code located on the large table in the gathering space in the church

Bishop Luis and I thank you for supporting this year's B.A.A. Please watch this 3-minute video showcasing the work of the B.A.A. and the bishop's thank you.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UJ0h9r9S-wtF6/view>

Fr. Michael

January 22 Why Faith
Building an Adult Conscience
10:15-11:15am Founders Room
Presented by Mgr. Clay

January 24 Divorce Care
A Seminar with Experts: Come find healing and restoration when you are facing a very difficult time in your life. <https://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/leadercenter/ministries/156593>

January 26 Caregivers Support
An informational meeting. Together we can support each other and practice a life self-care as we care for those we love. For questions or to RSVP contact both.gould@stfrancisraleigh.org

January 26 Mental Health Series: Dementia
8:30pm in Founders Rm. Contact both.gould@stfrancisraleigh.org

January 28 Women's Ministry - Yoga and Breakfast
9-11am in Clare Fellowship Hall

January 28 Habitat for Humanity
Another wall build will occur on January 28 as part of our relationship with the Apostles Coalition. Sign up on the Habitat website, at <https://www.habitat.org/raleighvolunteers>

February 4/5 Catholic Parish Outreach
Bags will be passed out after Masses. To sign up to assist with passing out bags or working at the truck visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/2054486/seb202003-catholic>

February 6 Mens Prayer Breakfast
We will be discussing on Richard Rohr's "The Universal Christ" in the Padua Room. Deacon Steve, 732-213-0104 or stephenward@stfrancisraleigh.org

Following in the footsteps of CHRIST

Our featured article this week is the SFA Lenten Challenge. Visit the parish website to find out how you can join a small group as we journey through Lent. Registration deadline is next week. Click here for more information or to register.

A click away If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org.

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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi - 11401 Leeville Rd - NC 27613 - Tel: 019-847-3265

Front Page

Knights of Columbus Used Cell Phone Drive
The St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council 9705 will be conducting a used cell phone drive to benefit Interact of Wake County (www.interactofwake.org). Interact provides support services for victims of domestic violence. The used cell phones we collect are used to call 911 emergency services. All cell phones are required to have this capability with or without a cell phone service provider.

This event will be happening for the two weekends following Christmas before and after every mass on 12/31, 1/1 and 1/7, 18. The Knights will have a manned collection table in the Stewardship area of the church.

Camber with the phone. Also, we are just collecting the phones, accessories such as chargers are not necessary. Thank you from your Knights of Columbus!

Registration Now Open for Upcoming Virtual Adult Bible Study
Revelation by Little Rock Scripture Study Two sessions available
Registration open through January 4, 2023 - Limited to 20 participants
-Tuesday Evening 7:00-8:30 PM - January 24 through March 21, 2023
-Wednesday Morning 10:00-11:30 AM - January 25 through March 22, 2023

NOTE: WE WILL NOT MEET DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22.

Cost: \$15.00 (cost of book) - Pick up books in parish reception area beginning January 26, 2023.

Facilitated by: Barbara Efrid, Cindy Cardillo and Diane Rosendahl
<https://lrspress.org/products/6705/forelation>

Contact Jane Hebert, jane.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org

Book Group Opportunity on Catholic Teaching and Death Penalty
Join a parish-wide book group for information and dialogue on this very current topic. We will meet online Tuesday evenings, January 17 through February 21, from 7pm to 8pm. This book study will be facilitated by Marianne Norris and Ellen Zaytoun, St. Francis parishioners and members of the Raleigh Diocese's Catholics for Abolition in North Carolina.

For more information or to register: Complete this short Google Form. *Registration is required.

Habitat for Humanity - Our 2023 Building Season
We are involved in two building projects. One is where we work alongside several Protestant congregations in a project called Apostles Builds, and the other is with other Catholic communities in Wake County called Catholic Coalition Builds. With each building project, we also work alongside the family who will eventually move into the home.

The following are our St. Francis Habitat Saturdays where we need volunteers: January 7 (a wall build), January 21 (a wall build), March 4, and April 22.

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

Abigail Rae Carille
Daughter of Bradley and Carolyn Carille

Sebastian José Castellanos
Daughter of Lenin and Sayda Castellanos

Sebastian José Castellanos
Son of Lenin and Sayda Castellanos

Devan Rayshon Lee Curran
Son of Patrick and Heather Curran

Beckett Maxwell Curran
Son of Patrick and Heather Curran

Isabella Lucrezia Iacuzio
Daughter of John and Ann Iacuzio

The successful applicant will have a bachelor's degree with strong relational, communication, organizational, and leadership skills. We strongly desire someone with understanding in the fields of evangelization and contemporary approaches to catechesis, as well as experience with youth/young adult ministry.

If you are an active, fully initiated Catholic, who desires to be part of a truly collaborative and innovative team, please email searchcommittee@stfrancisraleigh.org and resume to Search Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org by February 31, 2022.

Back Page

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 or Kathleen Cahalan, project director for the Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative at kcahalan@csbsju.edu.

