

September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

To Know  
To Believe  
To Live

A LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY

Registration  
**ENDS**  
Monday  
Sept 20th

K B L 2  
B A P T I S M  
C H A R I S M S & M I S S I O N

REGISTRATION OPEN SEPTEMBER 3 - 20



Need an invitation  
to Join Realm?

[Click Here](#)

Please consider signing up to donate blood at our semi-annual Knights of Columbus/American Red Cross Blood Drive. It's right here on campus on Saturday, September 25. It's safe and the need is critical in our state. Here's where you can sign up. <https://www.redcross-blood.org/give.html/donation-time>.



Saturday, September 25



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

11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613 919-847-8205 [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org)



Dear St. Francis Family,

I enjoy baptisms. The babies are adorable, the small children are often unpredictable in their reaction when the moment of baptism arrives, and the adults are waiting in expectation to experience a sacrament they have spent months preparing to celebrate. They receive incredible gifts from the Lord in this sacrament. Sometimes these gifts remain somewhat unfamiliar or, at times, unknown to those baptized at an early age.

To provide our teens and adults an opportunity to **Know, Believe, and Live** the awesome sacrament of baptism, we are launching an eight-session video series describing the deeper meaning of baptism and its implications for teens and adults entitled KBL 2: Baptism, Charisms, & Mission. I invite you to view these twice-monthly modules in October, November, January, and February. Like the KBL 1: Kerygma series that will conclude this month, this overview also provides you with an option to engage with fellow parishioners, new and longstanding, in a small group setting as a way to reconnect with your St. Francis community, something many long for as the pandemic continues.

The series begins on October 4. You may register for a small group option through Monday, September 20. I hope you will join us.

To register, go to the following link:

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/know-believe-live/>

When you reach this page, click the blue registration box on the right side. To register, you need to log in to our in-house communication tool, Realm. Please see the instructions once you click the blue registration box to enroll in Realm if you are not currently enrolled. If and when you are enrolled, log in, click the "Community" link on the left side, and then the "Events" link to register.

If you run into a problem registering, please call us at 919-847-8205.

*Fr. Michael*



#### SMALL GROUP DETAILS

Meet virtually  
October-November  
January-February  
**2x a month**  
90 minute meetings.

All parishioners are invited to continue their journey with Msgr. Michael's "To Know, To Believe, To Live" series.

Deepen your understanding of Baptism and the Baptismal call.

Explore charisms and gifts to discern your call as a disciple.



#### REGISTRATION

Register using Realm  
**Open**  
**September 3-20.**  
Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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

**+Frank Spampinato**

Husband of Bernadette Spampinato

**+Chris Schneider**

Son of Anne & Steve Schneider

**+Nancy Tarsitano**

Sister of Bert Tarsitano

### September Envelope Schedule

September 19 Weekly

September 26 Weekly

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**

**Additional Online Giving Methods:**

[www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/)

### 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.



# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER 19 TO SEPTEMBER 26



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 18, 2021  
Saturday, 5:30  
+ Steve Hauser  
Requested by Kathleen Hauser

Sunday September 19, 2021  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Patricia Townsend  
Requested by Mara DiGiorgio

Sunday, 9:00  
+ Vincent Pribish  
Requested by Dorothy Pribish

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

Monday September 20, 9am  
+Richard Baugh  
Requested by Carolyn Parr-Hirt

Tuesday September 21, 9am  
+ Brenda Starr  
Requested by Victoria Roberts

Wednesday September 22, 9am  
+Modesto Garcia  
Requested by Carla Abreu

Thursday September 23, 9am  
+ Dora Makhoul  
Requested by Mary Makhoul

Friday September 24, 9am  
+Janet Harrington  
Requested by John Budway

Saturday September 25, 2021  
Saturday, 5:30  
+ Vivek Hari  
Requested by Veronica Gilmartin

Sunday September 26, 2021  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Eugene Armento  
Requested by Perry & Jacqueline Tortora

Sunday, 9:00  
+ Beatrice Pontanovic  
Requested by Mary Ellen Potanovic

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(ill) Daniel Maldonado  
Requested by Msgr. Clay  
Heath & Wellness

+Joseph-Thuan Nguyen  
Requested by Ann and Hoa Lee  
Remembrance

+Mario Occhino  
Requested by Placido and Maria Occhino  
Remembrance

+Frank Spampinato  
Husband of Bernadette Spampinato  
Remembrance

+Chris Schneider  
Son of Anne & Steve Schneider  
Remembrance

+Nancy Tarsitano  
Sister of Bert Tarsitano  
Remembrance

**You don't have to go through  
difficult times alone.**

**Our Stephen Ministers  
are there to care.**

**To find out more talk  
with Kathleen Owen at**

**[kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org)**



# KBL Episodes and Release Dates



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May 17



June 7



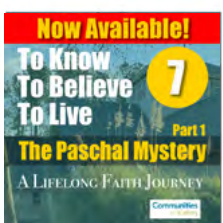
June 21



July 12



July 26



August 9



August 23



September 6



September 20

## Available Sept. 20

# To Know To Believe To Live

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## Discipleship

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

If you have questions about KBL, please contact Kathy Sales at [kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org).



