

October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



CREATING SPACE

to Encounter Christ in the Liturgy

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Annual Liturgy Convocation • Sunday, November 7th from 1pm-4pm.



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES*
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:15am, 9:00am (also livestreamed), 11:45am, 5:30pm
WEEKDAY MASS*
9:00am

*Masks are required for ALL over the age of 4,
regardless of your vaccination status,
in all public areas of our campus.



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.



Living the Gospel of Life: A
Challenge to American
Catholics

**Calling Parish Leaders
to Join Us in Protecting Life**

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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

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NOVEMBER: A MONTH TO REMEMBER OUR BE-LOVED DEAD AT ST. FRANCIS

November 1 (All Saints Day) and November 2 (All Souls Day) are upon us this week, both feasts having an ancient history in the Catholic Church. The first remembers the innumerable uncanonized saints who do not have a day on the liturgical calendar dedicated to them like Sts. Francis and Clare do, some of whom may be your relatives or friends. The second is set aside to pray for all our beloved dead, to remember them by name, and to commend them to the Lord, especially those who may have gone into eternity with sin still on their souls. "As Catholics, we have a tradition of praying for our deceased relatives and friends. It is a way of continuing our relationship with them and assisting them on their journey to heaven." (Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, 124). Because we retain a relationship with our beloved dead, praying with and for them is one way we stay connected to them until we see them again face to face in eternity.

At St. Francis, we will remember our beloved dead throughout the month of November. You are invited to submit the names of family members and friends whom you would like to have remembered at Masses. There are two ways you may commemorate those you wish the priests and community to pray for in November. 1) You may place those names on your All Souls Day envelope. They will be transcribed into the Book of Remembrance and the envelopes will be placed on the altar in the church. 2) You may write the names directly into our Book of Remembrance. The book and the envelopes will remain in the church until the First Sunday of Advent, November 28.

We will commemorate all who are at rest in our columbarium on Saturday, November 6, at our annual Memorial Mass at 9:00am in the Memorial Garden. All are welcome. Please dress appropriately for an outdoor Mass according to the weather report.

Remembering our beloved dead anytime is a venerable tradition in Catholicism, but November is especially appropriate as our lectionary readings focus on the end of life and the end of time.

Fr. Michael



2022 Mass Intentions

Open

On October 18th, the Mass Intention calendar for 2022 opened.

Payment is required at time of submitting.
Payment accepted by cash, check or via Faith Direct.

Click [HERE](#) for form.

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

Declan Frank Coppins

Son of David and Katie Coppins

Claire Maureen Dombrowski

Daughter of Ben and Regina Dombrowski

Shay Jamie Kilpatrick

Daughter of Daniel and Natalia Kilpatrick

Cullen Joseph Lloyd

Son of Ryan and Jessica Lloyd

Lauren Jane Massey

Daughter of Brandon and Kayla Massey

Brooke Allison Merrigan

Daughter of Rich and Cristi Merrigan

Jackson David Morris

Son of Thomas and Amber Morris

Elliot Louise Smith

Daughter of Josh and Sandy Smith

THROUGH MARRIAGE MAY
THEIR LIVES ALWAYS BEAR
WITNESS TO CHRIST'S LOVE:

Claire Walczyk Daughter of
John and Lori Walczyk

and **Andrew Wipperman** Son of
Scott and Allie Wipperman

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

+Rudolph Sagers

Husband of Yvonne Sagers

+Ann Lally O'Bryan

Sister of Chuck Lally

+ Sig Fuchs

Father of Scott Fuchs

November Envelope Schedule

November 7 Weekly
November 7 Mortgage Sunday
November 14 Weekly
November 14 Christmas Flowers
November 21 Weekly
November 21 Human Development
& Human Dignity
November 25 Thanksgiving/Food
for the Poor
November 28 Weekly

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 7



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 30, 2021
Saturday, 5:30
+Eileen Roth
Requested by Mia Batz

Sunday October 31, 2021
Sunday, 7:15
+Charles Tramo
Requested by Ronald & Joan Smith

Sunday, 9:00
+ Duane Aney
Requested by McCanta Family

Sunday, 11:45
+Ron Doggett
Requested by Kathryn and Mark Doggett

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

Monday November 1, 9am
+Jim Alexander and +Leann Coward
Requested by Alexander Family

Tuesday, November 2, 9am and 7pm
In Commemoration of All Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday November 3, 9am
+Elizabeth Taylor
Requested by Jerry & Cathy Welsh

