

Click on the image for a look ahead.

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.

**Mass Intentions for 2022
NOW OPEN**

See page 3



The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613 919-847-8205 www.stfrancisraleigh.org



DO YOU KNOW ALL THE GIFTS YOU RECEIVED IN YOUR BAPTISM?

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord by John the Baptist at the Jordan River and take some time to reflect on our own baptism and what it means. Over four decades of journeying with fellow Catholics and others, I have learned that

many of us do not fully realize everything we have received in our baptism (I didn't until I started exploring this more deeply many years ago in order to prepare parents for the baptism of their children).

We have launched a video series to explore the incredible range of gifts we have received in our baptism. This series is called To Know, To Believe, To Live 2 (or KBL2 for short). If you are curious to know the range of gifts you have received, I invite you to view the first five videos (yes, it took five videos to cover the entire range) that are now available on our parish website. The fifth video will go live on Monday, January 10.

ST. FRANCIS ACHIEVES RARE GOAL: We learned last week that St. Francis made its 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal (B.A.A.) goal of \$509,000. We are searching our parish archives, but diocesan records dating back to 2008 indicate this is the first time we have reached our goal in 14 years. To say I am happy is an understatement. I express my deep gratitude to the 1320 households who supported the 2021 appeal.

ON RETREAT: I was supposed to travel to the Holy Land for a pilgrimage this week but Israel shut its borders to foreigners to control the spread of the Omicron variant. The trip will be rescheduled, hopefully before 2022 concludes. I will be away this week on retreat and extend it another week for some vacation, my first break since last summer. Please know I will be praying for you and ask you to keep me in your prayers.

Fr. Michael

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

+John Pittari

Husband of Nina Pittari and father of
Carla Belanger and Vic Pittari

+Melissa Clay

Niece of Msgr. Michael Clay

Weekly Envelope Schedule

January 9, Weekly

January 9, Mortgage

January 16, Weekly

January 23, Church in Latin America

January 23, Weekly

January 30, Weekly

Pope Francis has said, *"The first step in helping the journey of faith is listening."*
Thank you for sharing your thoughts with Pope Francis!



Click on the image above to take the Synod survey.



Haga clic en el imagen de arriba para realizar la encuesta del Sínodo.

Everyone in eastern North Carolina is invited to provide their thoughts regarding the mission of the Catholic Church, as together we respond to the pope's call to Synod.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JANUARY 8 TO JANUARY 16



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 8, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Rudolph Sagers
Requested by Yvonne Sagers

Sunday January 9, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Stephen Huggard
Requested by Maureen O'Keeffe

Sunday, 9:00
+Irene Nugara
Requested by Nugara Family

Sunday, 11:45AM
+Paul Kielty
Requested by Marc Kielty

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

Monday January 10, 9AM
+William Brooke
Requested by Patricia Brooke

Tuesday January 11, 9AM
+Sig Fuchs
Requested by Paul & Marianne Williams

Wednesday January 12, 9AM
The Wolf and Goldschmidt Families
Requested by Carolyn Wolf

Thursday January 13, 9AM
+Carol T Farley
Requested by Kim Stoke

Friday January 14, 9AM
+Carol T Farley
Requested by Kim Stoke

Saturday January 15, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Albert and +Colleen Schanz
Requested by Steve Schanz

Sunday January 16, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
(ill) Marvin Goubeaux
Requested by Melissa Turner
95th Birthday

Sunday, 9:00
+Eleanor Sterling
Requested by Theresa Maitland

Sunday, 11:45AM
+Jim Thelen
Requested by Mary Verdi

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

+William Callista
Requested by Tina Subasic
Remembrance

+Florence Pirog
Requested by Walter Erasmus
Remembrance

+John Pittari
Husband of Nina Pittari and Father of Carla Belanger and
Vic Pittari Remembrance

(ill) Clarence Dordulaw
Requested by Veneriches Dordulaw
Health & Wellness

+Melissa Clay
Niece of Msgr. Michael Clay
Remembrance

(ill) Marvin Goubeaux
Requested by Melissa Turner
Health and Wellness and 95th Birthday

+Carle Cayton Sr.
Requested by Pamela Cayton
Remembrance

Mass Intentions for 2022 Now Open

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. Requesting a Mass is a most wonderful way to exercise this spiritual work of mercy. Our register for Mass intentions for 2022 is now open. You may make your request(s) by going to our website (<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mass-intention-prayers/>) or by calling the parish office at 919-847-8205 during normal business hours M-F.