Attendee survey: https://samford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_af-awzEsaYRUOHOU



50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

The 50+ Adult Group will have its "Potluck Lunch" on Wednesday, March 22 at 11:30 in Clare 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 = Dessert/bread
D thru J = Salad/Side Dish
K thru Z = Main Dish

Coffee, soda and water will be provided.

At the Potluck, we will be holding a book exchange where members are encouraged to bring both fiction and non-fiction (both hardcover and paperback) books to share.

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



American Red Cross Spring 2023 Blood Drive

Help us help the American Red Cross and sign up for one of the 80+ appointments still available for the American Red Cross blood drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, **Saturday March 25th from 8am-2pm** in Clare Fellowship Hall.

To SCHEDULE an APPOINTMENT:
Please sign up on line at www.redcrossblood.org
Search by Zip code 27613 for events on 3/25/23

More information, contact SFA Coordinator: Bryan Kozak at: bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com



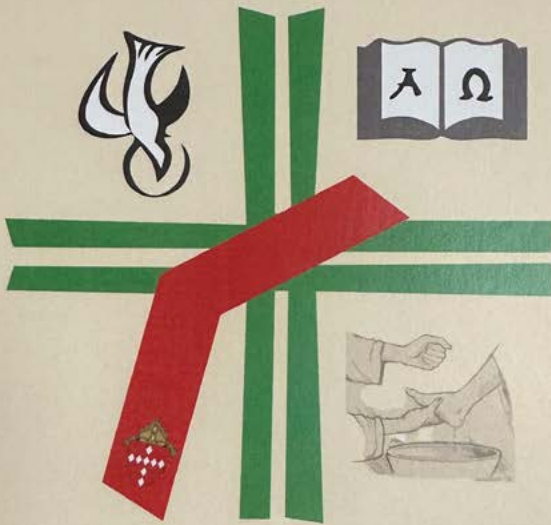
LAST CALL: Sign-Up Now for the Spring St. Francis "Veggie Box"

Looking for a weekly supply of fresh, locally-farmed, and nutritious produce? Sign up today and join fellow parishioners in supporting farmers of color and caring for the Earth. The Community Support Agriculture (CSA) farm stand 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](http://BrownFamilyFarms.com), in Henderson, NC. The CSA 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.

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>



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
-Phil 4:13



ORDINATION *To the* **TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE**

APRIL 15, 2023 | 10 A.M.
HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL

*With Praise and Thanksgiving to the Almighty God
the Diocese of Raleigh
Joyfully announces and cordially invites you
to the Ordination of*

*Mr. Cong Viet Le
to The Sacred Order of Deacon
through the invocation of the Holy Spirit
and the imposition of hands by*

*The Most Reverend Luis Raphael Larama
Bishop of Raleigh
at 10:00 AM
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
715 Nazareth St, Raleigh, NC 27606*

*Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving
at 2:30 PM*

Register to attend at
<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/ordinations>

*Reception will be held at
Royal Banquet Hall
at 6:00 PM
3821 W Gate City Blvd,
Greensboro, NC 27407*



If you count the day the bulletin comes out, we are about halfway through Lent. (Easter is 23 days away)
Wow, this time goes fast.

After the last 2 weeks, one week being in Ga and AL for A Social Justice Race Relations Tour <https://www.racerelationstours.org/> and then last week, getting together with several of my sisters and brothers to share our thoughts on the week prior (in a panel discussion/writing an article/and recording a podcast) my heart is both heavy and full.

Lucky for me, I was able to spend last weekend with many of our Padre Pio Secular Franciscans <https://ofscentral-nc.org/> at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center. <https://www.stfrancis.today/>

While I have been before, the opportunity to disconnect for a few days (less than 2 hours from our church, between Greensboro, NC and Roanoke, VA) with incredible love and hospitality, and no screens, is such a blessing.

A spiritual renewal, in a prayerful environment; complete with a meditation room, libraries, indoor chapel, outdoor chapel, gardens, walking paths, stations of the cross and a labyrinth, in addition to experiencing an overwhelming sense of hospitality, justice and contemplation, I feel grounded again.

As we continue through this season of Lent and approaching Easter, what can you do to 'find your peace' and get grounded again.

Thank you to Steve Swayne, the Seculars and all the fine folks at St. Francis Springs for providing me everything I needed.

Silence, Peace and Grounding.
Pax Et Bonum.



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@stfrancis-raleigh.org

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.

Applicants should submit a résumé with a cover letter to: search.committee@stfrancisraleigh.org

Applications accepted through March 22, 2023.

For more information, [visit our website](#).



If anyone sees this person (a.k.a. Tim Fasano), please call the missing leprechaun hotline.

Employment Opportunities

Work someplace where you can make a difference in so many people's lives. [Visit our website](#) to view information about the following full time career opportunities on our campus:

Administrative Assistant, Pastoral Ministries

Social Studies Teacher, Grade 6 (beginning August 2023)

Teacher, Grade 4 - math concentration (beginning August 2023)

Instructional Teaching Assistant