Thursday November 4, 9am
+ Ignazio Bosco
Requested by Mary Bosco

Friday November 5, 9am
+Robert Hartinger
Requested by Teresa Hartinger

Saturday November 6, 2021
Saturday, 5:30
+ James Kielty
Requested by Marc Kielty

Sunday November 7, 2021
Sunday, 7:15
+Graham Hood
Requested by Elizabeth Janes

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

Sunday, 11:45
+Barbra Sheena Moffatt
Requested by Joanne Johnson

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

+Eileen Roth
Requested by Mia Batz
Remembrance

+Skylar Fitzpatrick
Requested by Stacey Shine
Remembrance

+Annette Brandl
Requested by Elizabeth Stachewicz
Remembrance

+Leland Morse
Requested by David Crout
Birthday Remembrance

+Rudolph Sagers
Husband of Yvonne Sagers
Remembrance

+Jose Molina
Requested by Aracely Alcala
Remembrance

+Ann Lally O'Bryan
Sister of Chuck Lally
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**



KBL2 Episodes and Release Dates



October 4
Baptism:
Fundamentals



October 18
Baptism:
Becoming Priests



November 1
Baptism:
Becoming Prophets



November 15
Baptism:
Becoming Royalty



January 10



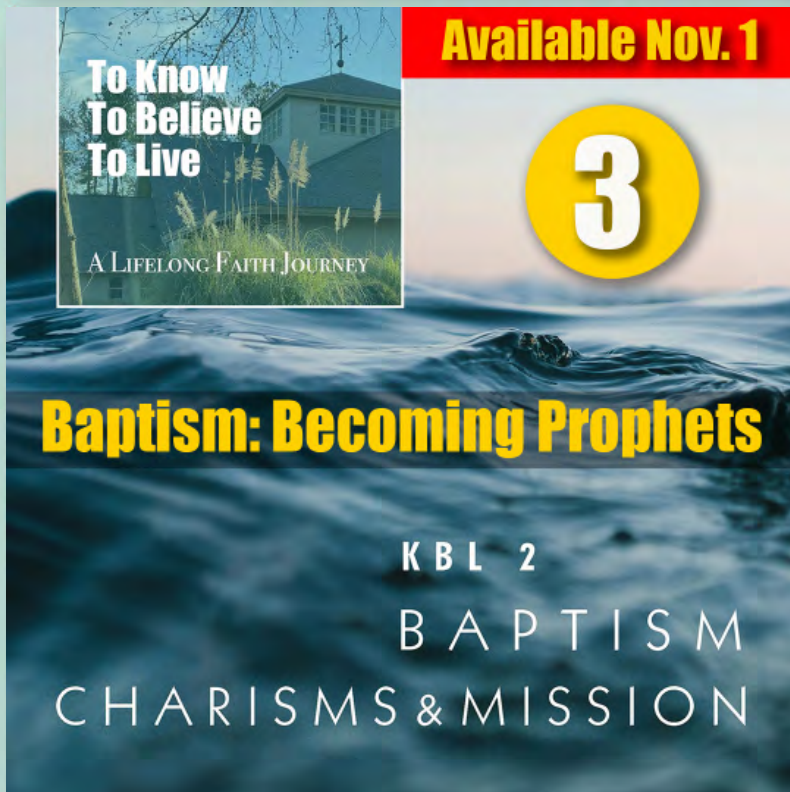
January 24



February 7



February 21



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 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

November: A Month of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance

A Book of Remembrance, with the names of loved ones of blessed memory, will be displayed throughout the month near the sanctuary. Names may be written directly into the book by parishioners, or will be recorded into the book from the names printed on All Souls Day envelopes. In addition, these envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the month. Prior to November, the Book will be placed in the gathering space to record names.

All Saints Day- Monday November 1 at 9:00am

Since November 1 is a Monday this year, the Solemnity of All Saints this year is not a Holy Day of obligation. We will celebrate Mass at 9 am with music, however the Mass will not be live streamed.

All Souls Day- Tuesday November 2, Masses at 9:00am and 7:00pm

During these liturgies we will lift up all those who have gone before us as we pray that “with the mortality of this life overcome, they may gaze eternally on [God], their Creator and Redeemer” (Collect from November 2 in the Roman Missal).

We will specifically honor all parishioners who have died during the past year with a reading of names.

In addition, all parishioners are encouraged to bring photos (framed, maximum of 5X7) to the parish offices prior to November 1, to be displayed on the altar steps throughout this day and then displayed in the parish gathering space throughout the month of November. Please include your name and contact information on the back of the photos so you may pick them up when the month is completed.

Memorial Garden Mass – Saturday, November 6 at 9:00am

This beautiful memorial Mass is to celebrate the life and faith of all those inurned or memorialized in the St. Francis Memorial Garden as well as those buried in the St Francis portion of the cemetery at Raleigh Memorial Park. All are welcome to attend.