## FORMATION MINISTRIES



### **NEW! Panorama of the New Testament**

Beginning with the Gospels and Acts and continuing through the letters and final book of the Bible, Panorama of the New Testament invites us into familiar scenes but with a wide-angle lens to capture the big picture. For newcomers to Bible study, this is a wonderful place to begin to put the pieces together; for seasoned Bible students, this study identifies major themes that emerge throughout the New Testament books. This study has 5 sessions. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to recorded lectures are included in the registration cost.

Facilitator: Rich Zemonek, longtime St. Francis bible study facilitator and Master Catechist,

Meeting dates: Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30pm - October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3 (5 sessions)

Cost: \$20 per person.

Information about picking up materials will be provided to registrants late-September.

Registration is through Realm, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-formation/> for information and instructions on registering.

Registration is required and closes on Monday, September 19.

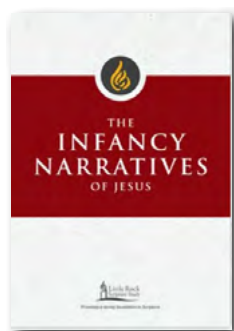
**This is a virtual study which has the possibility of changing to an in-person study (at a later date). If the study does change to in-person by the facilitator, registrants/participants will be notified, and the study will take place in a Siena classroom. Masks would be required at all times.**

### **Outside the Box Teen FALL RETREAT is BACK!**



Join us for an overnight (outdoor/distanced) OR daytime retreat here on campus: Saturday October 2 (12 o'clock noon) - Sunday Oct 3, 2021 (10:00 am).

If your teen has been missing Mercy Camp & Mission Mercy, they will love this social justice experience of solidarity. Join us for a life changing poverty simulation, poverty meal activities and fellowship. Saturday night will be an OPTIONAL intense homelessness experience as we camp out in our "cardboard city". Teens will be challenged to work together and grow in community while growing deeper into the foundations of Catholic Social Teaching.



### **The Infancy Narratives of Jesus Fall Virtual Bible Study Registration Opens on 9/13/21**

[www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-formation](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-formation)

The Infancy Narratives of Jesus explores the stories of the conception and birth of Jesus in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. With clear and insightful commentary, author, Stephen Binz helps readers understand the Old Testament background of these texts, the distinct themes and events of the two gospel accounts, and the continuing relevance of these stories for us today. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming as you encounter Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us." Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included. 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, October 27th – November 17th (4 sessions) via Zoom 10:00am – 11:30 am

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

Registration is required and will be done through Realm. Registration closes on Monday, 10/4 and is limited to the first 20 participants.

Registration is required and will be done through Realm. Detailed instructions, including a video tutorial are available at the bottom of this webpage <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 "Infancy Narratives".

Step 4: Click on the "Register by October 4" button and follow the instructions

## EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, Principal TFS

# Engineered to Compete: Alumni Spotlight: Will Brown '11

*Another article in the occasional series focusing on how TFS helps our alumni get a solid start on their futures.*



For those who have been around collegiate athletes, you may know the discipline, time management, and physical demands it takes to compete at that level. For TFS alumni Will Brown, it was the difficult moments and his strong foundation that helped shape his faith and succeed as both a collegiate athlete and an engineering student.

Brown started at TFS as a kindergartener and stayed through his 8th grade graduation. He then continued on at Cardinal Gibbons High School where he realized his desire to both get a solid education and play football in college. Brown chose to attend North Carolina State University where we had the privilege of walking on the football team and eventually earning a scholarship. Brown was part of the Wolfpack family for five seasons, playing cornerback, nickelback, and safety. He helped support the starting offensive team and often played on special teams during games.

While Brown was growing up, he had an interest in math and science. In searching for career paths that allowed him to use his math and science skills, he recognized an opportunity in engineering. He also spent some time researching African American historical figures in science and math like inventor Granville

T. Woods, which helped play a role in his decision to pursue engineering. As one of the top engineering schools in the country--and growing up cheering on the Wolfpack--Brown saw attending NC State as a natural fit for his passions. But managing the workload of an engineering student and a college football player was at times challenging. Brown learned about accountability, adversity, teamwork, and how leaning on your faith is critically important. He says, "Honestly, I think God wanted to show Himself to me through that experience."

During his nine years at TFS, Brown admits "it was a foundational experience that nurtured me with a lot of people who cared for my well-being." TFS gave him the confidence to believe he had the ability to play sports and be successful. Being new to lacrosse and playing for the middle school team at TFS, he was taught that with discipline and persistence you can achieve your goals. Inside the classroom, teachers like Mr. Mike Watson (at the time a 6th grade science teacher), helped keep Brown accountable. "Whenever we had a question, Mr. Watson would tell us to find the answer to it and write our name on the board so everyone would know."

