

**August 8, 2021**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS AUGUST 15

- **WEEKEND MASSES:**  
**Saturday: 5:30pm - Sunday: 7:15am, 9:00am (livestreamed)**  
**5:30pm - All attending the 5:30 Mass are required to wear masks.**
- **WEEKDAY MASS: 9:00am**



*While on all public areas of our campus:*  
**Masks are strongly encouraged for all over the age of 5,  
regardless of your vaccination status.**  
**Mask are required for ALL who are unvaccinated.**



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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.

**Forward  
In HOPE**

Our parish journey  
of resurrection

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our parish reopening](#)



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

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## Keeping the Tiller Steady in Rough Weather

We are facing into some rough weather with the increase of the coronavirus Delta variant that is beginning to seriously impact us just as we were becoming more accustomed to some semblance of normalcy this summer. Adding to the renewed anxiety is the fact that this is happening just as our children are returning to schools. All of this, coupled with other dynamics going on around us, finds us worn out, impatient, and increasingly demoralized. How might we as people of faith handle this?

As an avid believer in the Word of God and the Word Made Flesh, Jesus Christ, it strikes me that this is a time of real testing for us as it was for the people of Israel and the early Christians. As people of faith, it is important that we lean on our faith to help us during this time. For those whose faith is strong, I call upon you to be a source of strength and encouragement to those who are struggling. For those whose faith is weak, it will become important to fortify your faith with prayer, scripture reading, staying connected to people of faith, coming to Mass (either in-person or virtual), and receiving the Eucharist when possible. Don't be afraid to reach out for help. Our Stephen Ministers are available to provide a safe and caring heart and ear to assist you. Those who are looking to go deeper into their spiritual lives may benefit from working with one of our spiritual directors. They may all be reached through our parish website or by calling the office. As your pastoral staff, we all stand ready to walk with you, in person or virtually, to help you weather this rough weather.

I view this time as an opportunity to deepen my own spiritual life and to see how I am being invited by the Lord to use this time to purge things from my life that I really don't need, material, mental, emotional, and even interpersonal, so I can make more room for the Lord whose guidance through the storms of life is always surefooted and true. The Lord has the tiller of our boats, individually and collectively, and will lead us through the rough weather looming on the horizon to a safe harbor. Place your trust in Him and allow Him to hold the tiller.

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Transitions can be challenging. When a staff member who has made great contributions to the life of our community steps away from ministry here, it also causes the winds of anxiety to rise a bit. Last week, Sarah Bowser, who has been the coordinator of our children's faith formation programs (K-5) for the past five years, announced that she was stepping down from her position to take care of her children, the youngest arriving just a couple of months ago. Sarah has provided outstanding ministry to our children and their families. We thank her for her service to us and pray her time raising her children will be a blessing.

Our excellent faith formation team has taken up the challenge to keep faith formation going for our K-5 children and their families until we find a replacement for Sarah. I am most grateful for their generosity. We have now opened this position on various employment portals and hope someone excellent will come forth in the near future. Thanks for keeping this in your prayers.

*Msgr. Clay*

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

**+James Hoose**

Father of Jim Hoose

**+ Adam Demella**

Father of Madonna Krsnak

You can mail your contribution to us at:

**St Francis Of Assisi  
11401 Leesville Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613**

You give can Online through:



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



**Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199**

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### August Envelope Schedule

August 8 Weekly  
August 15 Assumption  
August 22 Weekly  
August 29 Weekly

# MASS REQUEST FOR AUGUST 7 TO AUGUST 15, 2021



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Aug 7, 2021  
Saturday, 5:30  
+ Lucy Coleman & Jonathan Coleman  
Requested by Lisa Austin

Sunday Aug 8, 2021  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Albert & Lena DiTonno  
Requested by Anthony & Adena DiTonno

Sunday, 9:30  
+ Gerald Carroll  
Requested by Mary McKeveny

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

Monday Aug 9, 9am  
+William Robertson  
Requested by Fleischmann Family

Tuesday Aug 10, 9am  
+ Bernard D'Costa  
Requested by Roque D'Costa

Wednesday Aug 11, 9am  
+ Andres De Guzman  
Requested by Elena Kramer

Thursday Aug 12, 9am  
+Pi-Yu Huang  
Requested by Peggy Weavil

Friday Aug 13, 9am  
+Peter Bui  
Requested by Thanh Kim Pham

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

+ Maria Lynch  
Jackie Adamo  
Remembrance

(ill) Johanna Adamo  
Requested by Jackie Adamo

+Albert and + Lena DiTonno  
Requested by Anthony and Adena DiTonni  
Remembrance

(ill) Daniel Maldonado  
Requested by Msgr. Clay  
health and healing

(ill) Joseph Arleth  
Requested by Mary Arleth  
health and healing

(ill) Patricia and Leon Cooke  
Requested by Leon Cooke

Recent Death  
+James Hoose  
Father of Jim Hoose

Recent Death  
+ Adam Demella  
Father of Madonna Krsnak

+ Greg Sullivan  
Requested by Jackie Adamo  
Remembrance

+ Larry Logan  
Requested by Jackie Adamo  
Remembrance



# KBL Episodes and Release Dates



May 3



May 17



June 7



June 21



July 12



July 26



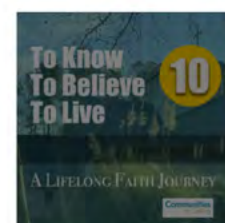
August 9



August 23



September 6



September 20

## Available August 9

To Know  
To Believe  
To Live

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Part 1

The Paschal Mystery

A LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY

Communities  
of Calling

Watching Msgr. Clay's To Know, To Believe, To Live series but are not part of a small group?

If you are planning to participate in the Know, Believe, Live series, but are not in a small group, we invite you to join a Realm Group so you can receive updates and communications about the series as they occur.

Please note: you do not have to join the Realm Group to view the series which will be posted twice a month at <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/know-believe-live/>

To join the Group:

- 1.) Login to Realm on the web <https://onrealm.org/StFrancisRaleigh> or on the Realm Connect app.
- 2.) Select "Groups" (or "More" and then "Groups" if you're using the App)
- 3.) Select "Find Groups"
- 4.) Select "Formation & Education"
- 5.) Look for the Group "KBL – Participants Not in a Small Group"
- 6.) Click the "Request to Join" button and a staff member will add you to the Group!

Please contact [Patti.Panizza@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Patti.Panizza@stfrancisraleigh.org) or [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) with questions about joining the Realm group for non-small group KBL participants.