Mass is held outside in the Memorial Garden so please dress accordingly.

FORMATION MINISTRIES



Come celebrate on a special day where we can recognize ALL saints, even our tiniest ones! Arrive at 8:40 am and drop children off in Fellowship Hall! We will process in and your children will join you for the rest of the Mass! Sign up first and last name to let us know you're coming!

“Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4FA5AF2CABF49-holyween>”



CREATING SPACE

to Encounter Christ | in the Liturgy

Sunday, November 7th

from 1pm-4pm.

All are welcome to gather as a community, enrich our faith, and to learn about how we participate in the celebration of the liturgy. The schedule includes a keynote speaker as well as two breakout sessions that will allow participants to enrich their faith.

Breakouts:

- Meeting Jesus in the Mass: The four presences of Christ
- What's liturgy got to do with it? The relationship between catechesis and liturgy
- Luke, I am your Father: Encountering God the Father in the year of Luke
- Living the liturgical year: Finding ourselves in God's story



Scan the QR code to sign up

<https://forms.gle/z9f1xssJMNAjz2uQ7>



Celebrating All Things Hallowed...Franciscan Style

Rev. James Sabak, O.F.M.



The celebration of Halloween is uniquely American. While there may be some connection to ancient celebrations of All Hallows Eve in parts of England and France, Halloween today is considered a non-religious, or perhaps even anti-religious, event. So, what possible connection could a Catholic elementary school have with something like Halloween? Doesn't the word itself conjure up images of witches, devils, ghosts, and all things that "go bump in the night?" Or worse, isn't it a time for mischief and the strange routine of "trick or treat" extortion?

Well, like most things at The Franciscan School, we teach our students to look at the world through the lens of faith, a faith born of our Catholic Christian tradition. In doing so we challenge our learning community to recognize that if God is part of all things – because without God nothing can exist – then what might we be able to take away from the cultural phenomenon known as Halloween?

Well, first, we treat it not as a holiday of fear. And why? Because again and again in Scripture we are told not to be afraid. And if there is no fear, then all we can do is laugh – laugh at the silliness, laugh at the absurdity, laugh at the foolishness – at anything that "goes bump in the night," because if "Christ is for us, who can be against us?" Teaching our student body to approach the world without fear allows us to cultivate wisdom and prudence in them. We teach our students to respond to the hopes and fears of the world with a sense of striving to support what gives life and to heal what has fallen apart.



Second, we transform "trick or treat" motifs from a "demand for satisfaction or else," into what it truly could be: a cry for care and hospitality. Central to our learning style at The Franciscan School are the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Halloween, then, becomes another occasion for us to reflection on the many ways we may give of ourselves to those who come to us asking for help, aid, and assistance; even when done with mirth and frivolity.

Third, since Halloween comes on the eve of the Solemnity of All Saints, we connect the two. The two observances are not as contrary and antithetical as might first appear, but rather are the means through which God can work at transforming us and all creation from loss to holiness. What we pretend and yearn for in our imaginations and creativity at Halloween, is revealed in glory and wonder in the lives of the Saints. Our calling lies in the latter, and the laughter and hos-

pitality of Halloween is one remarkable way through which God leads us to it.

This was the way of Saints Francis and Clare, who sought in their lives to find joy in the world where others only saw pain and sorrow. Their hospitality and care for the less fortunate and the needy showed that there is no end to our ability to care for one another. As patrons of The Franciscan School, they offer us insight on how we might accomplish the good work God asks us to do, and in ways that bring joy and hope to the world. Happy Halloween!!

As you explore school options for your children's education next year, please consider joining the education excellence, fun, and faith at The Franciscan School. [Visit our website](#) for more information, to sign up for a Virtual Information Session here, or schedule a tour. Please contact Principal Mike Watson by email at michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org if you have specific questions.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis Preschool



30th Anniversary Mosaic

To celebrate the preschool's 30th anniversary this year, we have commissioned a local artist, Luke Vandergriff, to complete a mural of St. Francis that will be hung outside on Elizabeth Hall. The total cost is estimated to be \$5,000.

If you are interested in helping us reach our goal, please use the QR code to pledge or visit <https://forms.gle/z9f1xssJMNAjz2uQ7>.



JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics



Calling Parish Leaders to Join Us in Protecting Life

As we put closure to Respect Life Month in October, we again share our long-standing commitment to proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.

St. Francis has always been a parish where any threat to life is of great concern.



