

October 18, 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Communities of Calling

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Live the  
Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH  
October 2020

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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.

### Daily Mass 10am

Daily Mass will continue in the Memorial Garden the week of October 19-23. It will move to the church if it rains.

Wednesdays are reserved for TFS and Preschool Mass.

All pandemic protocols are followed. No signups are required.



**The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi**

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On Saturday, October 17, the last group of teens in the parish were confirmed by Fr. Jairo and me. It took four separate Masses to accomplish this in a COVID-19 world with required safety and social distancing protocols, but we are proud of our youth for reaching this milestone in their lives and for the support of their parents and sponsors in helping these teens get across this new threshold in their lives as fully-initiated Catholics. Thanks to all who helped with their preparation and our four celebrations. We couldn't have done it without you!

Today I am installed as the sixth pastor of St. Francis of Assisi. Bishop Zarama will officiate for this ceremony at the 9:30am livestream Mass. This brief ritual formally makes me your pastor and places the pastoral and canonical responsibilities of pastor officially on my shoulders. I am grateful for your continued prayers.

We restarted a regular time each Saturday afternoon for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (i.e., Confession) in the church. The time will be 4:00-4:45pm. Initially Fr. Jairo and I will both be available and will be located in the last pew on the left and right transepts of the church. No sign-up is required but we will continue to require all safety protocols be followed (e.g., facemask, temperature check prior to entering the church, hands sanitized, social distancing between the penitent and the priest). This is another small step we are taking to open the parish to you. You may also arrange a time for this sacrament by calling the office if Saturday afternoon doesn't work for your schedule.

Last Tuesday, 151 St. Francis parishioners participated in the public launch of One-Wake, an interreligious coalition of churches, synagogues, and mosques to improve conditions in our county in terms of affordable housing, jobs, and education for those whose voices are often not heard in the decisions that are made about these issues. We had the third largest congregational presence at this meeting in which over 2500 people participated virtually. I am very proud of the work Trevor Thompson and our many parishioners have done for a few years to help establish this group.

*Msgr. Clay*

## Communities of Calling Initiative: Baptismal Call and Disciples

Deb Royals-Mizerk, Director of Stewardship

On June 1, 2018 our parishioner Larry Petrovick sent an email to Trevor Thompson sharing information about an opportunity to participate in a program called: Communities of Calling Initiative (CCI). The CCI program was an invitation to congregations from across the United States to apply for, and, if accepted, participate in a five-year project that would render formational and profound experiences with regard to God's Baptismal Call or enhance existing ministries to help Christians discover and deepen their sense of God's calling in their lives. The Collegeville Institute would serve as the hub for the work and the Lilly Foundation provided the funding. Our director

of Stewardship completed the grant application and interview process for this opportunity and we were informed in early August, 2018 that St. Francis had been selected as one of the 14 partner congregations from across the country who would be participating.

Each congregation was awarded \$30,000 to be used over the course of those five years. St. Francis was one of two Catholic parishes that were selected as a part of this initiative and we became a part of congregations throughout the country who gathered to learn from each other throughout this 5-year program. The first year was spent preparing for

THROUGH MARRIAGE  
MAY THEIR LIVES AL-  
WAYS BEAR WITNESS TO  
CHRIST'S LOVE:

**Brittani Ezuma**, daughter of  
Peter and Faye Ezuma  
and **Mayowa Sogbein**, son of  
Olakunle and Grace Sogbein

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

+ **Domitila Acevedo Vargas**  
Mother of Amalia Hopf

+ **Kevin Allio**  
Son of Kathleen and Tony Trabucco

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**Faith Direct:**

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



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<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/>

the inaugural project. In June of 2019, we submitted a proposal. The first year of work for St. Francis (2019-2020) was created to include the following: Supporting the re-establishment of our Pastoral Council, and reintroducing the Called and Gifted curriculum to our faith community in addition to growing our Stewardship Education art project. Four members of SFA successfully completed a train-the-trainer program at the Catherine of

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## Saturday Evening Mass

Up to 200 people (including liturgical ministers) are welcome to attend in-person Saturday evening 5:30pm Mass. To sign up, please visit our parish website the Wednesday prior. All health and safety protocols will continue to be followed.



Update

## Sunday Liturgy

Up to 200 people are now welcome to attend the 9:30am and 5:30pm Sunday Masses. To sign up, visit our website at 12 noon the Wednesday prior.



We are excited to announce the opening of Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School in the Fall of 2021! Cristo Rey Research Triangle is a college and career preparatory High School in the Catholic tradition for students with limited economic resources. We are unique! Our students integrate a rigorous academic curriculum with four years of professional work experience and support to and through college.

Students spend one day a week gaining professional work experience in some of our top companies in the area. We are located at the Historic American Tobacco Campus in the heart of downtown Durham, North Carolina. To learn more about this amazing opportunity, and to register for our Virtual Information Meetings on October 20, 2020 and October 22, 2020 at 7:00pm visit the website at [www.cristoreyrt.org](http://www.cristoreyrt.org).

### Employment Opportunities

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4:00 to 4:45pm on Saturdays in the church.