# MASS SCHEDULE AND PROTOCOLS, AUGUST 15

While on all public areas of our campus:

**Masks are strongly encouraged to all over the age of 5, regardless of your vaccination status.**

**Mask are required for ALL who are unvaccinated.**

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 7:15am

Sunday, 9:00am (livestreamed)

Sunday, 5:30pm: All attending are required to wear masks

## **Weekday Mass Schedule**

9:00am

(We will temporarily pause restoring the additional 11:45am Mass to our weekend liturgy schedule.)

## **Panorama of the Old Testament Fall Virtual Bible Study**

### **Registration is Open!**

Panorama of the Old Testament explores the sweeping saga of God's people and their sacred journey. The study surveys the variety of books found in the Old Testament as it uncovers interwoven themes, the background of familiar characters and God's overall plan of salvation. This study is open to the first 20 participants who register. The Zoom link and material distribution information will be sent at a later date.

**Facilitators:** Barbara Efird and Cindy Cardello

**Meeting dates:** Wednesday mornings, September 22 – October 20th (5 sessions) via Zoom 10:00am – 11:30am

**Cost:** \$20 per person. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to recorded lectures are included in the registration cost

### **Registration Information:**

**Registration is required and will be done through Realm.**

**Detailed instructions, including a video tutorial** can be found on <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-formation/>.

**Step 1:** Login to Realm (<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisRaleigh>)

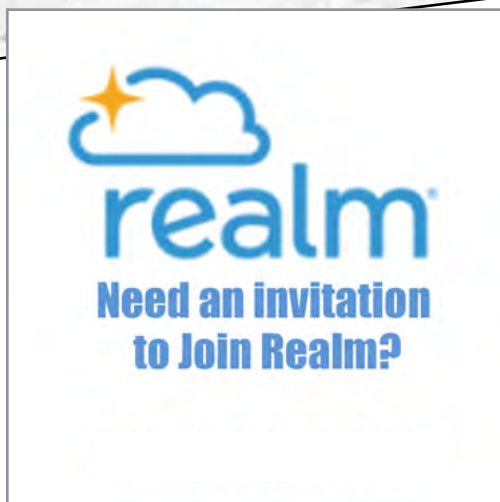
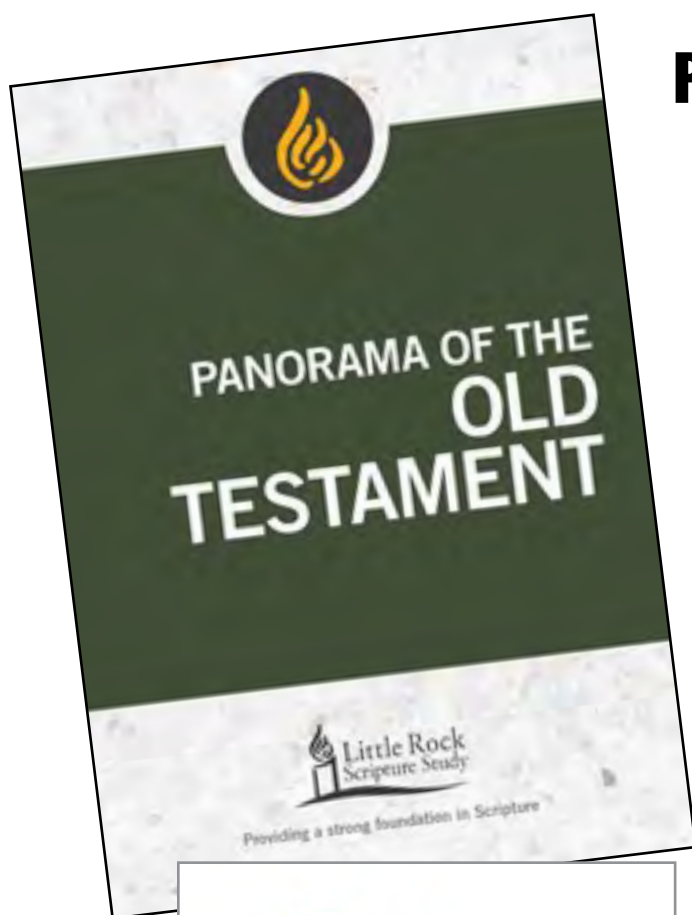
**Step 2:** Click on the Events tab on the left side of your screen and then "All Events"

**Step 3:** Find the event "Panorama of the Old Testament".

**Step 4:** Click on the "Register by August 23" button and follow the instructions

Registration closes on Monday, August 23 and is limited to the first 20 participants.

For registration questions, or for more information, please contact [Patti.Panizza@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Patti.Panizza@stfrancisraleigh.org).





# Registration for Faith Formation K-12 is Open!



**Families MUST be registered parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi to participate in Faith Formation.**

Our Cross Walk (K-5), Cross Train (6-8) and Cross Road (9-12) programs are designed to make our youth/children feel "at home" at St. Francis, a place where they can have fun and be themselves, while knowing that they are valued and loved by God! Our programs include:

- Small group-based model
- Centered on the Sunday mass, 9:00am Mass (K-5), 5:30pm Mass (6-12)
- Meet twice per month, September through May
- Offer fellowship in a fun, safe environment
- Include monthly Family events, youth retreats and socials to build relationships
- Encourage and provide opportunities where families can grow together in faith.
- For the 2021-2022 school year, we are offering a home-based faith formation program for grades K-5 only.
- If your family requires special accommodations, we will be offering virtual small groups as a substitute for grades 6-12.

Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/faith-formation-k-12/> for additional information about our K-12 program and how to register. A Realm login is required to register. Details on how to register via Realm and establish a Realm login can be found on this page, or visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/realm/>.



All parish high school freshman and sophomores are invited to join us for a day-long retreat at Falls Lake on Sunday, September 12. Join us for a day filled with swimming, food, fun and fellowship. Teens will be challenged to work together and grow in community while growing deeper into the foundations of our faith.

Youth will gather in the meeting space at church and begin the day with Mass at 9:00am. At the end of the day, pickup will be at 8:00pm in the main church parking lot. Parent volunteers will be needed to drive youth to and from the retreat site.

Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/formation-retreats/>

Registration Fee: \$50.00, includes snacks, dinner, retreat supplies and activities. Registration is via Realm.



People often enter the church looking for Holy Water to take home. Unfortunately, if a priest is not available, we have no way of providing this. Fr. Jairo has blessed the water in a special font located in the gathering space, (to the right of the church doors) and it is good to go! We do not have containers, but parishioners and guests are more than welcome to bring their own to fill.