In our Office of Justice and Peace, we have Issue Teams that focus on providing formation, action, and advocacy on a

variety of life issues so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world. There are Issue Teams currently focused on the following issues: beginning and end of life issues, immigration, climate change, racism, mental health, peacemaking/nonviolence, education, and affordable housing. In order to strengthen our commitment to the pre-born, we would love to have parishioners interested in being part of our Beginning of Life Issue Team contact Trevor Thompson, trevor.thompson@stfrancis-raleigh.org. You can become an “ally” on our parish database of any of these Issue Teams as well to keep up to date on current events and actions for charity, prayer, and justice.

In a document called *Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics*, the US Bishops offered a great vision for our call as Catholics: “The application of Gospel values to real situations is an essential work of the Christian community. Adopting a consistent ethic of life,

the Catholic Church promotes a broad spectrum of issues seeking to protect human life and promote human dignity from the inception of life to its final moment. Opposition to abortion and euthanasia does not excuse indifference to those who suffer from poverty, violence and injustice. Any politics of human life must work to resist the violence of war and the scandal of capital punishment. Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. Therefore, Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas.”

This vision of a consistent ethic of life transcends political affiliations since the Gospel of Life (see Pope St. John Paul II’s encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*) by its nature transcends political affiliations. We would love to partner with more parishioners in promoting the Reign of God on earth. We hope more will join us in our ministry.

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Kickoff Event

Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Market

In Person & Virtual

Come to the Kickoff

Meet artisans, producers and vendors

Win 2 - \$100 shopping sprees

Early bird shop with free shipping to St. Francis for a limited time

RSVP, a Zoom link will be sent to you



Wednesday, November 10, 7:00pm (via Zoom)
RSVP: www.bit.ly/SFA-FTM2021

Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Market

Our Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Market is right around the corner. This year we are excited to say that we will hold the market IN-PERSON from Friday Nov 12 - Sunday Nov 14 in Clare Fellowship Hall (see hours below) as we have done for many years and also VIRTUAL for those of you who still prefer this. So please save the date to purchase beautiful and thoughtful gifts for yourself and those you love!

The VIRTUAL market will begin with a Kickoff Event on Wednesday, Nov 10 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. All are welcome! This will be a fun and informative hour with a chance to win 2 - \$100 shopping sprees, to meet artisans, producers and vendors while learning more about how Fair Trade impacts others and also early bird shop with free shipping to St. Francis for a limited time. Sign up here to attend the Kickoff Event: www.bit.ly/SFA-FTM2021 and a Zoom link will be sent to you.

At the IN-PERSON market there will also be wonderful giveaways that you won't want to miss! Every person who comes gets a chance to win something as you shop responsibly for Christmas and beyond. So stop by Fellowship Hall anytime during these hours:

Friday, Nov 12 8:15 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, Nov 13 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm*

**Sunday, Nov 14 8:15 am – 2:00 pm,
6:30 – 8:00 pm***

*Closed during Mass.

What is Fair Trade? It is an economic system in developing countries that lifts up farmers, artisans, and producers of all kinds and gives them a chance to compete in a global marketplace. It also insures that children go to school not work and promotes whole communities not just individuals. By purchasing Fair Trade products you stand in solidarity with these folk while respecting their right to dignified work and helping them lift themselves out of poverty, principles that are constitutive of our faith.

We are in need of some volunteers. If you would like to help us provide hospitality to our vendors or help in other ways during the market, we would greatly appreciate it! Please sign up here at www.bit.ly/FTM-help2021.

Thank you for any help you can provide! Please contact becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org if you have any questions.



International Civil Rights Museum Virtual Visit

On this last weekend of Respect Life Month, an invitation for all Catholic Christians to cherish, defend and protect all of life especially the most vulnerable, we again lift up the US Bishop's 2018 document, Open Wide Our Hearts the enduring call to love, that declared that the sin of racism is a life issue. The Bishops specifically wrote that they will not cease to speak forcefully against and work toward ending racism and they called all of us to do the same.

With this in mind we invite you to join our latest racism study group on a VIRTUAL tour of the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro. This is a gem of a museum located in the building which formerly housed the Woolworth's lunch counter where the four brave Black students from NC A&T first sat down and refused to get up until they were served. Thus began the non-violent protests that eventually integrated lunch counters all over our country. You won't want to miss this!

Contact Becky Cawley at becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org if you would like to join the tour on Saturday, Nov 6, 10:30 am – 12:00pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Our visit will incorporate a mixture of pre-recorded footage and live interaction with a museum docent through Zoom. The docent will stay with us and answer questions as long as we have them.