Last Spring, Brown had the chance to

coach cornerbacks for his high school alma mater football team at Cardinal Gibbons. He was grateful for the chance to give back and pour into the lives of those players coming behind him. "They were great kids to coach, and I hope I was able to leave an impact beyond the field for those players," Brown says.

Brown currently works as a process engineer for the optical communications plant in Hickory, N.C. where they develop fiber optic cables. Brown is enjoying his time and already gaining a lot of knowledge. Brown has many fond and fun memories from his time at TFS. But as he reflects back to those years, he leaves current students with this wisdom: "Every day of your life is a chance to be better than you were yesterday. It doesn't matter what the past was like, just focus on what is in front of you."

The Franciscan School wants to collaborate with you to achieve the goals you have for your child and their educational experience. Join us for one of our upcoming virtual information sessions to learn more on how we support our family's goals. More information can be found on our website at [www.franciscanschool.org](http://www.franciscanschool.org) or contact Principal Mike Watson at [michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis Preschool

## Remembering 911



*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."* John 13:34

Last weekend, we remembered a solemn time in our nation's history. The events of September 11, 2001 will forever be etched in our minds and hearts. I don't think that the magnitude of the loss and sacrifice has diminished in the 20 years since this tragic day. This past week, I came across a reflective comment online that offered a perspective which really left an impression. The author of the comment acknowledged the horror of the day and how most people could recall exactly where they were when they heard the news. Many also could recall how they felt. As I read on, the author suggested that it was also very important to remember how we felt on September 12, 2001. For most, there was not only a deep sadness over the death and destruction, but also a strong sense of patriotism and urge to come together to help one another. There were countless stories that emerged of bravery, sacrifice, and selflessness. We watched and heard on the news how people rallied to lift each other up mentally, emotionally, and physically. Although there was devastating grief there were also the sparks of hope that we would stand by each other and persevere. On that day and those that followed, so many bore witness to the commandment to love one another. So many became rays of light for their neighbor and offered comfort, care, and compassion. It didn't matter who you

were, where you came from, or what your differences were; it didn't matter the color of your skin, your political beliefs, or what you did for a living. At that time, you were someone just trying to help your neighbor cope and move forward.

At preschool many of our classes, recognized Patriot Day in some way. While our teachers would not and should not go into details about the meaning behind the day, they certainly can use it as an opportunity to reinforce other concepts



and lessons, particularly related to a life following Jesus. I have often written about how beautifully our teachers interweave God's message of love throughout the day. Honoring the spirit of Patriot Day was no exception. Part of that spirit

involves not only being the member of a national family, but also remembering to extend care and kindness to those around you. To show our spirit, pride, and unity, everyone dressed in red, white, and blue. Both of our two year old classes enthusiastically waved tiny flags in a parade. One of our older classes made a patriotic "friendship quilt" and donated it to a local fire department. There was an abundance of red, white, and blue stars & stripes art projects and even some fun songs. It truly was special to see so much excitement!

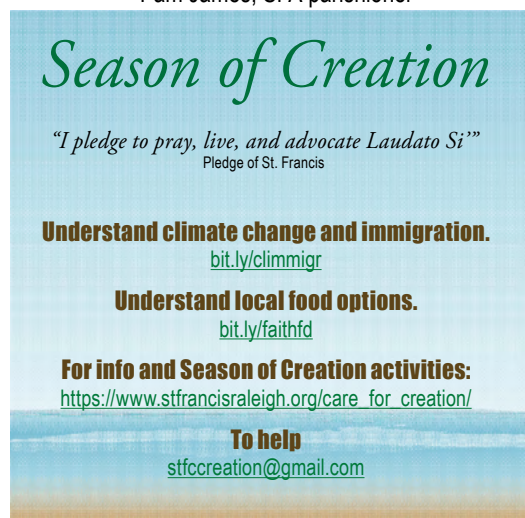
The sadness of the events of 9/11 will always be part of our country's history. My prayer, however, is that the memory of the following day, the day when everyone united under a common mission of triumphing over tragedy, comforting strangers, and offering acts of unimaginable kindness ultimately becomes more powerful than the grief. I hope and pray that I always remember the example of our preschoolers in being happy to include and care for all in my extended family!

To learn more about becoming part of our 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).

# JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

## Season of Creation 2021

Pam James, SFA parishioner



Our relationship with the earth has always been complicated. It both feeds us and threatens our existence. In turn we both care for our earth and contribute to its demise. Until recently the earth seems to have been able to hold its own against our worst impulses. But, 50 years ago in 1971, Pope Paul VI stated that we were at risk of "provoking a veritable ecological catastrophe."

Certainly, our awareness of our impact on our home has improved. However, 6 years ago, Pope Francis issued Laudato Si', ([bit.ly/laudsi](http://bit.ly/laudsi)) a comprehensive look at the relationship between us and the environment. In Laudato Si' he asks us to acknowledge the "immensity and urgency of the challenge we face."