All health and safety protocols will be followed but we will NOT be recording names of those who join.

Please do not drop off any unsolicited items on the church property or in our buildings. All of our donation drives are closely coordinated with our ministry partners in the community and are well publicized in advance. If you have donations at times outside of our announced drives, please take your donation directly to a charity of your choice. Thank you for your cooperation.

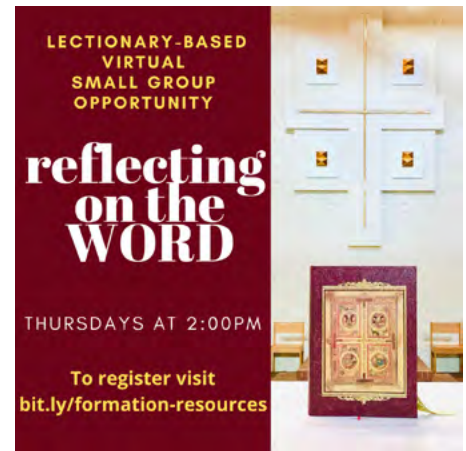
# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

*On Saturday, October 17, 30 Candidates celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Msgr. Clay and Fr. Jairo. Please pray for these newly confirmed that they use the gifts bestowed upon them by the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News wherever they may go.*



Marissa Antonelli  
Brendan Bugaj  
Joseph Burke  
Jamey Cline III  
Fenan Daniel  
Katherine Fix  
Jack Flagg  
Kate Flagg  
Kendall Flagg  
John Goodwin  
Jackson Hobler  
Meredith Hobler  
Kaylie Hoffmann  
Erin Karcher  
Matthew Kluckman

Grace Lee  
Noah Lee  
Carter Malone  
Caitlin Mendez  
Hailey Morris  
Juan Pablo Neri  
Riley O'Brien  
Katelyn O'Connor  
Alexander Paluti  
Ian Setia  
Isabella Tamayo  
Paxton Whitehead  
Alyse Wierzbicki  
Luke Woodson  
Brynn Zivitz



## **Reflecting on the Word Lectio Divina followed by small group discussion**

Thursdays afternoons, 2:00-3:15pm

Join our Director of Formation, Jenn Fiduccia, for Lectio Divina followed by small group discussion on the upcoming Sunday readings! We will be using Zoom online conferencing and you will be sent a link to join after you register. To register, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-formation/>. For more information, email [jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org).





# PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Kathleen Owen, Director of Parish Life

## Ready or Not



Sometimes, this is my favorite time of year...the weather turns crisp, apples are fresh off the tree and the holidays are right around the corner. Most years, I am in my element. But this year is different. This year, it feels like grinding gears – I'm supposed to be excited about the holidays, cooking for family, shopping for family and when the big day comes, I'll be at home with my husband and my family will be at their homes.

But that's how it feels any year that someone is grieving. And grief comes in many forms – grieving the loss of a loved one, grieving the news that you have cancer, or grieving some other situation. You wake up with a lightness of spirit

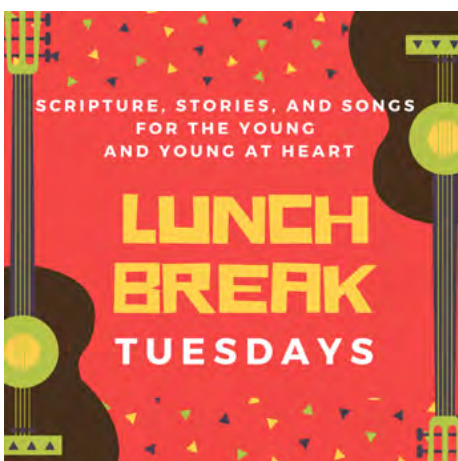
that's quickly squashed by the memory of the loss.

So what can you do? Sign up. We're offering GriefShare – Surviving the Holidays on Sunday, November 15, from 2-4pm, and Celebrating Christmas in Your Cancer Journey on Sunday, December 6, from 2-4pm.

Each event will be virtual. Each event will offer a safe place to acknowledge your fears and disappointments about the upcoming holidays. Each event will offer you the comfort of knowing you are not alone in your journey and each event will offer ideas for how to modify traditions to support a more realistic outcome for your holiday.

The cost of each event is \$10 and scholarships are available. Signups will start October 21 on the parish announcements page at <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/announcements/>.

If you aren't looking forward to the holidays, but don't feel comfortable in groups, please consider getting a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister will listen to you, ask questions to help you process your feelings, pray for you and offer comfort and a safe place to process how you want to embrace the holidays this year. Just give me a call at 919-847-8205x241, or email [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org) and I can tell you more about this quiet, powerful ministry.