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES



St. Francis' St. Vincent DePaul Conference Doubles their Outreach to those Vulnerable to Eviction

By parishioners Cathy Smith and Ann Bingham

You may recall that when Monsignor Clay came to St. Francis of Assisi (SFA), the pandemic was in full swing. In his early days, he was gathering input from parishioners on the upcoming priorities for SFA. One of the points mentioned was, how was SFA going to serve the many people affected by the pandemic, and how was SFA going to be a part of the solution for the potential wave of evictions ahead. This year the wave started, and through the ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference (SVdP), we have stepped up!

SVdP is an international Catholic lay organization with a mission to serve the needs of the poor and vulnerable. The SFA conference of SVdP was established in 2016 and provides emergency assistance to individuals in the surrounding area to prevent homelessness, loss of utilities, and unemployment.

SVdP primarily receives funds through the parish by way of a portion of the offertory designated to support outreach and mission to the poor and vulnerable. In this year of Covid, those funds from the "Justice & Peace Tithe" have been needed more than ever. In addition to this financial commitment of the parish, SVdP has received several additional funding

streams that have increased their ability to help others threatened with eviction. A big thank you to the parishioners who forwarded their stimulus checks to SVdP, to those who have made very significant one-time direct donations, and to those who have become regular contributors over this past year!

The SVdP numbers alone are telling. With the end of the eviction moratorium many people are facing evictions or having their power or water turned off, some facing these situations for the first time ever. SVdP has served more than twice the number of families over previous years. Thus, our assistance expenses were well over twice those in previous years. We assisted more families with more money and kept more families in their homes with electricity on and water running. It is very gratifying to call the utility company and tell them SVdP is assisting a family with their water bill and know by the end of the day their water will be turned back on.

This year SVdP developed stronger partnerships and processes with other area ministries. We have been working closely with Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) SVdP and with First Presbyterian/Edenton St United Methodist on several cases. This

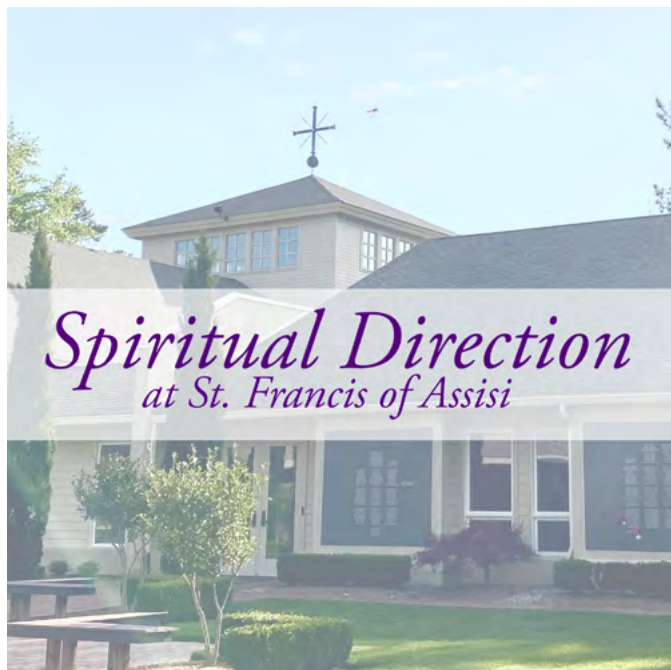
has been effective to facilitate, not only our ministries but also the neighbors needing assistance.

The 21 members of St. Vincent de Paul have done an amazing job, ministering to our neighbors dealing with these financial crises. SVdP usually conducts home visits as part of our ministry. With COVID, we have been conducting most of our visits by phone. Our members have worked with neighbors to sign up for the COVID relief funds, the children's tax credit and utility relief funds. They have connected neighbors to food banks. For some of our neighbors, this is the first time they've needed to use the local food bank. Some of these ministering relationships go on for weeks as a neighbor works on getting the funds they need. This is a very compassionate and caring group, who stepped up and just dealt with the additional workload due to COVID.

We regularly include some of the stories in the bulletin. There are more stories if you would like to know more about what we do. Let Ann Bingham, abingham.math@gmail.com or Cathy Smith, smith-tcr@gmail.com know if you want to learn more about SVdP. Thank you for the ongoing parish support for this work.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

[Kathleen Owen, Director of Parish Life](#)



[Click here to watch Episode 9](#)

Spiritual Direction – Is It for You?

In recent months you may have heard the term “spiritual direction” and wondered what it involves and specifically, what it means. There are various definitions for spiritual direction, but it is best understood as a conversation between two people where the spiritual director, through deep listening, seeks to assist the seeker to grow in their ability to recognize the Holy Spirit’s message to them in their daily life. God speaks to us throughout our day so this listening is not just during prayer or at Mass. It is a holy listening to the presence of God in all our relationships of family, friends and work and in the everyday events of our lives. We know that God is always present to us. In the process of spiritual direction, we learn to become more attentive to God’s presence and how the Holy Spirit may be moving within us.