KBL2 Episodes and Release Dates



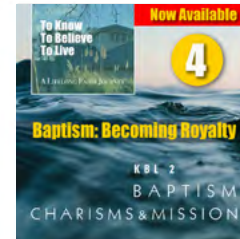
October 4
Baptism:
Fundamentals



October 18
Baptism:
Becoming Priests



November 1
Baptism:
Becoming Prophets



November 15
Baptism:
Becoming Royalty



January 10



January 24



February 7



February 21

Available Jan. 10

5

KBL2 - Charisms

KBL 2

BAPTISM

CHARISMS & MISSION

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 Stacey.Shine@stfrancisraleigh.org or 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.



what we
believe
and why we
believe it.



ADULT FORMATION • ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI • RALEIGH

Why Faith: What we believe and why we believe it

~~Jan 9: How do I pray?~~ Postponed

Jan 23: Children and Faith: How to evangelize our children? (Clare Hall)

Feb 6: Conscience Development (Clare Hall)

Feb 27: LGBTQ+ & the Catholic Church (Clare Hall)

Mar 27: Redemptive suffering (Clare Hall)

April 3: Women in the Church (Clare Hall)

April 24: What is Catholic Social teaching? (Clare Hall)

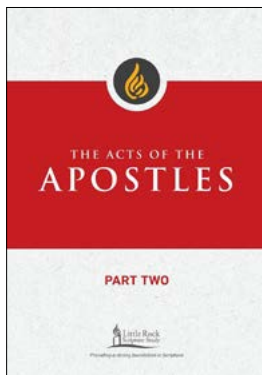
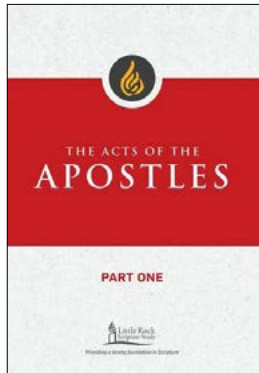
May 1: Pro-Life & Abortion (Clare Hall)

May 15: Eucharist and Service (Clare Hall)

**From
10:00am
To
11:15am**

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Acts Of The Apostles, Part I & II Registration is Open via Realm



This is an "in-person" Bible Study, which will meet for a total of 10 sessions on Wednesday mornings from January 26 through April 6, 2022, from 10:00-11:30am. (There is no class on March 2 in honor of Ash Wednesday). Registrants will meet in the Padua Room (in the Community Center) beginning at 9:30 AM for light refreshments and coffee and class will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. Masks are required. (If deemed necessary, this study may convert to Zoom format.) Study, reflection questions, prayers, and access to online resources are included.

Cost is \$30.00 per person. Books will be available at the first meeting.

Registration limited to first 20 registrants.

Acts tells the story of how the Gospel was spread and explains the Church's growth from its beginning at the time of Jesus' ascension at Pentecost. Acts describes the Holy Spirit's empowerment of Peter, Paul and other disciples' preaching, and details how they brought the Faith from Jerusalem, Judea, throughout Samaria and, ultimately, to the ends of the earth. Acts records the conversion of Paul and the momentous decision of the Church to welcome Gentiles as well as Jews into the Church. Acts is the second volume of literary work begun in the Gospel According to Luke.

Facilitator: Cindy Cardello



- Baby Bins -

newborn-18 mos clothing bins
available on loan for
expecting mamas of
St. Francis parish!

free, financial need not necessary

for more information:
marisa.ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org

Interested in Exploring a Possible Call to be a Catholic?
Consider Joining our Inquiry Sessions

Begin your faith journey in our community
Inquiry Sessions begin February 9 at 6:30 pm



Contact:

jonathan.vanegas-calderon@stfrancisraleigh.org

Visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org/rcia

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, TFS Principal

Best Job In The World

An occasional series on our TFS Alumni



As one of the inaugural kindergarten students at The Franciscan School, Matt Wacenske experienced many firsts in his elementary and middle school grades. He was in the first graduating class of students who attended K-8, and his mom, school counselor Laureen Wacenske, has taught at the school since it opened its doors in 2000. For Matt, he believes TFS laid a solid foundation of education that was also rooted in faith. And just as important, he says,

“TFS instilled a mentality of leadership and service, which has helped every day of my life.”

This mentality of leadership and service has truly become Matt’s calling in life. Matt currently works as a Firefighter for the Raleigh Fire Department. In his free time, he serves as a volunteer firefighter with the Stewart Simmons Volunteer Fire Department in Deep Gap, NC. Although Matt had originally planned to go into law enforcement, a family friend recommended the fire department and he hasn’t looked back. To Matt, being a firefighter “is the best job in the world.”