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis Preschool

## Beyond Teaching the “Basics”



*“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:24*

As preschool educators, there are many important jobs that we have in the lives of the children entrusted to us which go beyond teaching the “basics” of learning colors, shapes, and numbers. I have shared many times in the past about the importance of play. I have also written much about the heavy emphasis that we place on developing a child’s social-emotional skills to lay the groundwork for academic success in the future. As Catholic educators, we have the privilege and great responsibility to help our children develop a relationship with God as well.

One of the ways that we introduce our preschoolers to a life of faith is through daily prayer. We teach our preschoolers to talk with God through prayer as it is a powerful way to build a lifelong relationship with our Lord. It is crucial that we teach our children that God will always provide for us. The Lord always answers our prayers and never abandons us. Sometimes, however, we don’t immediately see His answer or it might appear that He did not give us that for which we asked. It is important for us to remember and share with our children that God, in His infinite wisdom, always understands our needs although, at times, they may not be the same as our wants.

As I prepare for the new preschool year, I try to keep in mind want vs. need. As we ended last school year, I remained hopeful that for the next year, we would be able to loosen COVID restrictions and adjust our protocols to allow for many of the activities and events to return that were cancelled last year. I wanted it to be a year with less restrictions related to mask wearing and social distancing. I wanted our upcoming year to have all of the celebrations and gatherings than we enjoyed before COVID. I wanted there to be no limitations on visitors to our preschool or on the ability to enjoy our annual festivals. At this point, it looks like we might have to temporarily postpone some of those things in order to maintain the highest level of safety for our students as the pandemic continues to linger.

When I think about having to put some things on hold for at least a little longer, I begin to think about how we managed last year without much of what we were used to having. By looking at things through that lens, I actually can put my wants into a bit more perspective. While we weren’t able to have a few of our “normal” events/activities, we were still able to provide a loving, safe, and fun environment for our children. We were forced to simplify, re-imagine, and re-schedule, but ultimately, there didn’t seem to be any

fewer smiles or enthusiasm amongst our children! Our teachers rallied strong and carried on without a hitch. Our students didn’t miss a beat! Although we didn’t get to do everything we had wanted during the year, no one felt as though they were lacking. We even found several silver linings along the way. With this perspective, how can I doubt that God was watching over us throughout the year? Even if what we wanted didn’t come to fruition we were never without. I daresay we had an abundance of what was most important...joyful, healthy, and laughing children who were supported by wonderful families and their dedicated teachers. Clearly, God’s presence was felt every day in our children and those who surrounded them!

Maybe we don’t always feel as though the Lord hears our prayers. Maybe we are disappointed when our wants are not filled, but may we use the example of our children to know that God gives us all that we need if we trust in and follow Him!

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



## EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, Principal TFS

# God's Hands and Feet on Earth



When The Franciscan School opened its doors in 2000, it did so with the foundation of the Franciscan tradition. This tradition is centered around St. Francis of Assisi, who dedicated his life to God and to the service of others, especially those who are marginalized, oppressed, and in need. Father Jim Sabak, O.F.M., shares that from the Franciscan perspective, service is “truly about entering into the life of another person...opening ourselves to one another in vulnerability and trust, then committing ourselves to journeying with each other in the lives we share together.”

At TFS today, Catholic Social Teaching is integrated throughout the school year in a variety of outreach projects and intentional service ministries. Joanne Finch, 7th/8th grade Religion teacher, believes, “It is important for students to experience, not just be taught about, what Catholic Social Teaching is all about: human dignity, solidarity, and service.” Finch has taught at TFS for the last 16 years in preschool, 2nd grade,

3rd grade, and all middle school grades. But despite her change in classrooms, her passion has consistently remained on giving students an opportunity to put their faith into action. Through all her years, she says, “Given the opportunities to fulfill the call to serve, students learn to give of themselves and then feel the love of God being given back to them.”

Finch has particularly been focused on food-insecure ministries. Her students have helped with the Passage Home Food Drives, cut jeans to make shoes with Sole Hope, adopted families during the holidays, and assisted underserved communities in Raleigh. Personally, Finch has been involved with Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) for the past 9 years and receives great joy when she runs into current or former students at the CPO warehouse.

For the younger grades, service is still at the core of TFS. Opportunities are always hands-on and woven into the classroom and school experience. Julie

Sperrazza is a first grade teacher who has taught at TFS for the last 10 years. She believes that “service connects children to the world around them... it helps them realize that their world is much bigger than the small space of our classroom, but they are not too little to make a difference.” With a passion for early literacy, Sperrazza’s students have focused on supporting Book Harvest by donating their own books into the hands of children who may not have the means to read books in their homes. Her students have also created kits for homeless families, made no-sew fleece blankets for Project Linus, and supported the NC Pajama Program and Zach’s Toy Chest.

Father Jim reiterates that Franciscan service is dedicated to imitating the life of Christ by loving others, breaking down barriers, bringing people together. And at TFS, he says, “This makes service not an exception to all the many things we do in our lives, but reveals it as a constitutive and vital core of all we do.”



# JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

## Save the Date Civil Rights Pilgrimage Information Session Sunday August 29, 3:00 pm, via Zoom



Sign up at [www.bit.ly/CRP-2022-Info](http://www.bit.ly/CRP-2022-Info)  
Civil Rights Pilgrimage - March 2-6, 2022  
five-day, four-nights - travel by luxury coach.  
Visit historic sites and museums in Alabama and Georgia.

## Save the Date Civil Rights Pilgrimage Information Session

Sunday, August 29, 2021 3:00 pm, via Zoom

Civil Rights Pilgrimage - March 2-6, 2022 - Spend an enlivening five-day, four-night "Social Justice Race Relations Tour" with fellow parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and Baptist Grove Church. We will travel by luxury coach to visit historic sites and museums in Alabama and Georgia - The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, The Legacy Museum, Freedom Rides Museum, The Edmund Pettus Bridge and much, much more!

Sign up here [www.bit.ly/CRP-2022-Info](http://www.bit.ly/CRP-2022-Info) to attend an Information Session Sunday, August 29 at 3:00pm, via Zoom to receive more detailed information including cost, itinerary, accommodations and COVID-19 restrictions/precautions. Get all of your questions answered and save your spot!

## Last Chance Back to School Supply Drive Saturday July 24 - Sunday August 8 St. Francis of Assisi Church



Drop off to bins in the Church before Mass or to the bin outside Cupertino on Sat/Sun 5-6pm, Sun 9-10am

Help us fill 200 backpacks for children in need.