The role of the spiritual director is to listen for those movements of God’s Spirit in what is being shared as they accompany the seeker on their spiritual journey. They are not counsellors but have been

trained in this particular type of holy listening. In time, they become soul friends because what is shared is sacred.

Typically, a spiritual direction meeting lasts 30 – 60 minutes. Some meet weekly but more likely, you will meet with your spiritual director monthly. How often you choose to meet will be something you will discuss with your spiritual director. There is no set length for how long you and your spiritual director will continue the relationship. It is suggested that you commit to meet with your director for three months. This is typically enough time to discern that the relationship is the right fit.

Here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we are fortunate to have a ministry available to us. There is more information on our website (<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/spiritual-direction/>) with instructions on how to contact a spiritual director.

You may also want to sign up for a virtual info meeting on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:30 pm or Thursday, Nov. 11 at 1:00pm.

These sessions are an opportunity to learn more about spiritual direction and meet several of the spiritual directors offering this ministry in our parish. We hope you will “Come and See” what it is all about.

Registration is required and will be done through Realm or you can Contact Kathleen Owen: Kathleen.Owen@stfrancisraleigh.org or Gladys Whitehouse: sfaspiritualdirection@gmail.com

Detailed instructions, including a video tutorial are available at the bottom of this webpage <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/spiritual-direction/>.

Step 1: Login to Realm (<https://on-realm.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 “Spiritual Direction ‘Come and See’”.

Step 4: Click on the “Register by November” button and follow the instructions

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Youth Basketball League Registration IS NOW OPEN!



Join us for the 31th season of the St. Francis Youth Basketball League. Participants shall have a spirit of loyalty to Catholic ideals, to parish, to coach, and to the team. The program enables the gifted to excel, the less gifted to participate and improve. This program is open to girls and boys grades 1st thru 8th, in 6 different divisions. All participants and anyone attending practice and game will have to wear a mask. Practices will be held once per weeknight and begin in November. Division 1 (grade 1st & 2nd) will practice before their games on Saturday and not during the week. Games will be on Saturday and Sunday. The season will run through late February. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/st-francis-youth-basketball-league-2/>.

Help needed!

Are you available for a morning or afternoon once each month? Do you like to meet people? **We need more Eucharistic Ministers to visit the several assisted living facilities** for those who can't come to Sunday Mass. Training is provided. If you're available, please contact Kathleen Owen at 919-847-8205x241.

We are in need of both weekday and weekend receptionists. The weekday receptionists answer the parish phone, greet visitors and help them find their way on campus and may assist staff in various office tasks. Shifts are available Monday-Friday and are 3.5 hours (9-12:30 or 12:30-4). Weekend receptionists help answer questions, help with directions to meeting rooms and serve as a welcoming presence to our parishioners. Please contact Kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org or 919-847-8205x241.

Are you available for a morning or afternoon once each month? **We need more Eucharistic Ministers to visit the homes of those who can't come to Sunday Mass.** Training is provided. If you're available, please contact Melanie Fraites at 407-718-3537.

Seasons of Hope



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. 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 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, via Zoom. We are working from Book 4, but each session is a standalone session – and you can join us in any session. To register, if you're a registered parishioner, log into Realm and choose Registration Event- Seasons of Hope – Book 4 – Fall 2021.

If you are not a registered parishioner, [click here](#). After registering, you will receive a link for the weekly virtual meetings

If you would like to be notified of upcoming funerals via Realm, please contact Joan Port at joankport@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities



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.



Cristo Rey RT High School will be having their FALL OPEN HOUSE on October 28, 2021, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. You can register for this event on our website at www.cristoreyrt.org. Applications for Fall of 2022 are now available! Cristo Rey Research Triangle is a college and career preparatory high school in the Catholic tradition for students with limited economic resources. We are located at the Historic American Tobacco Campus in the heart of downtown Durham, North Carolina. Open to all rising 9th & 10th graders.

Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School tendrá su OPEN HOUSE el jueves, 28 de octubre de 2021, de 6:00pm a 7:00pm. Puede registrarse para este evento en nuestro sitio web www.cristoreyrt.org. ¡Las solicitudes para el otoño de 2022 ya están disponibles! Cristo Rey Research Triangle es una escuela secundaria preparatoria para la universidad y la carrera en la tradición católica para estudiantes con recursos económicos limitados. Estamos ubicados en el campus histórico de American Tobacco en el centro de Durham, NC. Abierto a todos los estudiantes de noveno y décimo grado.