Matt attended N.C. State University after Cardinal Gibbons, which as a lifelong Wolfpack fan, this was a dream come true. He majored in Environmental



Science and was approved to create his own minor, Fire Ecology. While in college, Matt served and trained with AmeriCorps in the Tahoe National Forest and helped save the Sage Grouse in Nevada. He is currently working with RFD Station 17 where he is also being trained for high water rescue. Just this Thanksgiving, Matt was supposed to be visiting with family when a wildfire spread outside Boone, N.C. Matt sacrificed his time off to serve with the Stewart Simmons Volunteer Fire Department. Thankfully, his crew was able to put the wildfire out and keep surrounding families safe.

Matt credits so much of his success today to the experiences he had at TFS. Many teachers were influential during his time, pouring time and energy into his education, his character, and his future. He fondly remembers winning the Shamrock tournament his 8th grade year, the Blue Jay Point field trip in 5th grade, being coached by a former Major League Baseball player, and making some of the best friends he could have.



To today’s students, Matt encourages them to “enjoy every second you have, because being at a great school like TFS is a privilege. Engage yourself whenever and wherever possible- you get out what you put in.” And quite possibly the most important encouragement of all, Matt says, “Don’t be afraid to stand up for what’s right, whether that is picking up trash, sitting with someone at lunch who might not have many friends, or standing up to a bully. Because if you don’t, who will?”

The Franciscan School wants you to experience all we have to offer your child’s educational experience. Join us for one of our upcoming virtual information sessions, more information here. Our Principal, Mike Watson, will lead each of the sessions, and faculty and parents will join the session to help answer any questions you may have about The Franciscan School.

Please visit our website at www.franciscanschool.org/ or contact Principal Mike Watson at michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director



"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

As we officially wrap up the Christmas season in the church today with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, it seems an appropriate time to reflect on all that was recognized and celebrated these last few weeks. As you are aware, December 25th wasn't the only holy day marked in the liturgical calendar. Since Christmas, several holy days have occurred. The feast of the Holy Family, the feast of Mary, Mother of God, and the coming of the Magi to see the Christ Child were also marked as important days in our faith.

One common idea that I see threaded through all of these days is the importance of family. Today, we remember Jesus' baptism which reminds us that when we are baptized, we become a brother or sister of Christ; we become a true member of His family. Of course on December 26th and January 1st, we recognize Jesus' parents and how the Blessed Mary and St. Joseph were chosen to be Jesus' earthly parents. They showered him with love, offered support and gently gave their guidance much like family members do today for each other. Like many families today, the Three Kings celebrated the birth of a child by coming together and bearing gifts.

These beautiful feast days remind us not only of the importance of care for those

within our families but also for our neighbor, including the stranger, those who are marginalized, and those who have wronged us. This is part of what being a member of God's family is all about—sharing compassion and kindness to all.

Did you ever consider the message of family in the popular holiday film classic, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas?" As you know, the Grinch is a very famous icon seen during the holiday season. A good number of our preschoolers come decked out in some kind of Grinch apparel throughout the month of December. There are very few of our students who have never heard of the Grinch or listened to Thurl Ravenscroft's bass voice singing "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch." This infamous character seems a bit out of place in a season which recognizes the importance of family with multiple holy days, especially Christmas. Upon further examination, the Grinch's feature film really does as well. Ask any of our preschoolers and they will likely tell you how the folks of Whoville, despite the Grinch stealing every last one of their Christmas decorations, foods, gifts, and treats, they still came together to celebrate Christmas as a family community. They recognized that the love and care that they had for each other as a town family really was the most important

part of Christmas. Although the Grinch's heart was initially "three sizes too small", he was still embraced by the Who's. One can easily conclude that this is one reason that he eventually changed for the better and was included in the Whoville family community.

God has blessed us with families of all shapes and sizes. Some we were born into while others were formed or organized into families. Some were even created by the simple act of one person reaching out to a stranger to extend a helping hand or warm smile. Whomever we call 'family', God continues to offer us the chance to grow in His family. He extends continual invitations for all of us to be part of His family. What an amazing gift this invitation is! Let us work to make sure that everyone who is part of His family knows how important and special he/she is!

Registration to become part of our preschool family opens for the parish online on January 12 at 7:00 am! Visit our preschool website for more information or to complete an application. We look forward to your acceptance of our invitation to join the outstanding preschool family that we have!

www.preschoolatstfrancis.com

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Marching for Life, Dignity, and Justice

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace



We are celebrating the great mystery of when God became flesh as a vulnerable child within an empire of great violence. The witness of Jesus' life pointed to the reality that no matter what the political realities are, all of God's children, made in God's image and likeness, are worthy of respect, love, dignity, and justice. Thus, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to continue to bear witness to the dignity of human life at all stages.