For donations and a list of needs:  
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/back-to-school-supplies-drive/>

Volunteers/Families are welcome:  
[www.bit.ly/SFA-BTSSdrive2021](http://www.bit.ly/SFA-BTSSdrive2021)

Back to School Drive Financial  
Donations:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NC674/43917>

## Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles are located in the Community Center



### Monday - Friday 8am-5pm

Casseroles is accepting casseroles every week from Monday-Friday (with the exception of holidays when campus is closed).

For more information, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/caring-casserole/>

**Feed the Need/Caring Casseroles is looking for some volunteers to help once a week.** We need your help wrapping casseroles and moving them to the freezer. If you're interested, please contact [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org) or 919-847-8205x241.

# BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER COVID

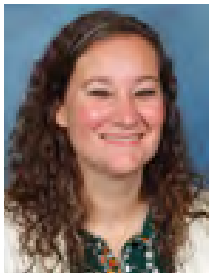
## *Thoughts from Wake County School Leaders*

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

Responding to the call to love our neighbor and protect the most vulnerable among us, the Justice and Peace Office's Education Issue Committee is hosting this conversation to support parents and families in our community.

Join an expert panel of school leaders who will share their experiences and plans for guiding their learning communities through the COVID-19 pandemic. Reflections on the impact of a year of virtual learning and the challenges faced as teachers and students return to the actual classroom will be discussed.

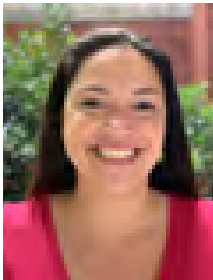
### *Panelists*



### **Sarah Bratton, Assistant Principal**

#### **Forest Pines Drive Elementary School**

Sarah Bratton was an elementary school teacher in the Wake County Public School System for 10 years working with first, third, and fourth graders. She has earned National Board Certification as an Early Childhood Generalist. Ms. Bratton just completed her fifth year as an elementary school assistant principal.



### **Destinie Hartman, Assistant Principal**

#### **Durant Road Middle School**

Destinie Hartman has been in education for seventeen years; the last eight years as an administrator. She began as an Assistant Principal at Sycamore Creek Elementary School and in 2018 transferred to Durant Road Middle School. As a middle school administrator, she strives to develop productive citizens by providing ways for her students to develop their voices and embrace their passions.



### **Chuck Small, School Counselor**

#### **Enloe Magnet High School**

Chuck Small, a St. Francis parishioner since 1993, has a M.Ed. in counselor education from N.C. State University. He has been a school counselor at Enloe Magnet High School in Raleigh since 2011. Prior to that he worked for 22 years as an editor at The News & Observer, The South Bend Tribune and The Journal-Gazette in Fort Wayne, IN.



### **Michael Watson, Principal**

#### **The Franciscan School**

Michael WatsonMike has been in education for fourteen years; the last eleven years as an administrator, including the past five as Principal. He began as a Middle School Science Teacher and Athletic Director. As an administrator at a Catholic school, Mike strives to encourage and assure the focus on Faith, Academics and Service to others in all the students. Prior to entering education, he spent 19 years as a Molecular Biologist in academic and industrial settings doing biological research.



# Volunteer Opportunities in the Community


As we enter the last few weeks of summer perhaps the time is right for you and your family to volunteer your time and talents directly with our community partners. We've put together a list of partners below that includes many opportunities available during the week and on weekends to volunteer doing many different tasks using many different talents. For instance, there are opportunities available in agriculture, hunger relief, transportation, care giver support, in-home connections, community health education, food recovery, crisis line help and administration.

Take a look, invite a friend, bring your family, follow the links to sign up and gather more information on the needs of each community partner and then relish in the fact that in volunteering you will be helping a neighbor and living the Gospel at the same time.

- Food Bank of NC - hunger relief, garden opportunities: <https://foodbankcenc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Catholic Parish Outreach – hunger relief opportunities, contact Kathy their volunteer coordinator at [cpovol.coordinator@raldioc.org](mailto:cpovol.coordinator@raldioc.org) or phone/text at 919-847-1466
- Inter-Faith Food Shuttle - garden, hunger relief opportunities: <https://www.foodshuttle.org/volunteer>
- Oak City Cares - outreach to people experiencing homelessness - administration, hunger relief opportunities: <https://oakcitycares.org/volunteer/>
- Church World Services - welcoming and supporting new and settled refugees and immigrants in the community: <https://cwsrdu.org/get-involved/>
- Joseph's Primary Care, offering quality health care without regard to income, is in need of volunteer medical professionals: call 919-386-6866
- HopeLine, confidential crisis/suicide prevention helpline: <https://www.hopeline-nc.org/volunteer>
- Center for Volunteer Caregiving - transportation, care giver support, in-home connection opportunities: <https://volunteercaregiving.org/>
- Note in the Pocket - clothing children with dignity and love: <https://noteinthepocket.org/volunteer/>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the above or other opportunities to volunteer please contact Becky Cawley at [becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org) or 919-847-8205x267.


And may these opportunities provide moments of deepening and awakening as you and your loved ones move along your spiritual journey.



Supporting Public Education for All in Wake County


## Did You Know?

- 1 Wake County Public School System is the largest school system in NC, serving nearly 162,000 students.
- 2 In the last school year, 50,843 WCPSS students qualified for free or reduced price lunch. (NOTE: ALL students are eligible for FREE meals in the 2021-22 school year.)
- 3 Over 4500 students in WCPSS experienced homelessness in the 2019 school year. (McKinney-Vento Program/Student Data. WCPSS. <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/31389>)
- 4 WCPSS school buses serve all 191 schools, covering 857 square miles twice daily.
- 5 WCPSS employs over 19,000 teachers, staff and instructional support personnel.



*District Facts / Overview. Wake County Public School System. (2021). <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/100>.*

**The Catholic Community of St. Francis will host a panel discussion with WCPSS educators. Monday, August 9 at 7:00PM via Zoom. Check next week's bulletin for details!**



# Employment Opportunities



**Play and Pray**  
We're Hiring!

The Play and Pray Sunday morning ministry is currently accepting applications for childcare providers in our 1 and 2 year old rooms. The goal of Play and Pray is to partner with parents of young children, providing an opportunity for parents to attend Mass as a couple, and their children to begin to hear the stories of Jesus, and learn about our Catholic traditions using language and activities that are age appropriate. Providers play, sing songs and read Bible stories with the children. A strong candidate will have experience working with young children and be excited to share their faith with toddlers. Employees are required to be Level C certified, which includes successful completion of a background check. Play and Pray hours are 8:30am-1:00pm every Sunday, except for major holidays.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to [Tara.Moore@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Tara.Moore@stfrancisraleigh.org).