### October Envelope Schedule

October 18	Weekly
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October 25	Weekly
November 1	All Saints Day
November 2	All Souls Day

# JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

*Faithful Citizenship: Catholics Advocating for Life and Dignity of the Human Person*

## Respect Life: Racism is a life Issue

Becky Cawley, Justice and Peace

There is a very touching scene in the movie *Selma*, a movie about Dr. Martin Luther King's historic movement to secure voting rights for all people of color in 1965. In it Dr. King is trying to find the words to comfort a grieving grandfather who has just witnessed the confrontation with police and subsequent murder of his only grandson during a peaceful protest. You watch as Dr. King struggles to find words to meet the depth of the grandfather's pain. He searches for something to say, anything to say worthy of such profound heartache. Eventually he finds the words: "God was the first to cry."

The Catholic Church proclaims that every human life is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ and therefore is invaluable. Every person, our church teaches, from the moment of conception to natural death has inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with that dignity. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment. The church has proclaimed for a long time that in our society, human life is under direct attack for example from abortion, the death penalty, and war.

And so profound is the problem of racism in our country that in November 2018, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) the teaching office of the Vatican here in the US, published a new pastoral letter against racism entitled *Open Wide Our Hearts The Enduring Call to Love*. In the document they elevated racism to a life issue. Specifically, they wrote: "As Bishops, we unequivocally state that racism is a life issue. Accordingly, we will not cease to speak forcefully against and work toward ending racism." (p.25)

What is racism? A common understanding of racism is when an individual intentionally and consciously does something cruel and/or offensive, or simply does not like another person based on the color

of their skin. Using this definition alone, racism is probably rare, just a few "bad apples".

But the truth is, this definition of racism is highly inadequate and does not reflect the historical and present day realities of racism in our country. In fact, the United States of America is now and has always been a racially structured society with white people at the top, holding most positions of power and decision making, with people of color at the bottom struggling to survive. Racism exists in our societal systems such that in almost every measurable way, people of color fair worse than white people, be it in the criminal justice system, housing, healthcare, wealth, education, jobs, etc. This is called systemic racism. More than a just few bad apples ... the whole apple tree is infected.

"The roots of racism have extended deeply into the soil of our society. Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality – economic and social – that we see all around us. With renewed vigor, we call on the members of the Body of Christ to join others in advocating and promoting policies at all levels that will combat racism and its effects in our civic and social institutions." (Open Wide our Hearts, p23)

To learn more and stay informed begin with a trip to the USCCB website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Follow that with deep prayer and discernment as to how God is calling you to respond during this time of crisis in our country. Also, watch this space for upcoming parish plans to assist you in education, advocacy and action toward dismantling racism in our country. And finally, vow to help in some small way, dry God's tears.

Contact Becky Cawley at [becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org) or Paul Williams at [paul.williams3rd@gmail.com](mailto:paul.williams3rd@gmail.com) if we can assist you in any way.

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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As we move through this next month before our election, and what the Church calls "Respect Life Month," our Office of Justice and Peace is continuing to offer a series of reflections that speak our Catholic values as they relate to issues of political and social concern.

Our hope is that these reflections might serve as a helpful way to prayerfully discern what matters to you and make prudent decision reflective of your deepest values as you fill out the ballot. Check out the bulletins from the last few weeks to see reflection on the protection of the unborn, the environment, and immigrants and refugees.

**October 18**  
**Reflection on the Protection of Life – Racism**

**October 25 – Reflection on Local Issues of Concern – Housing, Education, and Jobs**

**November 1**  
**Reflection on Health Care**

**November 3**  
**Election Day**



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, Principal

## Where Can a TFS Education Lead Your Child?



It was during Mrs. Moser's 8th-grade science class that Nathan Vaughn discovered his love of science and launched his journey into a discipline that led him to his current role as a research scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

"The hands-on experiments, the large variety of animals in her classroom and Mrs. Moser's passion for science really fostered my interest in the field – even if I got in trouble one time for taking a pet out of the science room," Vaughn jokes. "This positive experience in middle school definitely encouraged me to follow my own passion for science through high school and beyond."

After graduating from TFS in 2007, Vaughn continued his education at Cardinal Gibbons High School. After high school graduation, he earned his bachelor's degree in physics and applied mathematics at the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill, and his Ph.D. in applied and interdisciplinary mathematics at the University of Michigan.

The research he'll be conducting at Los Alamos will be a continuation of his studies at University of Michigan – in the field of computational physics.

"Scientists have discovered equations that describe all aspects of nature, ranging from things like how a water flows over a waterfall, to how chemical reactions occur in your phone battery, to how a star explodes at the end of its life. Many of those equations can't be solved analytically – with pencil and paper – however, they can be solved numerically, with a computer," Vaughn explains. "Still, depending on the physical situation, solving these equations numerically may take months or years even on a super-computer. As a computational physicist, I work on numerical methods for solving

these types of equations accurately and efficiently, in order to enable us to simulate and investigate the physical world on computers."

His work requires a lot of discipline, and he credits his time at TFS for instilling a sense of responsibility in him from a young age.

"I learned a lot both in and out of the classroom at TFS. Middle school was when we started having much more responsibility; we were taking classes with many different teachers, we had extra-curricular activities, and we weren't under a microscope the whole time," Vaughn remembers. "It was our responsibility to keep track of our duties and get things done. This is when I developed time management and other skills that helped me throughout the high school and college years as the level of responsibility continued to increase."