Throughout the year, we lift up many varied opportunities for parishioners to bear witness to life, justice, and peace rooted in our Catholic values. We write, call, and meet with policy makers and legislators; we demonstrate, pray, and protest; and we envision and organize together to bring about a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. This work directly confronts a range of issues from racial injustice to protection of the environment, from lack of affordable housing to lack of health insurance, and from the tragedy of abortion to the tragedy of executions of prisoners. Pope

Francis continues to invite us to a vision of faith and church that is not exclusively a private affair but is engaged in the public work of loving neighbor, works of mercy, solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and political work for justice and peace.

In January, as a way to call attention to the 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in our country, people have been gathering together to demonstrate, pray, protest, and celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between. These gatherings speak to a vision of world where these moments of life are celebrated, valued, and protected by everybody—both in the private sector and in the public sphere. Despite the current COVID-19 pandemic, these gatherings will carry on in modified ways, and we want to invite you to participate in some capacity, whether that is through prayer, celebration of liturgy, or in attending one of the marches.

January 15 - in Raleigh

- Diocesan Mass for Life at 11am, at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral (Rosary begins at 10:30am)
- NC Rally and March for Life, at Bicentennial Plaza, in front of the General Assembly, rally and speakers begin at 1:15pm and March at 2:30pm

January 21 - in Washington DC

- North Carolina Mass for Life in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC beginning at 11:30am with Bishop Zarama presiding
- National Rally begins at noon and March for Life begins at 1:00pm, at 12th St. on the National Mall, Washington DC. You can also watch the live-streamed event this [YouTube channel](#).

If you are interested in joining others in the Raleigh area in the annual March for Life in DC, the Raleigh Deanery Respect Life Committee is reserving buses so that people can travel together who are comfortable with this option. The cost of the bus trip is \$60 per person. The deadline has past for this, but if you are interested, email blk4jmi@gmail.com to be put on the waiting list.

If you are interested in providing more leadership at St. Francis around our pro-life formation and advocacy, contact Trevor Thompson, trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



Sharon Winzeler

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Although the helpline was closed between Christmas and New Year's, St. Vincent de Paul Society visitors still had a job to do. They distributed Wal-Mart gift cards provided by the St. Francis of Assisi Giving Tree to neighbors who SVdP had helped through the year.

Visitors usually deliver the cards but because of COVID, they called to confirm addresses and mailed them.

One of the recipients was a 19-year-old single mom who had been abandoned by the child's father. SVdP helped her in 2021 because she had missed work because of illness and gotten behind on rent.

"When I called to tell her about the \$25 gift card, you would have thought I'd offered her a million dollars. She was so happy and grateful," the visitor said.

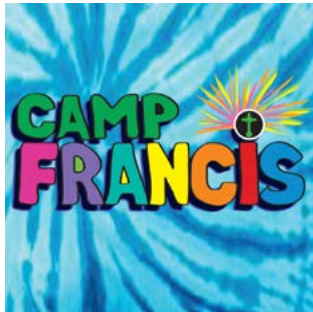
It had been a hard year for the neighbor. Not long after receiving help from SVdP last spring, she contracted COVID and was admitted to the ICU unit of a local hospital.

Her young daughter was also hospitalized. Thanks to earlier advice from the SVdP visitor, the neighbor had applied to House Wake for money and was able to keep up with her rent when she was unable to work. She had also applied for and received food stamps.

This neighbor wasn't the only one grateful for the Christmas gift. Others called the help line to thank SVdP and the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi for remembering them.

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

If you would like to donate, you can make St. Vincent dePaul Society a recipient of your Amazon Smile donations. Go to smile.amazon.com and search for St. Francis of Assisi Raleigh. St. Vincent de Paul's account will appear. Select it, and once you sign up it, Amazon will donate .5 percent of your eligible purchases to our account. You will need to place your orders from smile.amazon.com for the donations to occur.



Camp Francis:

Registration will be available late January. We have lots of really cool opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts, and various enrichment areas! Kids can join us for half day or full day. All camps have min and max number of students so camp availability is based on enrollment. For questions contact: Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

For more information: <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>.



High School Basketball:

The Parish High School basketball league registration will open late January! This parish league is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners of the community. The boys league is for grades 9-12.

For questions contact: Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org.

For more information and registration, please see: <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/high-school-basketball-leagues-2/>.



St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia

Teen Delegation registration is officially OPEN!

June 20-June 24, 2022

For more details and to reserve your spot, click [HERE](#).