## **Bridges After School Program – Part-time positions**

We are currently seeking candidates to work in our Bridges After School Program on a part time basis. Candidates must have a strong desire and ability to work with children, be at least 18 years old, and pass a background screening. Bridges staff work within the program hours of Monday through Friday from 2:00 to 6:00pm. If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Joey Bradshaw, Head of Bridges, [joseph.bradshaw@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:joseph.bradshaw@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## **SCAM ALERT**

Scammers are at it again sending malicious emails to parishioners. You will NEVER get a solicitation email from our pastor or bishop asking for "a favor", or for emergency help in the form of money. Please do not open or click on them. Simply trash them. They could cause havoc on your computer and your pocketbook.



## **Full-time Coordinator of Children's Formation**

We are seeking a full time Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation to lead our vibrant elementary (K-5) faith formation ministry.

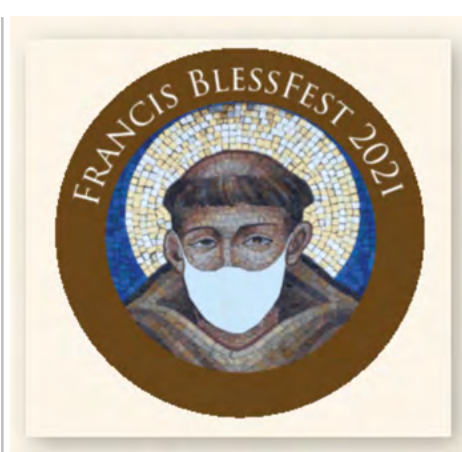
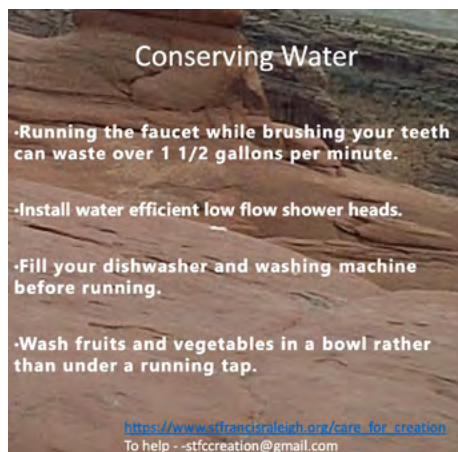
The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic with a strong commitment and creative passion to evangelize and form young children and their parents in the Catholic faith. Excellent communication, time management, and organization skills are a must. Duties include designing and implementing formation and sacramental programs, selecting and providing catechetical materials for distribution via multiple platforms, recruiting, training, and nurturing volunteer catechists, and developing opportunities to deepen faith via retreats and Vacation Bible School. This person will be comfortable using a small groups model of formation and effective in engaging families both in on-site and virtual platforms. This position requires presence during formation programs for children and their parents which includes weekends and some evenings. Knowledge and experience with the Catechumenate adapted for children of catechetical age is an added advantage.

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree and 1-3 years' experience in one of the following areas: education, theology, or ministry. Candidates without academic credentials in theology or ministry need to be certified catechists. Preferred candidates will have pastoral experience in administering programs for children, to include sacramental preparation.

Letter of interest and resume should be sent by August 25th to trish.  
[adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org).

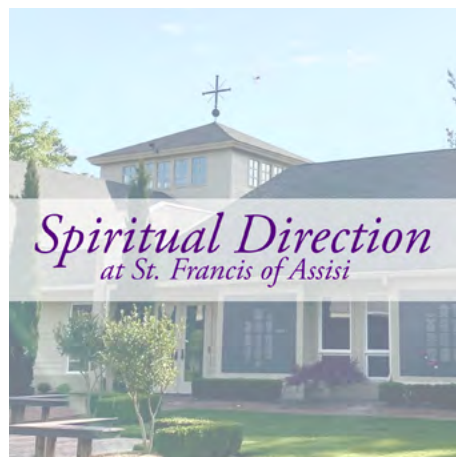






FrancisFest volunteers needed now. The event planning team is forming now to plan our annual parish wide celebration of our patron saint, St Francis of Assisi. Our whole parish community joins for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest/>

Please contact [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) if you are interested in being part of the planning team.



## Help Needed for our Tech Ministry

One of the graces of the past year, has been our ability to stream our 9:30 Sunday liturgy to thousands of parishioners and guests each week. As we further reopen our liturgies, we want to ensure that this vital ministry continues. If you have experience with audio/visual equipment and want to share these talents with our community, please consider applying to assist us. We are looking for individuals who have:

- Experience with audio or visual technology
- Experience with streaming content
- Availability on Sundays for the 9:30am mass, maximum of 1x per month
- Potential availability other times for special events/liturgies
- Knowledge of/willingness to learn liturgical theology
- Knowledge and experience with OBS

Please prayerfully consider your participation and apply at the following link: <https://forms.gle/QEq4Dmiq9HdECHjPA>



Marianne Williams

Our neighbor was on active duty with the Army and then a reservist, serving as a surgical technician. She was about to be discharged when she was hurt in an accident. She was already being evicted from a house that didn't have a working HVAC system, but she was given an extra month by the judge to stay due to her injuries. She had been out of work since her accident and did not have the rent for a new, affordable, safe roommate situation she had secured. St. Vincent dePaul was able to help with that rent as she continues to heal and is able to return to work.

SVdP teams with other agencies in the area to help neighbors in need.

If you need help, call SVdP at 919-534-4842.

If interested in helping, contact Cathy Smith at [smithtcr@gmail.com](mailto:smithtcr@gmail.com)



# Bringing Home the Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
August 8, 2021

## Jesus' Coming Down Among Us

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In *The Martyr*, Marc Chagall, a painter in the late last century and one of the favorites of Pope Francis, shows Jesus' crucifixion as a global mystery. It is not just an event in the past. Jesus is still coming down among the throngs of needy souls of the modern day, laying down his life and accompanying them in their sufferings.

The Gospel of John uses this term of "coming down" to take up the theme of the Incarnation. Jesus left his heavenly home and came down among us. He lowered himself to dirty his feet along

the tortuous routes on which humanity travels. He is not unapproachable, far from the sufferings of his followers, but has become like them in all things but sin. He knows the hunger and needs of his people.

This is nothing new for God. He came down to walk in the Garden with Adam and Eve. He came down to see the people building the Tower of Babel. He came down to Moses in the burning bush and in giving the Ten Commandments. And he came down to console and feed Elijah, who was despairing of his life. He gave Elijah food for his journey, strengthening him to travel in the desert.