As for current TFS students, Vaughn offers some words of advice.

"Do your best but don't sweat every small detail, and enjoy your time at TFS," Vaughn says. "And if you're interested in a topic, go talk to your teacher about it."

After all, you never know where that interest may lead!

As you explore school options for your children's education next year, please consider The Franciscan School. Please do not hesitate to contact Principal Mike Watson, by email at [michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) or reach out to our admissions team at [Admissions@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Admissions@stfrancisraleigh.org). The faculty, parents, and students of TFS look forward to welcoming you to The Franciscan School community!

### Employment Opportunities

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# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis of Assisi Preschool

## Helping Our Young Students Handle Disappointment



*"Disappointments are just God's way of saying: 'I've got something better.' So, live life, be patient, and always have faith."*

[learnhowimetgod.com](http://learnhowimetgod.com)

To say that 2020 has brought disappointment is certainly an understatement! I don't think that there is anyone I know who has not had to cancel, change, or rearrange at least one thing due to the COVID health crisis. Because of this, there is a lot of disappointment in the air. Disappointment with having to postpone a long-awaited trip, disappointment with not being able to visit with relatives from another state, and disappointment with having to cancel a birthday celebration with friends at a favorite party place.

Personally, I have had heaping doses of disappointment over the loss of various things these past several months. As an adult, however, I have learned how to deal with the emotions that come when not being able to do what I had hoped or wanted. I have acquired strategies and tools over the years which allow me to manage and cope so that I can move forward. I also try to keep in mind that ultimately disappointment will fade. In addition, I attempt to temper it by remembering the blessings that I do have- good health, my family both near and far, a job I love, and the gift of a supportive faith community.

In no way, shape or form, however, is it always easy for me to shift my emotions away from disappointment and sadness to gratefulness! If I sometimes struggle with it as an adult, how difficult must it be for our young children to manage without the benefit of a mature perspective?

Helping our young students handle disappointment and other big feelings is an important part of the social-emotional growth that often begins at preschool. Teachers and other childhood development experts agree that in order for a child to be the most successful, social-emotional skills are key. Early in a child's life, temper tantrums might be expected when there is disappointment, but these need to eventually be replaced; we are not setting our students up for success unless we give them an alternative strategy.

What other tools are available to help our children manage disappointment? Most early childhood education experts will agree that it's important to keep compassion and care at the forefront of the interaction, particularly if the child is experiencing sadness/disappointment. Listening and acknowledging a child's frustration and disappointment are also key. Is there another solution that will help lessen the disappointment? Giving our children an opportunity to help brainstorm other options is also important. We don't know what they might think of unless they are given the chance. These are just a few ideas to help a child cope with disappointment.

One strategy that I also like to always try to utilize first is remembering that I am not alone. There are those who will support me and help me to move ahead. As Catholics, we have the unique advantage of our faith to assist us as well. Our faith

gives us hope that although we might be experiencing disappointment now, God has a plan for us. Because of our faith in Jesus and the glory of the resurrection, we know that God is always with us through the good, the bad, and the ugly. Small children can take comfort in knowing this about God even without the benefit of an adult faith perspective. This is possible because as Catholic educators, we build this idea into our daily activities. We remind the children of the power of God's love to help us cope. Even more importantly, as adults, we can be a strong model of how to ask God for help when things are not going as we had hoped. Our example as educators, parents, grandparents, and as those who love the little ones in their lives, can be one in which we give thanks for what we do have and what blessings have been given to us. Sometimes, showing our children how to thank God for what they have can be more powerful than any other example.

In our prayers, let us not only humbly ask God for the grace to handle disappointment and difficult situations, but also to remember to always give thanks too. Our children are watching, absorbing, and imitating those around them. Let us be sure to provide the best example of how to be a follower of God!

To learn more about the wonderful opportunities that we provide, please visit our website at: [preschoolatstfrancis.com](http://preschoolatstfrancis.com) or contact Shelley Freeman at: [shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org).



# This Week and Next

## The Faith and Science Forum

This group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 1:00 to 2:30pm via Zoom to share information by discussing books, to ask questions, and to support one another in our mutual discovery and appreciation of our common home where Spirit illumines all things. Please contact Ron Monti at (919) 841-0807, [montiron@aol.com](mailto:montiron@aol.com) or Tracy Hurley at 828-773-3152, [danandtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracy@hotmail.com).

## Contemplative Spirituality Solace of Fierce Landscapes

We continue to meet virtually every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 1 to 2:30pm to dialogue on *Solace of Fierce Landscapes* by Belden C. Lane, where the author explores why so many in history were drawn to the hazardous terrain of deserts and mountains in search of Christian spirituality. Those reading the book have found it to be truly captivating due to its many unique insights into our Spirituality. If you have questions or are interested in joining the sessions contact Tracy Hurley at [danandtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracy@hotmail.com), 828-773-3152 or Deacon Steve at [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com), 732-213-0104.