Opening for Music Teacher at The Franciscan School

The Franciscan School, a Catholic parochial school with K-8th grade, is seeking a qualified music teacher for our elementary and middle school beginning in March 2022. The primary role of the teacher will be to instruct elementary and middle school students in music, while challenging them to move beyond whatever might be their current level of experience and talent. In addition, as part of the music program, the role includes coordinating the school orchestra program.

The candidate will demonstrate the ability to draw the students out to reach their full potential as it applies to the goals and requirements of the Diocesan Music curriculum. As an instructor in a K-8th grade school, the ability to build upon previous knowledge is essential to building a successful and comprehensive music program. The applicant would be responsible for working together with the Fine Arts and classroom faculty to design and perform musical reviews to display the talent of our students through cross-curricular activities and as part of the orchestra program.

Candidates must hold a Bachelor degree. Preferred candidates will have a NC teaching licensure or be able to obtain NC teaching licensure, have teaching experience in music, as well as experience in working with outside agencies that would enhance our music program.

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

If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging experience for our students, please send a cover letter that includes your educational philosophy and resume by February 18th, 2022 to TFSResume@stfrancisraleigh.org.



Employment Opportunity

Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School is currently hiring faculty in the following disciplines: math, history, science, English, Spanish, theology, and health/PE. For more information and application instructions, visit: <https://www.cristoreyrt.org/employment-opportunities>.



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: Meets on the second Sunday of the month. A support group for LGBTQ+ people and family and friends. To receive an invite to the online meeting, contact Beth Gaudette 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 February 1 to May 3 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 Beth Gaudette at beth.gaudette@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 lotsahelping-hands.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 Beth Gaudette at beth.gaudette@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.

You can mail your contribution to us at:

St Francis Of Assisi
11401 Leesville Road
Raleigh, NC 27613

You can give online through:



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



Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199

Additional Online Giving Methods:

www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/

Contact Us! Parish Office: 919-847-8205 fax: 919-870-1790

Welcome		
New Parishioner Registration	Toni Hammes	847-8205x265
Becoming Catholic	Jonathan Vanegas-Calderon	847-8205x238
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	Marisa Ferrara	847-8205x223
First Eucharist	Marisa Ferrara	847-8205x223
Confirmation	Thomas Bulick	847-8205x239
Matrimony	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
Holy Orders	Msgr. Michael Clay	847-8205x224
Anointing of the Sick	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Reconciliation Appointments		919-847-8205
RCIA	Jonathan Vanegas-Calderon	847-8205x238
Sacraments Administration	Martina Dumberger	847-8205x264
Funeral Planning	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Columbarium Niches	Trish Adamkowski	847-8205x236

Staff email: firstname.lastname@stfrancisraleigh.org

The Franciscan School		
Principal	Mike Watson	919-534-4840
Receptionist (Main Number)	Katie Hall	919-534-4837
Assistant Principal, K-5	Dawn Smith	847-8205x254
Assistant Principal 6-8	Colette Dziadul	847-8205x651
St. Francis Preschool		
Director	Heidi Hobler	847-8205x240
Assistant to the Director	Shelley Freeman	847-8205x262
Faith Formation		
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)	Andrea Javier	847-8205x489
Parish Operations		
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	Trish Adamkowski	847-8205x236
Communications and Webmaster	Diogenes Ruiz	847-8205x271

Get Care!

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

Prayers

Prayer Line	Paul Wilson	wilsonpf99@gmail.com
Mass Requests and POTF	Stacey Shine	847-8205x249
Receive a Prayer Shawl	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Support Groups		
Divorce Care	Bill Morgan	dejanuts@yahoo.com
Job Connections	Mary Horner	610-755-5392
Seeing God in your Cancer	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
AA Daily Reprieve Group	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Al-Anon	Madeline Horrigan	919-923-1234
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support	Linda Tucker	937-478-9537

Get Involved!

Worship Ministries

Director of Liturgy and Music	Jim Wahl	847-8205x230
Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
Altar Servers & Thurifers	Joanie Madormo rmadormo@sbcglobal.net	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jackie Kelly	203-512-8807
Church Keeping	Beverly Saunders	919-846-5795
Cross Bearers Joseph Randazzo	josephjrandazzo1@gmail.com	
Deaf Ministry	Jean Cooke-Byrne	919-412-8365
Environment & Art	Theresa Baumgartner	919-848-3383
Eucharistic Ministers	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
Funeral Ministers	Lisa Gianturco	919-845-9718
Hospitality Hands	Deb Royals-Mizerk debaroyals@gmail.com	
Lectors	Mike Wrzesien	919-624-1592
Master of Ceremonies	Michael & Julie Ducatte	919-622-8883
Medical Presence at Mass	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Music Ministry	Joyce Petzka jepetzka@gmail.com	
Parking Ministry	Steve Burdett	919-845-2714
Ushers	Troy Chaput troychaput@gmail.com	
Weekend Receptionists	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Wedding Directors	Carol Ricotta	919-554-8896