OPEN HOUSE



APPLY NOW



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 positions listed, please email dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org

Part-Time After School Staff – Flexible Hours

Flexible hours weekdays between 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

No nights or weekends!

This is a great part-time job for college or high school students. Candidates must be caring, energetic, at least 18 years old, and pass a background screening. Please contact dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org if interested.

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.

Instructional Teacher Assistant – Full Time

The Franciscan School is seeking an Instructional Teacher Assistant (ITA) for one of our kindergarten classrooms. This is a full-time position assisting the lead teachers and grade level team in creating a classroom environment that is consistent with the mission of the school and the parish. The candidate will provide classroom support to the lead teacher in each classroom by providing general assistance with daily tasks, such as copying and planning for lessons, small group assistance, supervision of students when necessary, handling of classroom management issues when appropriate, and assisting with special projects, such as field trips. The ITA is expected to attend parish staff gatherings, conferences, and will collaborate as a member of the team to provide academic excellence for the students.



Cardinal Gibbons High School is hosting its annual Admissions Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Families are invited to campus to take a school tour, learn more about the curriculum, and connect with school leaders, teachers, coaches, and current students. Visit cghsnc.org/openhouse to learn more and register to attend.



Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
October 31, 2021

God's Greatest Commandments

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Today's first reading recalls the most sacred text in Judaism, the Shema Israel: "Hear [O] Israel." These words are so sacred for Jews, they are prayed in the most important moments of peril or supreme holiness. Jews don't take these words lightly because they express the essence of their religion and relationship to God.

As Catholics, we fully agree with our Jewish brothers and sisters on this matter. Jesus himself answered the question of what was the first, greatest commandment—it was the Shema Israel.

Why is it so important? Because it declares the unity of God: "The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!" (Deuteronomy 6:4). He is one supreme God, not a multitude of divinities as in the Greek and Roman polytheistic religions, or even today in Hinduism and Buddhism.

This belief in one God makes the monotheistic religions of Judaism and Christianity unique. Second, this supreme God deserves our love and obedience. "You shall love the Lord your God..." Our role as creatures called and saved by him is to offer loving obedience.

The Second Commandment flows from the first: If we love God above all, then we need to love our brothers, sisters, and ourselves.

What better example is there of this love for God and neighbor than the love of a mother for her child? Our love for God should be reverent, tender, compassionate, and unique. Only you can give him your kind of love. There should be a constant flow of affection and union between us—no separation between him and us. +

Our love for God should be reverent, tender.

Our role as creatures called and saved by him is to offer loving obedience.

Word from Pope Francis

Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.

Homily, March 10, 2020



Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe [the commandments], that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly.

Hebrews 7:23-28

He, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Mark 12:28b-34

[The scribe said to Jesus,] "'To love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How can I express greater reverence for God?
- How can I express greater tenderness toward my loving Father?



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Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat January 7-9, 2022, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The website is rachelinc.org. The cost is \$200 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.

Winning, Losing for Jesus

By Kathleen M. Basi

Sometime after St. Teresa of Calcutta died, it became known that she had suffered for many years from spiritual darkness. From the mainstream media, I remember getting the impression that her holiness was somehow lessened because of it.

It was more than a decade before I read *Come Be My Light*, a book compilation of her private reflections. When I did, I was struck by her observation that often those who exude the most joy and peace are hiding great suffering. She recognized this truth years before she began to experience the darkness that characterized the rest of her life.

That darkness, when it arrived, was bewildering for someone who had long experienced great tenderness in her relationship with Jesus. The only time she sensed his presence was when she was serving the poor and marginalized. Eventually she came to realize that the overwhelming feeling of being unwanted and unloved by God was what allowed her to share the experience of people she served day in and day out—those who felt that same rejection from the entire world.

The darkness, in other words, helped her love Jesus better. And because she accepted it without complaint, offering it as a sacrifice of love, she was able to exude a joy that attracted even people who had rejected faith.



I'm not so sure most of us would have the spiritual stamina to hold on to faith under a similar challenge, let alone see it bear such abundant fruit. In my case, I'm sure of it.

We're conditioned to expect our faith to give comfort in hard times—and often, it does. During times of spiritual dryness, though, the common truisms—"God won't give you anything you can't handle," "It's all part of God's plan," and so on—feel baldly inadequate. In fact, they can cause us to blame ourselves. Surely our spiritual desert is our own fault. If our faith were stronger, it would go away.