In the Eucharist, Jesus comes down to you today to carry your burdens and give you his life. He urges us to get up, eat. He is the Living Bread come down from heaven that, if we unite with him in holy Communion, he will give us his divine force and we will live eternally with him. +

### Sunday Readings

#### 1 Kings 19:4-8

[Elijah] got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights.

#### Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

#### John 6:41-51

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

*Jesus lowered himself to dirty his feet along the tortuous routes on which humanity travels.*

### A Word from Pope Francis

[Christ] took our names upon himself, to the very end, including the evil that is within us....Anyone, in whatever situation..., can invoke the holy name of the Lord, who is faithful and merciful Love. God will never say no to a heart that invokes him sincerely.

—General audience, August 22, 2018



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Jesus comes down to be with me. Am I available in my heart to be with him?
- Do I cast my burdens on him by turning to him with my sins and crosses?



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## 27th Annual Run for Life

27TH ANNUAL RUN FOR LIFE is staying Virtual - We're looking for runners and sponsors for the annual 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Run from August 21-29. Please check our website [www.raleighrunforlife.org](http://www.raleighrunforlife.org) or [www.runnc.com](http://www.runnc.com) for more info. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Buchanan at 214-497-0756 or Kathy Klein 919-815-1369. All proceeds benefit Birthchoice.



# The Opposite Reaction

By Kathleen M. Basi

*Go and learn the meaning of the words,  
“I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”*

Matthew 9:13

**M**ercy. It's such a familiar word. It bookends every Mass, rolling glibly off our tongues until it's more a catch phrase than a word with real meaning. Really, how much is there to say about God's forgiveness?

When I dug into it, though, I realized my definition was too limited. Mercy isn't just something God gives to us. It's something we're called to give to others. Nor is it just about forgiveness. It's about the attitudes that shape our actions.

Think of that one person who knows all the right buttons to push and does so with glee. You can spend your whole life tied up in knots about how—or whether—to respond. You can waste countless hours and endless emotional energy locked inside your head, having arguments with this person, putting words in her mouth that she never spoke and assuming the worst about her intentions. You might even write off the relationship altogether.

Mercy calls us to do the opposite. Mercy invites us to open our minds and hearts to the people we find most difficult. What influences have shaped them? What wounds are hidden beneath their antagonism? Mercy asks us to consider the things we cannot know and approach conflict with a spirit of



compassion rather than judgment. In short, give people the benefit of the doubt.

This is not easy. In fact, it's superhuman. That's why we need God's help. That's why we need to receive the sacraments regularly—because they offer us the spiritual nourishment we need in order to do the real work of Christian living. And what is that real work?

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Matthew 25:35–36).

This passage, the source of the corporal works of mercy, leaves no doubt that the work of mercy is the heart of Christian discipleship and the standard by which we will be judged at the end of time. There is no distinction between those who deserve help and those who do not. We are called to show mercy to everyone. +

*There is no distinction  
between those  
who deserve help and  
those who do not.*



*Lord, you give us your Spirit  
to renew the earth. Instill in  
my heart the spirit of love,  
compassion, forgiveness,  
and peace, that I may be  
a source of healing.*

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 9–14

**Monday, Weekday:**  
Dt 10:12–22 / Mt 17:22–27

**Tuesday, St. Lawrence:**  
2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26

**Wednesday, St. Clare:**  
Dt 34:1–12 / Mt 18:15–20

**Thursday, Weekday:**  
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17 / Mt 18:21–19:1

**Friday, Weekday:**  
Jos 24:1–13 / Mt 19:3–12

**Saturday, St. Maximilian Kolbe:**  
Jos 24:14–29 / Mt 19:13–15

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## 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, contact Kathleen Owen 847-8205x241

**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, 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 - Our next session will begin meeting from September 7 to December 14, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. 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 Prayer Breakfast:** We will resume sessions on Monday September 20. The ministry meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 7 to 8 am via Zoom. Contact Deacon Steve Andrews at 732-213-0104 or [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com)

**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. Pat Gerney, 919-803-8276.

### 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:

### 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/>

### Thank you!

All of our Parish Life Ministries and the Community Center would like to thank you for serving the St. Francis Community. Please check your weekly bulletin for updates. Stay well.



As we navigate the ups and downs of the pandemic, there are many people who cannot come to the table with us at Mass. If you are able, would you consider being trained as an Extraordinary Minister of The Eucharist for Traveling Eucharist Ministries? Training is provided and you'll meet the nicest people! For more information, contact:

Melanie Fraites at 407-718-3537 for Homebound  
Janice Horner at 484-949-1417 for Springmoor  
Jacob House at 781-290-8813 for Magnolia Glen

## Contact Us!

Parish Office: 919-847-8205 fax: 919-870-1790

### Welcome

|                              |             |              |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| New Parishioner Registration | Toni Hammes | 847-8205x265 |
| Becoming Catholic            | Kathy Sales | 847-8205x488 |

### Priests and Deacon

|                                 |                             |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Pastor                          | Msgr. Michael Clay          | 847-8205x224 |
| Parochial Vicar                 | Fr. Jairo Maldonado-Pacheco | 847-8205x226 |
| In Residence                    | Rev. James Sabak, O.F.M.    | 919-832-6281 |
| Deacon                          | Stephen Andrews             | 732-213-0104 |
| Director of Pastoral Ministries | Kathy Sales                 | 847-8205x488 |
| Administrative Assistant        | Stacey Shine                | 847-8205x249 |

### Sacraments

|                             |                    |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Baptism                     | Tim Hetzel         | 847-8205x244 |
| First Reconciliation        |                    | 847-8205x496 |
| First Eucharist             |                    | 847-8205x496 |
| Confirmation                | Thomas Bulick      | 847-8205x239 |
| Matrimony                   | Tim Hetzel         | 847-8205x244 |
| Holy Orders                 | Msgr. Michael Clay | 847-8205x224 |
| Anointing of the Sick       | Kathleen Owen      | 847-8205x241 |
| Reconciliation Appointments |                    | 847-8205x249 |
| RCIA                        | Kathy Sales        | 847-8205x488 |
| Sacraments Administration   | Martina Dumberger  | 847-8205x264 |
| Funeral Planning            | Kathleen Owen      | 847-8205x241 |
| Columbarium Niches          | Trish Adamkowski   | 847-8205x236 |

Staff email: [firstname.lastname@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@stfrancisraleigh.org)

### The Franciscan School

|                            |                 |              |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Principal                  | Mike Watson     | 919-534-4840 |
| Receptionist (Main Number) | Katie Hall      | 919-534-4837 |
| Assistant Principal, K-5   | Dawn Smith      | 847-8205x254 |
| Assistant Principal 6-8    | Colette Dziadul | 847-8205x651 |