Outreach Ministries

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

St Francis Serves

Community Garden	Pat & Paul Kelly	919-413-8833
Curbside Care	Lori Piraino	lpiraino7@gmail.com
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
Prison Pen Pal		sfapenpal@gmail.com
R.A.R.E. Tom Zimmerman	thomaspzimmerman@bellsouth.net	
Red Cross Blood Drive	Bryan Kozak	910-728-9200
Refugee Resettlement	Aggie Dalton	aggiedalton@gmail.com
Habitat for Humanity	Trevor Thompson	stfa.fp@gmail.com
St Vincent de Paul Ministers	Ann Binghamstfrancissvdp4444@gmail.com	
Support Circles Kat and Ferrel Guilroy	ferrel.guilroy@gmail.com	
St Francis on Mission		
International Mission Trips	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
Sister Parish - Guatemala	Liz Mosler	lizmosler4@gmail.com
St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia	John Budway	305-205-5104
St Francis Learns		
Care of Creation		stfccreation@gmail.com
Engaging Spirituality	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
Just Faith	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
Justice Theater Project		http://www.thejusticetheaterproject.org/
Peace Pole Prayer	Ben Whitehouse whitehouseben5@gmail.com	
Racial Justice	Becky Cawley	
	becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org	

Get Involved!

Parish Life Ministries
Director of Parish Life
Pastoral Presence Ministries

Caregivers
Centering Prayer
Emmaus Ministers
EMs to Abbotswood
EMs to the Homebound
EMs to the Magnolia Glen
EMs to the Meadows
EMs to Rex Hospital
EMs to Springmoor
Prayer Line Ministers
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Rosary Ministry

Ministries of Support & Care
Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers
Caring Casseroles Cooks
Feed the Need Cooks
Job Connections Mentors
Medical Facility Visitors
Transportation to Mass Drivers
Weekday Volunteer Receptionists
Social Groups
AAMEN Ministry
Always God's Children
LGBTQ+ Ministry
Men's Ministry

Young Adults
Women's Ministry
50+ Adults Group

Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241
Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241
Alice Stanford 919-781-5860
Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241
Anita Misko 630-699-0519
Melanie Fraites mjpfrates@gmail.com
Jacob House 919-449-7634
Andrea McVerry amcverry@yahoo.com
Edward Gilmartinedward.gilmartin@gmail.com
Janice Horner 484-949-1417
Pauk Wilson wilsonpf99@gmail.com
Cindy Cardello 919-846-8825
Dianne Rotunno 919-844-7153
Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241

Linda Tucker 937-478-9537
Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241
Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241
Mary Horner 610-755-5392
Sharon Holland hollandbozo@yahoo.com
Stephanie Smith 919-302-0080
Toni Hammes 847-8205x265

Leon Cooke 919-740-7515
Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241
Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241
Norm Tuomi norman3722@att.net
Ralph Guenther rguenther2@nc.rr.com
fb.me/YoungAdultsofStFrancis
Beth Gaudette 847-8205x241
Pat Gerney 919-803-8276

St. Francis of Assisi Community Center
Coordinator of Community Center Ashley Watson 847-8205x444
Athletic Programs Mary Arleth 847-8205x358
Assisi Café Ashley Watson 847-8205x444
Parish Events (FrancisFest) Ashley Watson 847-8205x444
Summer Camps (Camp Francis) Ashley Watson 847-8205x444
Community Organizations
Girl Scouts of USA Melissa O'Connor 847-8205x296
BSA Scouts:Troop 352 (6th-12th, boys) Robert Sadler scoutmaster352@gmail.com
BSA Scouts:Troop 219 (6th-12th, girls) Scott Cash scoutmaster219tfs@gmail.com
BSA Cub Scouts: Pack 352 (K-5th) Rebecca Brooks
membershipack352@yahoo.com
Knights of Columbus Steve Becker gk@kofc9709.org
Secular Franciscan Order Ellen Ferrone http://ofscenralnc.org
Faith Formation Ministries
Baptism Ministry Tim Hetzel 847-8205x244
Marriage Ministry Tim Hetzel 847-8205x244
Confirmation Sponsors Thomas Bulick 847-8205x239
Children's Formation Group Leader Tara Moore 847-8205x489
Family & Marriage Enrichment Team Tim Hetzel 847-8205x244
Middle School Formation Group Thomas Bulick 847-8205x239
Youth Ministry Group Leader Marisa Ferrara 847-8205x223
RCIA Team & Sponsors Jonathan Vanegas-Calderon 847-8205x238
Play and Pray (Sunday Nursery) Andrea Javier 847-8205x489
Young Adults Bible Study Group Tim Hetzel 847-8205x244