I think Mother Teresa's solution is a better one. We all suffer every day, and

the causes range from the trifling to the profound: drivers who seem determined to annoy us; the boss or coworker who persecutes us; the discomfort caused by an aging body; the pain of loss, broken relationships, or depression. All too often, we take our sufferings out on others.

What would happen if, instead, we offered those sufferings to God as an act of love? What would happen if we, like Mother Teresa, learned through our sufferings to empty ourselves so completely that the only thing the world saw in us was the joy of God?

If we did that, we just might change the world. +

The fruits of service and joy can shine forth even in great spiritual dryness.



*Lord, I am grateful for
your love and guidance.
Show me how to love you,
myself, and my neighbors
genuinely and generously.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 1–6

Monday, All Saints:

Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 / 1 Jn 3:1–3 / Mt 5:1–12a

Tuesday, All the Faithful Departed (All Souls):

Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 5:5–11 / Jn 6:37–40

Wednesday, Weekday:

Rom 13:8–10 / Lk 14:25–33

Thursday, St. Charles Borromeo:

Rom 14:7–12 / Lk 15:1–10

Friday, Weekday:

Rom 15:14–21 / Lk 16:1–8

Saturday, Weekday:

Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27 / Lk 16:9–15

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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 Laverna.

Community Center Classes: Regular exercise classes and parent/child classes run weekly, September-May. 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, 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 or visit <https://www.divorcecare.org/about>.

Grief Support Group

Contact Marsha Riely at marshariely@mac.com or Marlys Varga at marlysvarga@hotmail.com.

GriefShare

Contact Kathleen Owen at 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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 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 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

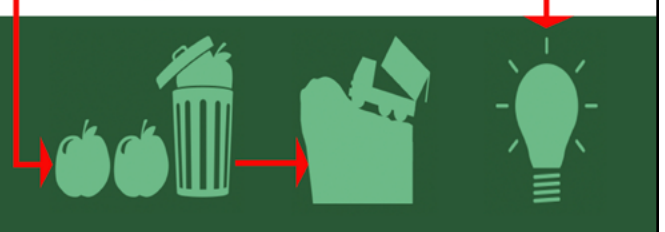
If you would like to make a meal or help deliver groceries to those in need, please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

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.

US Food waste facts:

Almost **1/3** of all FOOD ends up in landfills producing METHANE equivalent to **350 million BARRELS OF OIL.**



- Plan your meals; buy exactly what you need.
- Eat leftovers; establish a "week-in-review" meal.

For info: stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation
For updates: stfcreation@gmail.com

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

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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	Marisa Ferrara	847-8205x223
First Eucharist	Marisa Ferrara	847-8205x223
Confirmation	Thomas Bulick	847-8205x239
Matrimony	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
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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

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Assistant Principal 6-8	Colette Dziadul	847-8205x651

St. Francis Preschool

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Faith Formation

Director of Faith Formation	Jonathan Vanegas-Calderon	847-8205x238
Administrative Assistant	Janie Hebert	847-8205x237

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

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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
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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!

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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

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Caregivers

Centering Prayer

Emmaus Ministers

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EMs to the Homebound

EMs to the Magnolia Glen

EMs to the Meadows

EMs to Rex Hospital

EMs to Springmoor

Prayer Line Ministers

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Rosary Ministry

Ministries of Support & Care

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers

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Feed the Need Cooks

Job Connections Mentors

Medical Facility Visitors

Transportation to Mass Drivers

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Summer Camps (Camp Francis)

Community Organizations

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BSA Scouts:Troop 219 (6th-12th, girls) Scott Cash scoutmaster219tfs@gmail.com

BSA Cub Scouts: Pack 352 (K-5th) Rebecca Brooks

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Knights of Columbus

Secular Franciscan Order

Faith Formation Ministries

Baptism Ministry

Marriage Ministry

Confirmation Sponsors

Children's Formation Group Leader

Family & Marriage Enrichment Team

Middle School Formation Group

Youth Ministry Group Leader

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES*

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:15am, 9:00am (also livestreamed), 11:45am, 5:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS*

9:00am

***Masks are required for ALL over the age of 4,
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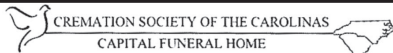
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You shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.

— Deuteronomy 6:5



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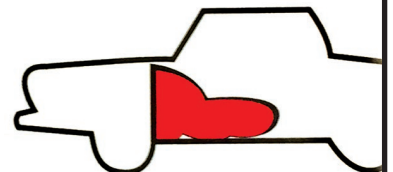
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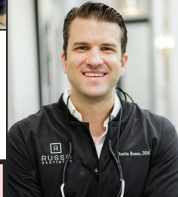
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