## Contemplative Spirituality Thomas Merton's Bridges Series

Did you know that when John Robert Lewis crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965, he knew that he was going to be arrested and he had two books with him that he was going to read while he was in jail. One was his bible and the other was a book by Thomas Merton. Why would a 23 year old Baptist have a book to read written by the Catholic Monk? Experience Why. – Join us virtually, on Fridays from 1 to 2:30pm. We will dialogue on book from Merton's *Bridges to Contemplative Living Series*. Contact Tracy Hurley at [danandtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracy@hotmail.com), 828-773-3152 or Deacon Steve at [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com), 732-213-0104.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** – The ministry meets virtually every 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7 to 8 am. The meetings provide a way for men to come together in prayer and fellowship. For discussions, we select a book that deals with faith and life issues. The Men's Ministry provides a safe haven for men to meet other Christian men for friendship and the sharing of our journey through life. If interested contact Norm Tuomi at [norman3722@att.net](mailto:norman3722@att.net) or Ralph Guenther at [rguenther2@nc.rr.com](mailto:rguenther2@nc.rr.com)

## GriefShare – Surviving the Holidays

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## Cancer Companions – Celebrating Christmas in Your Cancer Journey,

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Out of concern for the health and well-being of the community, this year the Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place.

*Anniversary Year*  
Commemorative Certificate

Couples willing to receive a wedding anniversary certificate please register at:  
<https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2020>

## Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles have moved to the Community Center



Bring all meals to the center door  
9am-4pm, Monday-Friday

## Cardinal Gibbons Parish Affiliation Forms

The parish offices are closed due to the pandemic. Those needing Parish Affiliation Forms completed for Cardinal Gibbons 2021-2022 Academic year, the form may be emailed directly to [toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org) or mailed:

St. Francis of Assisi,  
11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613  
Attention: Toni Hammes

The information will be sent from St. Francis directly to CGHS. Please email [Toni.Hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Toni.Hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org) if you have any questions.

## ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?



Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- ANXIETY OVER HEALTH
- GRIEF DUE TO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOSSES
- TENSION FROM JUGGLING WORK, CHILDCARE, AND SCHOOLING
- FINANCIAL STRAIN OR JOB LOSS
- UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE



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919-847-8205x241

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our church office.

## Group Opportunities

Due to the changing nature of reopening our doors, please check the group opportunity to confirm whether it is held in a virtual format or in-person.

**AA Meeting:** For our Alcoholics Anonymous friends whose meetings have been cancelled. The Internet is full of online recovery resources. Online meetings like this one - you can belong to more than one, or two, or three. AA.ORG main website has a list. There are private Facebook groups, endless websites, and speaker tapes. It's all there. Al-Anon Meetings: Sun. 7:00pm, LaVerna, lower level.

**Always God's Children:** Always God's Children: The monthly support group meeting for LGBTQ+ people and family and friends. To receive an invite to the online meeting, email Chuck Small at [chuck.smallsfa@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.smallsfa@gmail.com). Next meeting, November 1.

**Adult Open Play Nights:** Assisi Community Center Gym. Visit <http://stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-open-play> to contact the ministry leaders for each of our adult open play nights.

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group:** The first Wednesday of the month, 1:00-3:00pm and the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00-9:00pm, in the Padua Room of Assisi Community Center. Linda Tucker, [ltucker40@nc.rr.com](mailto:ltucker40@nc.rr.com), 937-478-9537.

**Centering Prayer:** Thursdays, 9:35am or 7:30pm in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel.

**Community Center Classes:** Regular exercise classes and parent/child classes run weekly, September-May. [www.stfrancisraleigh.org/programs-and-classes](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/programs-and-classes).

**Community Garden:** Saturday mornings, 10:00am. Call Pat or Paul Kelly at 919-413-8833, email [mpmkelly@hotmail.com](mailto:mpmkelly@hotmail.com), or just drop by.

**Divorce Care:** Divorce Care: sessions resumed Tuesday September 1, 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center. For more information contact Bill Morgan at [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com) or visit <https://www.divorcecare.org/about>.

### Grief Support Group

Contact Marsha Riely at [marshariely@mac.com](mailto:marshariely@mac.com) or Marlys Varga at [marlysvarga@hotmail.com](mailto:marlysvarga@hotmail.com).

### GriefShare

Contact Kathleen Owen at [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Job Connections:** We provide tools and advice on how to stay motivated and on target. To enroll, contact Mary Horner at [sfa.jcm@gmail.com](mailto:sfa.jcm@gmail.com).

**Men's Ministry:** Breakfast, Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center. Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mensministry/> for details.

**Padre Pio Secular Franciscans:** Learn more about living Franciscan spirituality in the secular world. Monthly Gatherings the 4th Sunday of the month, 1-3 Founders Room.

Contact: Ellen Ferrone - [ellen.ferrone@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.ferrone@gmail.com).

**Peace Pole Prayer:** Join us after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays to pray for peace in the world and our country. Meet in front of Clare Hall for a few minutes of prayer.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Contact Cindy Cardello, 919-846-8825 or Diane Rotunno, 919-844-7153 for details.

**Rosary Ministry:** Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm, St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, Marian Monti, [ianmar94@aol.com](mailto:ianmar94@aol.com).