### St. Francis Preschool

|                           |                 |              |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Director                  | Heidi Hobler    | 847-8205x240 |
| Assistant to the Director | Shelley Freeman | 847-8205x262 |

### Faith Formation

|                                |                |              |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Children's Faith Formation     |                | 847-8205x496 |
| Coordinator of Youth Ministry  | Marisa Ferrara | 847-8205x223 |
| Middle School Faith Formation  | Thomas Bulick  | 847-8205x239 |
| Play and Pray (Sunday Nursery) | Tara Moore     | 847-8205x489 |

### Parish Operations

|                              |                  |              |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Communications and Webmaster | Diogenes Ruiz    | 847-8205x271 |
| Director of Facilities       | Marc Kieley      | 847-8205x227 |
| Director of Finance          | Rob Neppel       | 847-8205x243 |
| Human Resources              | Trish Adamkowski | 847-8205x236 |
| Parishioner Records          | Toni Hammes      | 847-8205x265 |
| Safe Environment Specialist  | Trina Sugrue     | 847-8205x245 |

## Get Care!

### Care

|                         |                 |              |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Home Eucharist Visits   | Kathleen Owen   | 847-8205x241 |
| Feed the Need (meals)   | Kathleen Owen   | 847-8205x241 |
| Medical Facility Visits | Kathleen Owen   | 847-8205x241 |
| Transportation to Mass  | Kathleen Owen   | 847-8205x241 |
| Stephen Ministry        | Kathleen Owen   | 847-8205x241 |
| St. Vincent de Paul     | Leave Voicemail | 919-534-4842 |
| Good Grief              |                 |              |
| GriefShare              | Kathleen Owen   | 847-8205x241 |

### Prayers

|                        |               |  |
|------------------------|---------------|--|
| Prayer Line            | Paul Wilson   | <a href="mailto:wilsonpf99@gmail.com">wilsonpf99@gmail.com</a> |
| Prayers                | Mary Arleth   | 847-8205x358   |
| Receive a Prayer Shawl | Kathleen Owen | 847-8205x241   |

### Support Groups

|                                |                   |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Divorce Care                   | Bill Morgan       | <a href="mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com">dejanuts@yahoo.com</a> |
| Job Connections                | Mary Horner       | 610-755-5392   |
| Seeing God in your Cancer      | Kathleen Owen     | 847-8205x241   |
| AA Daily Reprieve Group        | Kathleen Owen     | 847-8205x241   |
| Al-Anon                        | Madeline Horrigan | 919-923-1234   |
| Alzheimer's Caregivers Support | Linda Tucker      | 937-478-9537   |

## Get Involved!

### Worship Ministries

|                                     |   |              |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Director of Liturgy and Music       | Jim Wahl  | 847-8205x230 |
| Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers | Tim Hetzel  | 847-8205x244 |
| Altar Servers & Thurifers           | Joanie Madormo <a href="mailto:rmadormo@sbcglobal.net">rmadormo@sbcglobal.net</a> |              |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word      | Jackie Kelly  | 203-512-8807 |
| Church Keeping                      | Beverly Saunders  | 919-846-5795 |
| Cross Bearers Joseph Randazzo       | <a href="mailto:josephjrando1@gmail.com">josephjrando1@gmail.com</a>              |              |
| Deaf Ministry                       | Jean Cooke-Byrne  | 919-412-8365 |
| Environment & Art                   | Theresa Baumgartner   | 919-848-3383 |
| Eucharistic Ministers               | Tim Hetzel  | 847-8205x244 |
| Funeral Ministers                   | Lisa Gianturco  | 919-845-9718 |
| Hospitality Hands                   | Deb Royals-Mizerk   | 847-8205x222 |
| Lectors                             | Mike Wrzesien   | 919-624-1592 |
| Master of Ceremonies                | Michael & Julie Ducatte   | 919-622-8883 |
| Medical Presence at Mass            | Kathleen Owen   | 847-8205x241 |
| Music Ministry                      | Joyce Petzka <a href="mailto:jepetzka@gmail.com">jepetzka@gmail.com</a>           |              |
| Parking Ministry                    | Steve Burdett   | 919-845-2714 |
| Ushers                              | Troy Chaput <a href="mailto:troychaput@gmail.com">troychaput@gmail.com</a>        |              |
| Weekend Receptionists               | Kathleen Owen   | 847-8205x241 |
| Weekend Welcome Hosts               | Deb Royals-Mizerk   | 847-8205x222 |
| Wedding Directors                   | Carol Ricotta   | 919-554-8896 |

### Outreach Ministries

|                                |  |              |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Director of Justice and Peace  | Trevor Thompson  | 847-8205x270 |
| St. Francis Feeds              | Becky Cawley   | 847-8205x267 |
| Brown Bag Ministry             | Mailbox <a href="mailto:stfrancisbbm@gmail.com">stfrancisbbm@gmail.com</a>               |              |
| Oak City Cares                 | Becky Cawley   | 847-8205x267 |
| Catholic Parish Outreach       | Sue Hand   | 919-846-7954 |
| Panera Food Pick Up            | Becky Cawley   | 847-8205x267 |
| Ronald McDonald House          | Mailbox <a href="mailto:stfrancismhministry@gmail.com">stfrancismhministry@gmail.com</a> |              |
| Our Lady of Rosary Food Pantry | Becky Cawley   | 847-8205x267 |
| Interfaith Food Shuttle        | Becky Cawley   | 847-8205x267 |

### St Francis Serves

|  |                                |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Community Garden                       | Pat & Paul Kelly               | 919-413-8833   |
| Curbside Care                          | Lori Piraino                   | <a href="mailto:lpiraino7@gmail.com">lpiraino7@gmail.com</a>             |
| Duke Children's Hospital               | Joe and Geanie Slifer          | 919-870-6993   |
| Family Promise                         | Ron Smith                      | 919-455-7786   |
| Gabriel Project                        | Trevor Thompson                | 847-8205x270   |
| Migrant Ministry                       | Bruce Cartier                  | <a href="mailto:bcartier7@gmail.com">bcartier7@gmail.com</a>             |
| Prison Pen Pal                         |                                | <a href="mailto:sfapenpal@gmail.com">sfapenpal@gmail.com</a>             |
| R.A.R.E. Tom Zimmerman                 | thomaspzimmerman@bellsouth.net |  |
| Red Cross Blood Drive                  | Bryan Kozak                    | 910-728-9200   |
| Refugee Resettlement                   | Aggie Dalton                   | <a href="mailto:aggiedalton@gmail.com">aggiedalton@gmail.com</a>         |
| Habitat for Humanity                   | Trevor Thompson                | <a href="mailto:stfa.fp@gmail.com">stfa.fp@gmail.com</a>                 |
| St Vincent de Paul Ministers           | Cathy Smith                    | 419-348-8843   |
| Support Circles Kat and Ferrel Guilroy |                                | <a href="mailto:ferrel.guillory@gmail.com">ferrel.guillory@gmail.com</a> |