Now, 6 years later, Pope Francis has issued and even more urgent Laudato Si' Action Platform ([bit.ly/laudostf](http://bit.ly/laudostf)) which asks us to embark on a "7-year journey to total sustainability" in our families, dioceses, schools, universities, hospitals/health care centers, businesses/farms and religious orders.

During this month of the Season of Creation, in the bulletin and on the Care of Creation website ([https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/care\\_for\\_creation/](https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation/)), you will find suggestions for lifestyle changes to help you embark on your own 7-year journey. In addition, you may be seeing changes as we continue to address the parish impact on the environment.

We encourage you to thoroughly examine every aspect of your lifestyle and prayerfully consider ways you can tread more gently on our common home.

If you have questions or want to become more involved, please contact Pam James with the Care of Creation team at [stfccreation@gmail.com](mailto:stfccreation@gmail.com).



## Y'all Means EVERYONE: Towards an Ever Wider "We"

Doug James, Parish Volunteer, Immigration Issue Team

*"Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt."*  
(Deut 10:19)

When I was ten, I discovered that folks in Pittsburgh pronounce the word "newspaper" differently than you'll hear in northern New Jersey. In Jersey, the first syllable comes from the back of the throat; in Pittsburgh, it's more nasal.

My family had just relocated from north Jersey to Pittsburgh – our first move. My sister and I adapted quickly, and we unconsciously began to pick up the local accent. One day, in a moment of impatience, my dad fussed at me when I said the word "newspaper" in the Pittsburgh way. I was surprised and confused; until then, I hadn't realized there was a Pittsburgh way. I kept my thoughts to myself, but I felt a bit of misguided indignation. Did he think I was now speaking incorrectly? Was he saying that "we" were normal, and "they" fell a little short?

Of course my reaction was unfair. Don't we all from time to time divide the world into "us" and "them"? And it's not necessarily hostile or judgmental: you'll hear folks say with genuine empathy that "we" are called to serve "them" -- refugees, the homeless, the hungry. It's often hard to see the newcomer or someone in need as one of us. We forget that our own family stories include times when we were the newcomer or in need, or that we might be down the road.

National Migration Week 2021 (Sep 20-26, organized by the U.S. Catholic Bishops) and the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (Sep 26, organized by the Vatican) share a wonderful common theme – "Towards an Ever Wider 'We'". Like you, I'd like to see more "we" and less "they" in the ways we think about and engage with our neighbors.

No, I don't expect any magic fixes. But lately I'm trying to be more conscious of when, how, and why I use the words "they" and "them". Moving forward, I'd like to use those pronouns less often. I'm looking for substitutes: phrases like "those of us" sometimes feel more inclusive. And I think often of the bumper sticker on my car, designed by Durham artist Steven Ray Miller: "Y'all Means EVERYONE" is, after all, just a Carolina way to say "Towards an Ever Wider 'We'".



Click the image above to watch Episode 7 of St. Francis TV "Toward An Ever Wider We".



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Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace

## Get a Share of Fresh Veggies at St. Francis



Are you interested in supporting farmers of color, caring for the Earth, and eating healthier food? If you are, it is time to get ready for the Fall CSA! The CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is a model of securing fresh produce on a weekly basis from local farmers through a subscription model of payment. The CSA at St. Francis partners with RAFI-USA, an organization dedicated to address root causes of unjust food systems. RAFI is partnering with local farmers of color who sustainably farm and care for their crops without the use of pesticides and herbicides and bringing the farm fresh produce to families in churches who sign up to participate. Currently our church is being served by Soul City Farm in Norlina, NC.

For our fall CSA season, the deadline to sign up is September 21st, and the first week of delivery will be October 5th. If you sign-up, you will receive a box of fresh, delicious produce every Tuesday for 8 weeks. The price of a full share is \$250, a half share is \$125. You would need to come to St. Francis on Tuesday mornings (time to be determined) to pick up your produce. Parishioners who participated in the summer CSA have really enjoyed the produce and the mission of this CSA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Kearse, [eskearse@gmail.com](mailto:eskearse@gmail.com). Please consider joining this effort to provide fresh produce to our families while supporting farmers of color, caring for Earth, our common home, and taking a step to add more justice to our food system. Together, we are healing our environment and feeding our soul.

To sign-up, go to this link: [FARM TO CHURCH CSA SIGN UP](#)  
Please click on the link below to sign up and pay for your Fall CSA share. You will be able to choose a half or full share and some add on items if you would like. After you complete the form you will be directed to payment..it may take a few moments so please be patient. If you have any questions please let me know.

Remember, the deadline to sign up is next **Wednesday, September 21**. Please sign up by that date if you would like to participate. Deliveries should begin on October 5.



## SFA Habitat for Humanity 2021 Info Session

Come and learn about volunteering with Habitat for Humanity with St. Francis this fall at a virtual Zoom meeting on Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00pm.