**50+ Adults Group:** Monthly potluck luncheons throughout the year and monthly game days, September through May in Clare Fellowship Hall. Contact Angela Azzopardi, 919-848-1347.

### Women's Ministry:

- Tue Evenings with Anna Fowler – [annafowler@nc.rr.com](mailto:annafowler@nc.rr.com)
- Friday Morning with Celesta Carlson – [ccarlson210@gmail.com](mailto:ccarlson210@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### To all our volunteers:

Here are a few ways you could help members of our parish:

### Caring Connections Ministry

If you'd like to get to know more members of our community, consider joining our Caring Connections Ministry. Sign up to make check in calls to parishioners, send birthday cards or deliver meals. Also, if you would like to receive care, just let us know how to help. To sign up, please visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### FaceTime and Zoom

If you'd like to learn how to use FaceTime or Zoom or be connected to watch our daily and Sunday programs, or if you'd like to teach someone over the phone, please visit our <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Cards and Artwork

If you'd like to send or receive cards to/from fellow parishioners and establish a connection with other folks who are sheltering in place, or if you have kids who would love to send their artwork to brighten someone's day or if you'd like to receive some artwork, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Make a Meal and Deliver Groceries

If you would like to make a meal or help deliver groceries to those in need, please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Making a Call

The Parish Life staff is calling parishioners to make sure they are safe and aware of several ministry opportunities during the COVID-19 crisis. If you haven't gotten your call, stay tuned. If you need help or want to offer help, check out our link at <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

We will match up needs with offers of help. Currently, it seems most folks are handling the daily changes well, but that may change over the coming weeks. Please reach out if you need to talk, need some help or just want to hear a cheerful voice! St. Francis of Assisi is here for our parishioners.

### Thank you!

All of our Parish Life Ministries and the Community Center would like to thank you for serving the St. Francis Community. At this time all other volunteer opportunities are suspended until it is safe for us to come together again. Please check your weekly bulletin for updates. Stay well.

### Offer Care / Receive Care

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
October 18, 2020

## Our Divine Mark

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

**H**ave you ever wondered why so many ancient busts of emperors and gods still exist? In any major museum around the world, you'll see rows of these masterful sculptures. The Vatican Museums have one of the best of these collections.

Thousands of busts and statues of the emperors and gods were produced for civil use in ancient times. Just like the American president's portrait is in every US embassy, so Caesar's sculpted form was all over the Roman Empire. For example, a bust would be placed in the town squares of the outlying territories

to indicate that a border population belonged to the Roman Empire. The sculptures of Roman gods were also set up in public places around town so that a certain religious unity was preserved. Being within the empire obliged citizens to pay tributes and taxes, and it assured them of protection. Once the Caesars declared themselves divine, their statue also required sacrifice and worship.

The image of the Caesar marked what belonged to him: from land, to money, to people, to prayer. If you were under his image, you belonged to him.

We also carry the mark of a divine image that indicates to whom we belong. Each human being is made in the image of God, to be his reflection. We are sculpted and formed to reflect the artist who made us. God gives humans dignity because we are an eternal reflection of God's free, intelligent, artful, and beautiful nature. Our inalienable rights, rooted in our spiritual and rational nature, come from our Creator, as do our duties. No one can take them away.

It is proper to render unto Caesar what is his, but both Caesar and his subjects must render to God what belongs to God. +

*Everyone is made  
in the image of God.*

## Sunday Readings

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

I am the LORD, there is no other.

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers.

**Matthew 22:15-21**

"Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that [Jesus] said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

## A Word from Pope Francis

Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and—insofar as possible—healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects.... Each person must be valued ...in his or her dignity.

Address to Pontifical Academy of Sciences, November 24, 2016



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I realize my dignity and value come from God?
- Do I render to God what he deserves?



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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Don't distance from your spouse! Learn how to bring your marriage to a new level. Renew, rekindle and strengthen your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Nov. 6-8, 2020, in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144. Follow our Facebook page North Carolina WWME!

# Political Campaigns Leave Christ Out

By Kathleen M. Basi

Faith and politics—are there any two words in the English language that are more fraught with potential to divide?

In the United States in 2016 and even in 2020, we went through a heartbreakingly ugly presidential primary and convention season, only to be thrust into an equally disgusting general-election fight—entire seasons in which the modus operandi seemed to be: “Say whatever you want, whether it’s true or not, because all things are justifiable in the pursuit of winning.”

When faith intersects with politics, we are faced with very hard choices. No party, no candidate, represents the totality of the Catholic faith. No party holds a moral high ground; the bending of truths and the oversimplification of issues is a near-universal characteristic of political rhetoric, and all party platforms contain positions that are inconsistent with the teachings of Christ.

Candidates often tell us that we stand at a point of no return—that if we don’t get the “right” result, our country is lost. And for this reason, we tolerate the behaviors, the shredding of opponents’ human dignity, the dishonesty, and the trash talking that stand diametrically opposed to the Ten Commandments. Even worse, we participate in them.