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.**



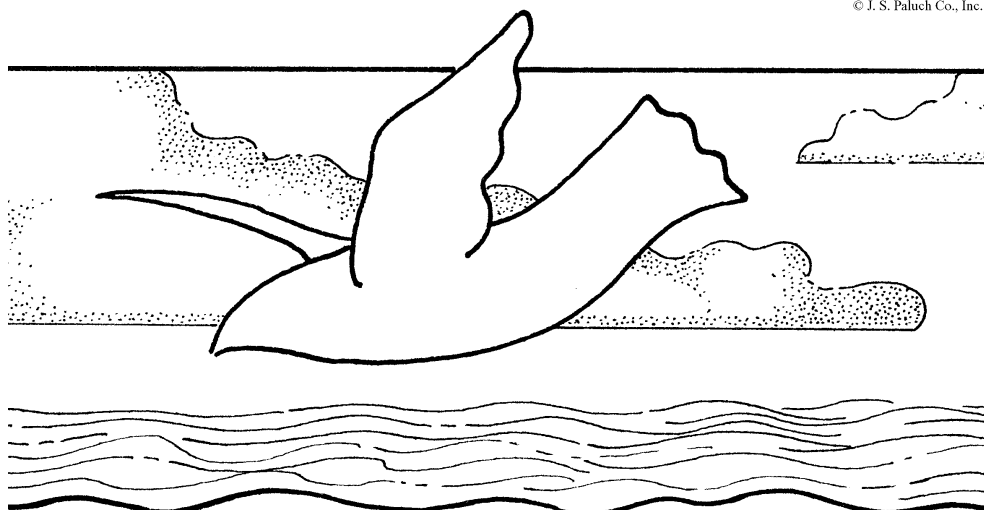
The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



CAPITAL FUNERAL HOME
2205 E. Millbrook Road, Raleigh, NC 27604
Serving the Triangle area for burials and cremations since 1974.
Visit our websites: www.CremationSocietyNC.com • www.CapitalFuneralHomeNC.com
Phone: (919) 571-3300 • Fax: (919) 877-0207

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship
of the Sea of the United States of America
Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email
eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

DAUNTLESS

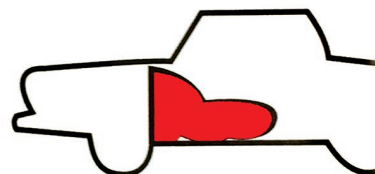
Transmissions.com

10% Labor Discount
with this coupon

8809-B Gulf Court • Raleigh, NC 27617

Gil Gutierrez | (919) 786-0230

gil@dauntlesstransmissions.com • www.dauntlesstransmissions.com



See
Your Ad
in **COLOR**

Call J.S. Paluch Today!
1.800.432.3240



**Get this
weekly bulletin
delivered by
email - for FREE!**

Sign up here:

www.jspaluch.com/subscribe

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad"
and Present It The Next Time You
Patronize One of Our Advertisers

Thank You

Thank you for advertising in
our church bulletin.
I am patronizing your business
because of it!

**Grow Your Business,
Advertise Here.**
Support Your Church & Bulletin.
Free professional ad design & my help!
email: sales@jpaluch.com



www.jspaluch.com

For Information ... Call

800.432.3240

ONE PARISH
Grow in your faith,
find a Mass, and
connect with your
Catholic Community
with OneParish!

Download Our Free App or Visit
www.MY.ONEPARISH.com

**Free Consultation and 10% off
Any One Dental Procedure for
New Patients! (Limit 1 per Person)**



Gentle Dental
**Dr. Anthony F.
Scaramuzzo, DDS, PLLC**
919.848.1343

If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!
✓Ambulance ✓Police ✓Fire
✓Friends/Family
Solutions as Low as **\$19.95** a month
FREE Shipping
FREE Activation
NO Long Term Contracts

CALL NOW! 800.809.3352
GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed
EASY Set-up, NO Contract
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA

MDMedAlert
Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!