At this meeting, St. Francis of Assisi Habitat Ministry will provide an overview of volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Wake County and answer any questions you have. We are dedicated to securing volunteers for our St. Francis volunteer date with Habitat on Saturday, October 23rd date.

Sign-up for the info meeting here by going to <https://bit.ly/SFAHabitat2021>, and you will be sent a Zoom link.

There's something meaningful about picking up a hammer and nail and building a wall with Habitat for Humanity. What makes it especially fulfilling is that these walls become an affordable home for families in need. Every year, our parish helps works alongside other Wake County faith congregations to build homes in Wake County.

See you soon!

If you have questions about our Habitat for Humanity ministry, contact Jeremy Roca at [jeremyjroca@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyjroca@gmail.com).

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### St Francis Inn Pilgrimage to the Margins

St. Francis Inn is a Franciscan Eucharistic community committed to serving the poor and those experiencing homelessness in downtown Philadelphia. While attempting to meet the daily needs of the people they serve with food, clothing and hospitality, St Francis Inn also empowers people to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness by addressing structural injustices. They do all of this by building relationships, respecting the dignity of each person and restoring hope to them simply by sharing in their lives.

Several St. Francis parishioners travel together by mini-van to Philadelphia a few weeks a year. We stay 5 days, living among the poorest of the poor while serving meals each day and sharing in daily Gospel-centered reflections about how God's rich and healing mercy pulses through our wounded world.

Won't you join us?

#### **Trips to the Inn - 2021/2022**

**October 18-22, 2021**

**February 14-18, 2022**

**February 21-25, 2022**

**April 18-22, 2022**

**October 17-21, 2022**

At the end of the 5th day we head home a bit tired to be sure, yet relaxed, joyful and feeling richly blessed, gifts of service to be sure. Service is God's work and doing it deepens us somehow, we become more in sync with God perhaps, more connected to each other, more in love with life and this beautiful yet broken world. I hope you'll give it a try.

Please contact John Budway at [budwayji@bellsouth.net](mailto:budwayji@bellsouth.net) or 305-205-5104 if you have questions or to sign up. COVID-19 Precautions are in place. John can explain these as well.

## Oak City Cares



Your help is needed to provide breakfast to guests of Oak City Cares – a multi-services center dedicated to ending and preventing homelessness in downtown Raleigh.

The details are in the dates.

Thank you for your never ending support of our vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ! Sign up here.

<https://bit.ly/breakfastatOCCseptember26-2021>

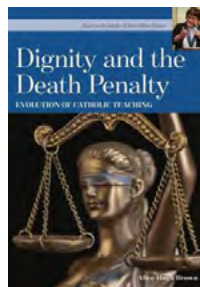
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#### **Book Group Opportunity on Catholic Teaching and Death Penalty For Respect Life Month in October**

Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, once wrote, "If we believe that murder is wrong and not admissible in our society, then it has to be wrong for everyone, not just individuals but governments

as well." *Dignity and the Death Penalty: Evolution of Catholic Teaching* (Alice Hugh Brown, author) is a 2021 publication based on decades of experience and insights from Sister Helen. This slim volume, heralded by the Catholic Mobilizing Network, is an excellent means of bringing to light the evolution of Church teaching and to illuminate Pope Francis's 2018 statement, "The death penalty is inadmissible, and Catholics should work for its abolition."

As part of October's Respect Life Month, The Office of Justice & Peace hopes to turn a spotlight on the death penalty in order to appreciate the reasons why Pope Francis reformed the Church's Catechism. Please join a parish-wide book group for information and dialogue on this very current topic. We will meet online Tuesday evenings, October 12 through November 16, from 7 to 8:30. Books can be purchased and picked up through our parish. This book and its subject promise participants a prayerful and perceptive six weeks together!

Contact Nancy J Jones, [prayerfulheart3@gmail.com](mailto:prayerfulheart3@gmail.com), for enquiry or registration.



# PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Kathleen Owen, Director of Parish Life



## Seasons of Hope

Each year, many families face the loss of loved ones who are members of the parish. Our Catholic tradition provides funeral support and now Seasons of Hope can carry that caring spirit into the difficult period that follows when grief can overwhelm. It also serves those who mourn loved ones from outside our parish community. They too may feel isolated, empty, and broken-hearted. For those searching for hope, a Seasons of Hope group is a nurturing link to the Church, the Almighty, and other people of faith who are also mourning. Come and be comforted.

Seasons of Hope meets via Zoom for six consecutive weeks. Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest. Our group is hosted by Stephen Ministers.

Please join us on Tuesdays at 1:00pm, starting on September 14 via Zoom. After registering, you will receive a link for the weekly virtual meetings. To sign up, visit

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/seasons-of-hope-2/>

## Cancer Support Group

If the word cancer has become part of your daily concern, you've come to the right place. Whether you have been recently diagnosed, are in treatment or are struggling with the long-term impact of cancer, or have a loved one who has cancer, we hope you will find these resources to be helpful. Join us for a monthly support group meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00am, starting on September 15. We'll be meeting via Zoom.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Ziemer at [sziermer.slp@gmail.com](mailto:sziermer.slp@gmail.com) or Kathleen Owen at 919-847-8205x241.