Most of us don’t want to own our guilt. We’d rather blame the system. If we take an honest look in the mirror, though, almost all of us are part of the



problem. Too often, the tone of our comments on social media and in our safe zones, among those who think like we do, mirrors the un-Christlike ugliness exhibited in direct mail, TV ads, and speeches. We fail to hold our candidates—even the ones we know personally—accountable for the tenor of the discussion. Then, too, there are the articles and editorials we choose to share. It’s easy to hide behind them, to let an author take the blame and refuse the responsibility we incur by spreading his or her influence.

The truth is, there is no one “point of no return.” We face crossroads every day, every election season, and in every conversation about social, economic, and governmental affairs. At each one,

we make a choice to put our faith in the driver’s seat—or to make a particular political party, candidate, or issue our god.

In the next few weeks, we, as individual followers of Christ, must decide whether to condone the false absolutes, the polarization, and the dehumanization that have come to characterize our political process, or to hold ourselves and all our leaders accountable to the standard set by Jesus. We all have a choice to make. What will you choose? +

*Almost all of us are part of  
the problem exemplified  
by the nastiness of politics.  
We must be more like Christ.*



*Lord, I am grateful for the power  
of your love and grace. Teach me  
to trust that you care about my  
human needs and obligations.*

*From Grateful Meditations for Every Day  
in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage  
and Mary Ann McSweeney*

## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 19–24

**Monday,** Sts. John de Brébeuf,  
Isaac Jogues, and Companions:  
Eph 2:1–10 / Lk 12:13–21

**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
Eph 2:12–22 / Lk 12:35–38

**Wednesday, Weekday:**  
Eph 3:2–12 / Lk 12:39–48

**Thursday, Weekday:**  
Eph 3:14–21 / Lk 12:49–53

**Friday, Weekday:**  
Eph 4:1–6 / Lk 12:54–59

**Saturday, Weekday:**  
Eph 4:7–16 / Lk 13:1–9

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# Communities of Calling Initiative: Baptismal Call and Disciples

Deb Royals-Mizerk, Director of Stewardship

Siena Institute in mid-January 2020, and we elicited interest program participation from members of the Stewardship Committee and several other ministry groups in the parish. We intended to offer the Called and Gifted program as a large, in-person retreat over the Summer 2020, but in the wake of the pandemic we pivoted nimbly and began imagining ways to deliver the program virtually.

Because an online version of Called and Gifted would be fundamentally different than the in-person retreat, we decided it would be prudent to start with a pilot offering and in August we completed our first pilot of the virtual Called and Gifted program. The pilot program consisted of synchronous gatherings via Zoom, as well as asynchronous learning in between Zoom sessions, and 11 parishioners participated. The Called and Gifted facilitators who were trained in January have been energized and empowered to walk alongside fellow parishioners who are discerning their charisms. Participants in the pilot program have been similarly enthusiastic about continuing their work with facilitators, conducting gifts interviews and experimentation—two subsequent phases of Called and Gifted.

The following is a beautiful testimony from one of the pilot participants – Jacob House - regarding the Called and Gifted program and his own experiences:

*“Recently, I participated in the Called and Gifted program, which is about discerning one’s charisms - special gifts of the Holy Spirit related to one’s mission in the Church and society. I was a little skeptical at first. As a psych student and business person, I have taken plenty of questionnaires and tests over the years that have added dozens of ways I can categorize myself. Wait, this is more than a simple test? Multiple workshops and an interview? I knew the program facilitators and trust them implicitly, so I proceeded. I found the workshops*

*interesting and informative, but also necessary to prepare me for the best part - my interview. Suddenly a lot of different things began falling into place - like cracking the code to a puzzle. Baptismal call --Holy Spirit --Confirmation --Practicing charisms before I had a word for them --Talking through them with a trained facilitator – and hearing what the facilitator for my interview heard. Whether you’re a cradle Catholic, a convert, neither, or just curious, I need to make sure you’ve heard this, plain and simple: At Baptism, you become part of the body of Christ and you are given gifts by the Holy Spirit. At Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens the gifts you’ve been given, and you have everything you need to go forth and make disciples.”*

During this past year of work, we were able to build a team of individuals equipped with the necessary language and tools to facilitate calling and discernment efforts on a large scale. Monsignor Clay is jumping right in to understand the purpose of CCI, as well as our history with the initiative, and has proposed opportunities for complementing and grounding the work we’ve completed thus far through our project activities.

Further, he has recommended strategies for integrating CCI related efforts into different facets of the parish, including faith formation and liturgy. Monsignor Clay’s appreciation for the desired outcomes of CCI, and his full participation in imagining how to achieve those outcomes, constitute a very promising sign for our congregation.