### St Francis on Mission

|                               |                 |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| International Mission Trips   | Trevor Thompson | 847-8205x270   |
| Sister Parish - Guatemala     | Liz Mosler      | <a href="mailto:lizmosler4@gmail.com">lizmosler4@gmail.com</a> |
| St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia | John Budway     | 305-205-5104   |

### St Francis Learns

|                         |   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Care of Creation        |   | <a href="mailto:stfccreation@gmail.com">stfccreation@gmail.com</a> |
| Engaging Spirituality   | Becky Cawley  | 847-8205x267   |
| Just Faith              | Trevor Thompson   | 847-8205x270   |
| Justice Theater Project | <a href="http://www.thejusticetheaterproject.org/">http://www.thejusticetheaterproject.org/</a> |  |
| Peace Pole Prayer       | Ben Whitehouse <a href="mailto:whitehouseben5@gmail.com">whitehouseben5@gmail.com</a>           |  |
| Racial Justice          | Becky Cawley  |  |
|                         | <a href="mailto:becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org">becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org</a>        |  |



## Get Involved!

### Parish Life Ministries

|                                     |  |                      |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Director of Parish Life             | Kathleen Owen                              | 847-8205x241         |
| <b>Pastoral Presence Ministries</b> |  |                      |
| Caregivers                          | Kathleen Owen                              | 847-8205x241         |
| Centering Prayer                    | Alice Stanford                             | 919-781-5860         |
| Emmaus Ministers                    | Kathleen Owen                              | 847-8205x241         |
| EMs to Abbotswood                   | Anita Misko                                | 630-699-0519         |
| EMs to the Homebound                | Melanie Fraites                            | mjpfraites@gmail.com |
| EMs to the Magnolia Glen            | Jacob House                                | 919-449-7634         |
| EMs to the Meadows                  | Andrea McVerry                             | amcverry@yahoo.com   |
| EMs to Rex Hospital                 | Edward Gilmartinedward.gilmartin@gmail.com |                      |
| EMs to Springmoor                   | Janice Horner                              | 484-949-1417         |
| Prayer Line Ministers               | Pauk Wilson                                | wilsonpf99@gmail.com |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry               | Cindy Cardello                             | 919-846-8825         |
|                                     | Dianne Rotunno                             | 919-844-7153         |
| Rosary Ministry                     | Kathleen Owen                              | 847-8205x241         |

### Ministries of Support & Care

|                                 |                              |                       |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers | Linda Tucker                 | 937-478-9537          |
| Caring Casseroles Cooks         | Kathleen Owen                | 847-8205x241          |
| Feed the Need Cooks             | Kathleen Owen                | 847-8205x241          |
| Job Connections Mentors         | Mary Horner                  | 610-755-5392          |
| Medical Facility Visitors       | Sharon Holland               | hollandbozo@yahoo.com |
| Transportation to Mass Drivers  | Stephanie Smith              | 919-302-0080          |
| Weekday Volunteer Receptionists | Toni Hammes                  | 847-8205x265          |
| <b>Social Groups</b>            |                              |                       |
| AAMEN Ministry                  | Leon Cooke                   | 919-740-7515          |
| Always God's Children           | Kathleen Owen                | 847-8205x241          |
| LGBTQ+ Ministry                 | Kathleen Owen                | 847-8205x241          |
| Men's Ministry                  | Norm Tuomi                   | norman3722@att.net    |
|                                 | Ralph Guenther               | rguenther2@nc.rr.com  |
|                                 | fb.me/YoungAdultsofStFrancis |                       |
| Young Adults                    | Kathleen Owen                | 847-8205x241          |
| Women's Ministry                | Pat Gerney                   | 919-803-8276          |
| 50+ Adults Group                |                              |                       |

### St. Francis of Assisi Community Center

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| Coordinator of Community Center         | Ashley Watson                          | 847-8205x444            |
| Athletic Programs                       | Mary Arleth                            | 847-8205x358            |
| Assisi Café                             | Ashley Watson                          | 847-8205x444            |
| Parish Events (FrancisFest)             | Ashley Watson                          | 847-8205x444            |
| Summer Camps (Camp Francis)             | Ashley Watson                          | 847-8205x444            |
| <b>Community Organizations</b>          |  |                         |
| Girl Scouts of USA                      | Melissa O'Connor                       | 847-8205x296            |
| BSA Scouts: Troop 352 (6th-12th, boys)  | Robert Sadler scoutmaster352@gmail.com |                         |
| BSA Scouts: Troop 219 (6th-12th, girls) | Scott Cash scoutmaster219tfs@gmail.com |                         |
| BSA Cub Scouts: Pack 352 (K-5th)        | Rebecca Brooks                         |                         |
| membershi-pack352@yahoo.com             |  |                         |
| Knights of Columbus                     | Bryan Kozak                            | gk@kofc9709.org         |
| Secular Franciscan Order                | Ellen Ferrone                          | http://ofscentralnc.org |
| <b>Faith Formation Ministries</b>       |  |                         |
| Baptism Ministry                        | Tim Hetzel                             | 847-8205x244            |
| Marriage Ministry                       | Tim Hetzel                             | 847-8205x244            |
| Confirmation Sponsors                   | Thomas Bulick                          | 847-8205x239            |
| Children's Formation Group Leader       | Sarah Bowser                           | 847-8205x496            |
| Family & Marriage Enrichment Team       | Tim Hetzel                             | 847-8205x244            |
| Middle School Formation Group           | Thomas Bulick                          | 847-8205x239            |
| Faith Formation Regist. & Events        | Patti Panizza                          | 847-8205x237            |
| Youth Ministry Group Leader             | Marisa Ferrara                         | 847-8205x223            |
| RCIA Team & Sponsors                    | Kathy Sales                            | 847-8205x488            |
| Play and Pray (Sunday Nursery)          | Tara Moore                             | 847-8205x489            |
| Young Adults Bible Study Group          | Tim Hetzel                             | 847-8205x244            |
| <b>Stewardship Ministries</b>           |  |                         |
| Stewardship Committee                   | Deb Royals-Mizerk                      | 847-8205x222            |
| Way of Francis Ben Whitehouse           | whitehouseben5@gmail.com               |                         |