## The Mindful Catholic Book Club

Join us for this 8-week virtual book club starting Wednesday, September 15, at 7:00pm. Just buy the book, and contact [Kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org) using The Mindful Catholic in the subject line to sign up.

Here's a bit more about the book: Whether we are carrying out routine life behaviors, trying to pray, or conversing with others, the way our minds work significantly impacts how well we function. But many times we may feel like our mind has a mind of its own.

- You fall into bed exhausted at the end of the day, craving a good night's sleep, only to have your mind race in a million directions.
- Prayer is an exercise in futility, full of distractions and wandering thoughts.
- In the midst of a conversation, you suddenly realize you haven't heard a word the other person has said.
- You arrive at a destination with no recollection of how you got there.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Dr. Greg Bottaro explains how mindfulness can help us become aware of the present moment and accept it. Catholic mindfulness is a way to practically trust God more in our lives. Instead of separating faith from day-to-day life, mindfulness helps bridge the gap so we can feel the sense of safety and peace God intends us to have.



## Catholic Parish Outreach

The CPO Truck will be on site the week-ends of Sept 18/19 and Sept 25/26 to collect your filled grocery bags. Saturday hours are 4:45-6:15pm and Sunday hours are 6:45-9:45am and 4:45-6:15pm.

For more information please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/catholic-parish-outreach/>

Items Needed for the Drive (No glass please)

Cans of vegetables, tuna, chicken, soup, spaghetti sauce, fruit; boxes of cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, hamburger/chicken/tuna helper, crackers, instant dry milk; bags of rice and beans. Peanut butter, fruit juice, salad dressing, laundry detergent, bathroom tissue, soap, diapers size 4-6, baby wipes, milk-based infant formula, Stage 1, 2, 3 or graduates baby food.

## DivorceCare



Tuesday September 7- December 14  
6:00 to 8:00 pm  
\$20.00 per book

Register and purchase your book at  
[www.divorcecare.org/groups/134249](http://www.divorcecare.org/groups/134249)

# Francis BlessFest 2021 Be a Blessing



In the Spirit of St. Francis, **be a blessing** and come to St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday afternoon Oct 3rd, for our pandemic-adapted version of FrancisFest! Bring your favorite pet, stay in your car and drive through to **receive a blessing** for your pet and your family. Then continue on, or come without a pet and from the safety of your car learn ways that you and your family can **give a blessing** by virtually volunteering with a number of organizations in the Raleigh area, caring for creation, signing up for upcoming in-person opportunities to serve, and donating to our brothers and sisters affected by the recent hurricanes.

Save the date! You won't want to miss it!  
Details to follow next week.

Also, have some more fun and decorate your car around the theme: **Be a Blessing**. Who knows, maybe there will be gifts and prizes? (Please no advertising.)

# Legion of Mary Diocesan Rosary Congress 2021



The Eucharistic Rosary Marathon is a prayerful response to the call of Our Lady at Fatima by which the faithful will come together for three days of Eucharistic Adoration with a Rosary prayed aloud every hour before the Blessed Sacrament inside the Church. This will take place on October 5th, 6th and 7th following morning Mass until 7:00pm. Benediction will take

place at 6:45pm on Tuesday and Thursday, and at 6:00pm on Wednesday. In light of the year of St. Joseph, we have adopted the theme "In The Arms of St. Joseph" for his intercession. Please sign up for a specific date and hour.

Each date has its own section. Please put in your name, email, phone number and indication of whether you are leading the whole rosary or a decade.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094AA8AE28A0F58-diocesan2>

**Location: St. Catherine of Siena, Wake Forest.**

**Contact: Vincent Pisculli at [vincentofmahopac@yahoo.com](mailto:vincentofmahopac@yahoo.com)**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Cathy Smith

A couple who was moving from homelessness into an apartment called the SVdP helpline.

They have been working with a case worker and needed help with rent due to all the startup costs.

We assisted them with rent, and they were grateful for the help.

Before they moved in, calls and emails came into SVdP. "Do you know someone who can use some kitchen chairs?" "I have a TV - does anyone need one?" "There is a loveseat in great condition looking for a new home."

We also put a note out on a neighborhood message board, "Does anyone have a mattress and box spring?" Soon we received an answer, "Yes!"

On move-in day for this couple, a U-Haul was filled with the furniture, dishes, cookware, towels, rugs for their new apartment.



SVdP does not usually handle furniture, instead referring people to Habitat Restore or Green Chair Project, both great organizations.

But the timing of the calls and this couple's situation aligned.

"Please let everyone know their donations filled our apartment and we have been given the hope we so desperately needed. God bless you all," the couple wrote after they moved in.

SVdP needs assistance to handle the workload of cases.