Often, forces outside our control prompt reevaluation of our callings. In the past year, the Friars’ departure and the pandemic challenged us to think differently about how we are called to “be church” in this moment, as well as what kind of church we will be as we begin another chapter under new leadership. Our next steps seek to offer and ensure

that all members of our community have the essential grounding in our Christian faith necessary to situate the process of discerning charisms and empower a moving out in discipleship and mission. We are developing online asynchronous modules that will focus on foundational aspects of contemporary first evangelization, the kerygma or the apostolic proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ. The online modules will serve as a broad foundation on which targeted programming like the Called and Gifted Program will be built over time and will offer a vision to situate why discerning charisms is important for implementing the final element of the kerygma as well as to introduce our new pastor and his vision for the CCI to people of the parish community. We also hope to bring guest speakers, perhaps Kathleen Cahalan and/or Sherry Weddell, to visit SFA when it is once again safe to do so. We believe highlighting an expert voice is an effective way to elevate our CCI efforts. God gives us the Holy Spirit and we hope that our efforts plant fruitful seeds of understanding that all baptized are called to a life of discipleship and mission – to go out beyond the doors and proclaim the Good News.

St. Francis is profoundly fortunate to have been selected as one of the participating CCI churches. We hope that as we roll this program out to the broader community that our family here will take advantage of learning about and claiming your Baptismal Call. As Jacob House has so eloquently reminded us - we became a part of the body of Christ at Baptism. We look forward to working with our community to bring new understanding and empowerment with regard to our gifts strengthened by the Holy Spirit and together go forth as Disciples!

If you have any questions or wish to learn more, please contact Deb Royals Mizerk at [deb.royals-mizerk@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:deb.royals-mizerk@stfrancisraleigh.org) or give her a call at 919-847-8205x222.

# Employment Opportunities



## **Teacher, Spanish Grades 5 & 6, Full-time**

The primary role of the teacher will be to instruct fifth and sixth grade students in all grade-appropriate aspects of the Spanish language, to design a creative learning environment, and to incorporate technology to engage and challenge the students. The candidate will demonstrate the ability to use innovation and vision to implement the goals and requirements of the Diocesan Language curriculum in lesson plans to prepare the students for their continuing education.

Candidates must have Bachelor's degree. Preferred candidates will have a NC teaching licensure or be able to obtain licensure, and have prior experience teaching Spanish with a record of excellence.

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 with three references to: [tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org).



## **Facility Maintenance Technician – Full Time**

We have an immediate opening on our campus for a facility maintenance technician. This position is responsible for ensuring all areas of the campus are in good repair, maintaining a safe environment, and professional appearance of all campus buildings. This position supports the ministries of the parish to better serve our community by:

- Performing needed maintenance and repairs on all parish buildings, facilities and grounds, including painting, assisting in snow and ice removal, and minor janitorial projects, as needed
- Performing emergency maintenance to include pest control, plumbing repair, minor electrical repairs, and troubleshooting mechanical equipment
- Assisting in setting up and breakdown for events and parish activities
- Responding to fire, security and panic alarms
- Conducting periodic inspections on emergency equipment including fire alarms, emergency lights, AED's, First Aid Kits, generators, etc.

The maintenance technician may work varying shifts, as needed. As scheduled or needed, the technician must be able to respond to campus emergencies including alarms and urgent maintenance matters while off-duty within an reasonable timeframe.

A 2-Year degree in facility management or a construction trade, or a minimum of 3 years experience in the aforementioned fields or in a general maintenance environment.

Interest and qualified candidates should send a cover letter with resume or DOR application to [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org).



## **Librarian/Media Specialist – Full Time**

The Franciscan School is part of the Education Ministry of the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh, North Carolina. The school, established in 2000, is rooted in the Franciscan tradition and provides a learning environment that embraces the Gospel values of the Roman Catholic faith.

The Franciscan School is seeking an innovative and qualified Librarian/Media Specialist to join our faculty. This position is responsible for working collaboratively with school administration and staff to develop a library program that supports the curriculum; provides instructional leadership for the teaching of literacy skills; develops and maintains an array of media center resources, both print and non-print; and manages the media center as a flexible, multitask learning environment. The library media specialist will process materials for circulation, as well as assist students and staff with library materials and audiovisual or computer equipment, as necessary.

The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability to use innovation and vision to implement the goals and requirements of the Diocesan Information Technology curriculum, in partnership with our technology teacher and the classroom teachers, to prepare the students for their continuing academic success.

Minimum Requirements for the position:

- Current NCDPI Media Coordinator license or be able to obtain licensure
- Master's degree in library science with specialized courses in school library-related topics
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Successful completion of Diocesan background check

Preferred candidates will be technologically proficient in MS Office, Google Suite of tools, school administrative software and web-based communication tools, have prior teaching experience and a record of excellence.

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](mailto:tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org) by October 26, 2020



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### Welcome

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Becoming Catholic  
Get Involved!

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## Get Care!

### Care

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## Get Involved!

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Director of Parish Life

### Pastoral Presence Ministries

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EMs to the Homebound  
EMs to the Magnolia Glen  
EMs to the Meadows  
EMs to Rex Hospital  
EMs to Springmoor  
Prayer Line Ministers  
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Rosary Ministry

### Ministries of Support & Care

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers  
Caring Casseroles Cooks  
Feed the Need Cooks  
Job Connections Mentors  
Medical Facility Visitors  
Transportation to Mass Drivers  
Weekday Volunteer Receptionists

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Confirmation Sponsors

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