NELSON
Orthodontics

Chauncy F. Nelson, DDS, MS, PA, parishioner
10940 Raven Ridge Road, Suite 204
(919) 845-2900
Making the world a more beautiful place...one smile at a time.
nelsonorthodontics.com

Charter Spectrum
AUTHORIZED RETAILER

TV | INTERNET | VOICE

Call To Establish New Service

844-648-7796

©2016 Charter Communications
Cobalt Communications is an authorized Charter Retailer
Service not available in all areas

CAMPBELL ORTHODONTICS

"Your Smile, Our Passion!"
invisalign
The Clear Alternative to Braces
**Proud Supporter of
St. Francis of Assisi!**
9317 Leesville Rd., Raleigh
919.870.8298
www.EricCampbellOrtho.com

Actual Invisalign teen Campbell Patient

Apex Funeral Home
550 W. Williams St., Apex, NC 919-362-8233
www.apexfuneral.com

Brown-Wynne Funeral Homes and Crematory
200 SE Maynard Rd., Cary, NC 919-467-8108
300 Saint Mary's St., Raleigh, NC 919-828-4311
1701 E. Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, NC 919-876-6900
www.brownwynne.com

Mitchell Funeral Home at Raleigh Memorial Park
7209 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 919-783-7128
www.mitchellatmp.com

Raleigh Memorial Park and Mausoleums
7501 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 919-787-2766
www.raleighmemorialpark.com

Your Local Dignity Providers



catholicmatch®
North Carolina
CatholicMatch.com/myNC

Protecting **Seniors**
Nationwide

Medical Alert System



\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608

FINDaPARISH.com

Check It Out Today!

**The Most Complete
Online National
Directory of
Catholic Parishes**



Eric D. Challengren, MD
Gregory J. Wilmoth, MD
Margaret B. Boyse, MD
Laura D. Briley, MD
Tracey S. Cloninger, PA-C
919-782-2152
4201 Lake Boone Trail,
Suites 200 & 207, Raleigh, NC 27607
www.southernderm.com



WARNER LAW OFFICES, PLLC

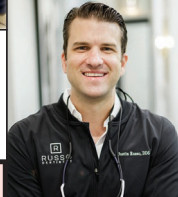
Larry Warner, JD, MBA • Parishioner
919-510-8130 • larry@warnerlawoffices.net
• Business Law • Contracts, Leases
• Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney • Estate Administration

St. Francis Parishioner JUSTIN M. RUSSO, D.D.S



Top Rated | Award Winning General & Cosmetic Dentist

Top Rated Dentist on Google



- We practice SAFE dentistry: office visit includes intraoral and extraoral suction for ALL procedures eliminating aerosols
- We offer Comprehensive Dentistry services: Same day crown appointments, virtually painless root canals, dental implants and gum grafting

919.890.5147 • www.RussoDDSRaleigh.com
3811 Ed Drive, Suite 120, Raleigh, NC 27612

America's Choice in Homecare

(919) 787-4317

Non-Medical In-Home Care FREE IN-HOME ASSESSMENT

www.VisitingAngels.com/Raleigh



Top to Bottom Quilting

Serving your machine quilting needs

Cindy Markham
919-208-8941
Raleigh, NC

toptobottomquilting@outlook.com



ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical Therapy & Professional Massage

8300 Falls of Neuse Rd. • Suite 104
(919) 846-9668

www.advancedphysicaltherapync.com

Owners: Brian & Debbie Conly



Funerals made easier

A Family Legacy of Caring Since 1920.

919.866.1866

RFHR.com

Call us at

1-800-432-3240

to reach the
Catholic Community
for an
Unbeatable Price



Consider Remembering
Your Parish in Your Will.
For further information,
please call the Parish Office.

We Want Your Business To Grow What We Can Offer You and Your Business:

- Many ad size options to meet your budget in color or black and white
- One-on-one customer service to help build and design your ad
- The ability to change your ad up to 12 times per year

J.S. Paluch Company 1.800.432.3240



Helping home buyers and sellers make
the right move in the triangle

"Best realtor I have worked with!
...She was always ahead of the
game... Jackie's expertise led us to
find the right property at the right
price." - Tony V. Google Review

JACKIE FORCE
REAL ESTATE BROKER
PARISHIONER

919.523.3721

jackieforce@kw.com

JackieForceRealEstate.com



kw KELLER WILLIAMS
PREFERRED REALTY

CHAD RICHARDS STATE FARM

St. Francis Parishioner

AUTO • HOME
LIFE • DISABILITY
LONG TERM CARE



783.0500

www.ChadRichards.com 5300 Six Forks Road

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

Casa Carbone
Ristorante Italiano

Specializing in Rehearsal Dinners and family celebrations.
1 mi west of Crabtree Valley Mall

781-8750



LOIS MAGEE

BROKER, GRI, CRS, SRES, SPS, SLS, SFR

"Your North Raleigh Neighbor"

CELL: 919-349-1252

LOISMAGEE@GMAIL.COM

Parishioner Since 1985

NORTHSIDE REALTY



Life Matters

For more information go to www.usccb.org/respectlife