In particular, we are in need of someone who can speak Spanish to assist with calls and visits to our neighbors in need. All work with our neighbors is completed virtually. All volunteers will receive extensive training. If you are interested in helping, contact Cathy Smith at [smithcr@gmail.com](mailto:smithcr@gmail.com).



# Employment Opportunities



The Franciscan School, part of the education ministry of the parish, has the following positions available. If you are interested in applying for any of the position listed, please email [dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org)

## Substitute Teachers

Substitute Teachers work on an as-needed basis providing classroom coverage when a full-time teacher or teacher assistant is out. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who love working with children from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

## Part-Time After School staff

Bridges After School staff work part time within the program hours of Monday through Friday from 3pm to 6pm. Candidates must be caring, energetic, at least 18 years old, and pass a background screening. Previous experience working with children is desired, but not required.

## Elementary Teacher

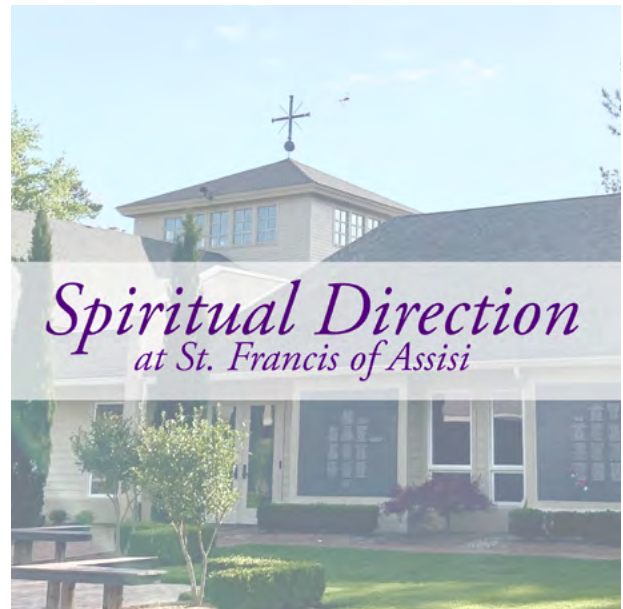
Join our dynamic educational environment! The elementary teacher's primary role is to instruct students in the Diocesan Curriculum, while challenging them to move beyond their current level of academic success, drawing the students out to reach their full potential. The successful candidate will work together with the entire faculty and the administrative team to provide a safe and academically challenging environment, one that builds upon the charism of the Catholic Church, and our Franciscan traditions, to form our students as fine young men and women prepared for their futures academically, socially, and morally. Candidates must have a NC teaching licensure or be able to obtain NC teaching licensure and pass the diocesan background check. Preferred candidates will have teaching experience in elementary education with a demonstrated record of excellence. Please submit a cover letter and resume to [dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org).



## Community Center Facility Specialist

The Community Center is actively hiring, and always welcomes interest in part-time positions in the Community Center. We are seeking part-time employees to work evenings and weekends in 5-8 hours shifts. These staff members will oversee the safety and security of Community Life programs, activities and events that strengthen the communal aspects of parish, community and neighborhood in light of our mission to be "one family living in community"

For complete job description, questions or to submit a resume, please email Ashley Watson at: [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
September 19, 2021

## Jesus' Cleansing Love

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Master of Fossa, a painter of unknown name, traveled the Umbrian region in the 1300s, creating works of Franciscan spirituality. His triptych panel, *Stories of the Passion*, interprets the scenes of the passion and death of Christ as an act of service to poor sinners. The souls of his brothers and sisters were dirty. And yet he comes down from heaven, bends over our iniquity, and gently takes us into his hands while nursing us back to cleanliness and life.

Christ's greatness is revealed in his service. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant

of all" (Mark 9:35). Jesus didn't wish to be first; he merely wished to be faithful. His goal was to love the Father and win us back, and that meant service and the cross.

In a detail of the painting, Peter is on his papal throne while Jesus kneels in front of him. What a role reversal! Peter should be washing Jesus' feet, but no. Even Peter tried to reject this act of service, but Jesus insisted—or else Peter could have no part in his reign.

Peter needed to be washed and purified before serving and sanctifying others. So it is with us. During this Mass, allow your soul to be taken into Jesus' hands. Feel him cleanse you, pouring his warm grace over your wounds. Accept his gentle, loving attention as he caresses, dries, and restores you. Only when you have known his mercy and love can you then be an agent of that love to others. +

## Sunday Readings

**Wisdom 2:12, 17–20**

With violence and torture let us put him to the test / that we may have proof of his gentleness.

**James 3:16—4:3**

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.

**Mark 9:30–37**

[Jesus said,] "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

*Allow your soul to be  
taken into Jesus' hands.  
Feel him cleanse you,  
pouring his warm grace  
over your wounds.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

—On Care for Our Common Home  
(*Laudato Si'*), May 24, 2015



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I take the time to place myself in Jesus' presence and receive his healing touch?
- The sacrament of reconciliation is a privileged moment of healing. Do I take advantage of this grace?



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## Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, typically celebrated each year in October, honors those celebrating wedding anniversaries, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, or 60 years of marriage. The Mass will take place on Sunday, October 24 at 3:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. Register to attend the Mass and/or to receive a Commemorative Certificate: <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2021>.



# Wise Christian Stewardship

By Kathleen M. Basi

“God gave you a body so you can do good things in the world. And you can’t do that if you don’t take care of your body.” This is a pretty common refrain in my parenting arsenal. It is intended to be an entry-level lesson on sexuality, but in fact it’s a pretty universal concept: We have a responsibility to use what we have been given wisely.

When we hear the words “Christian stewardship,” we tend to reduce it to “time, talent, and treasure”—specifically, to our gift to the Church. Yet as important as that is, it’s not the whole story.

Christian stewardship means the wise use of everything we have and everything we are. It means care of the earth: picking up litter, not running the car while I check my phone in the parking lot, recycling, reusing plastic bags, turning the thermostat down in the winter and up in the summer, shopping consignment, and using The Freecycle Network, which coordinates a worldwide network of “gifting groups” to divert reusable goods from landfills.

It means care of relationships: turning off the electronics and focusing on each other, playing games together, eating dinners together, and supporting each other’s endeavors.

It means being aware of how much I have—home, running water, electricity, and especially my own unique talents and charisms—and embracing the



responsibility to share that wealth with others.

If my charism is a love of children, it might mean offering a stressed-out mother a few hours off. It might even mean taking kids for a whole weekend to allow another couple a weekend to reconnect.

If my charism is physical strength, it might mean helping a neighbor fix a broken step or replace a faucet. It might mean mowing the yard for an elderly or sick acquaintance, or someone overwhelmed by circumstances.

If my charism is cooking, it might mean meals for new mothers or families facing loss, extended illness, or emotional stress.

If my charism is joy and the gift of gab, it might mean visiting shut-ins, nursing homes, and retirement centers.

When “time and talent” Sunday comes around, we naturally focus on how to give back to God through the Church. Our parishes can function only if we share our gifts. But the responsibility of Christian stewardship doesn’t end there. The Church can grow only if we evangelize—and actions, as the old adage says, speak louder than words.

God gave us our bodies; we honor him by using them to do good things on the earth in his name. +

*Giving of our time,  
talent, and treasure is  
only part of the story.*

## PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful that you  
are my advocate. Take away  
all my fears and doubts. Fill  
me with your wisdom and love  
that I may be an instrument of  
your peace in the world.*

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

September 20–25

**Monday**, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,  
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and companions:  
Ezr 1:1–6 / Lk 8:16–18

**Tuesday**, St. Matthew:  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:9–13

**Wednesday**, Weekday:  
Ezr 9:5–9 / Lk 9:1–6

**Thursday**, St. Pius of Pietrelcina:  
Hg 1:1–8 / Lk 9:7–9

**Friday**, Weekday:  
Hg 2:1–9 / Lk 9:18–22

**Saturday**, Weekday:  
Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a / Lk 9:43b–45

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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 Laverna.

**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, 1:00-3:00pm Founders Room.

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

**Peace Pole Prayer:** Join us after the 9:00am 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:

- 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

We are looking for a volunteer ministry coordinator for Caring Connections. The duties would be to add/edit/delete tasks in our [lotsahelpinghands.com](http://lotsahelpinghands.com) app, create announcements to the ministry, monitor that tasks are being picked up, and if not, notify me. Training is provided. Total weekly time commitments – 1 hour. If you're interested, contact Kathleen Owen at [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org) or 919-847-8205x241

### 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.



## 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

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### 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
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### Faith Formation

Director of Faith Formation	Jonathan Vanegas-Calderon	847-8205x238
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	wilsonpf99@gmail.com
Prayers	Mary Arleth	847-8205x358
Receive a Prayer Shawl	Kathleen Owen	847-8205x241

### Support Groups

Divorce Care	Bill Morgan	dejanuts@yahoo.com
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

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Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
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Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jackie Kelly	203-512-8807
Church Keeping	Beverly Saunders	919-846-5795
Cross Bearers Joseph Randazzo	josephrandazzo1@gmail.com	
Deaf Ministry	Jeane 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
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### Outreach Ministries

Director of Justice and Peace	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
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Oak City Cares	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
Catholic Parish Outreach	Sue Hand	919-846-7954
Panera Food Pick Up	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
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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
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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	bcartier7@gmail.com
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Peace Pole Prayer	Ben Whitehouse	whitehouseben5@gmail.com
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## Get Involved!

### Parish Life Ministries

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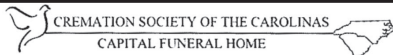
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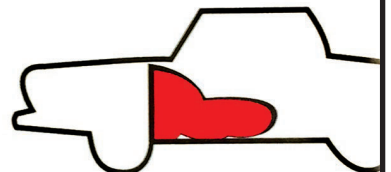
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