

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

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.



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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: We celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 30-February 5. We are blessed to have two schools on our campus, The Franciscan School (K-8) and the St. Francis Pre-School (2-5 year olds). Both are outstanding schools with great leadership and excellent faculty and staff. A Catholic School education is a big financial investment but so worth it. Our students receive an excellent intellectual formation and learn Catholic values that will last a lifetime, just to name two reasons to consider it. The commitment of our parents is incredible, among the most impressive I have experienced as a priest.

Here are a few examples of how our school children are reflecting the true spirit of living the Gospel through service during Catholic Schools Week: At TFS, they will be 1) collecting gently used books for children in the U.S. who have limited access to them and 2) collecting money by doing chores to make it possible for a poor family outside the U.S. to acquire an animal (e.g., a milk-producing goat) that will make their life a little easier. At our preschool, the students will be invited to donate a copy of their favorite book to a local organization whose mission is to help encourage literacy for all children.

MR. WATSON IS RETIRING: Mr. Watson, our school principal, has announced that he will retire at the end of the present school year after 15 years of service to our school. He joined the school in 2007 as a science teacher, became an assistant principal in 2010, and became our principal in 2016. His will be big shoes to fill but I am confident the Lord will send us a good principal. A search for the next principal will begin shortly.

FINANCIAL REQUEST: As you know, we canceled several weekend Masses due to inclement weather earlier this month. If you were unable to worship with us during that time and make a financial donation to the parish, we would be grateful if you would contribute what you would have ordinarily given to the offertory when you are able to rejoin us. We thank those who continued to support us via FaithDirect or by mailing in your contributions during this time.

Fr. Michael

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

+Vincent Remsburg

Husband of Lois Remsburg

+Mary Ellen Koch

Wife of Paul Koch

+Dennis Houchin

Father of Keith Houchin

Weekly Envelope Schedule

January 30, Weekly

February 6, Weekly

February 6, Mortgage Sunday

February 13, Weekly

February 13, Catholic Relief Services

February 20, Weekly

February 27, Weekly

Inclement Weather Policy

If there is a cancellation or delay at TFS or the Preschool due to inclement weather, daily Mass will also be canceled. During inclement weather, please continue to check the parish website, social media sites, or WRAL or WTVD for further information.

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.



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PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 6



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 29, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Joseph Hayes
Requested by Rita Hayes

Sunday January 30, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Guadalupe Mendoza de Lucio
Requested by Aracely Alcala

Sunday, 9:00
+Ann Harris
Requested by Theresa Maitland

Sunday, 11:45AM
+Jack Rodgers
Requested by Scott & Pat Kingsley

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

Monday January 31, 9AM
+Darlene Huber
Requested Robert Miranda

Tuesday February 1, 9AM
+Alfred Pasquale Jr.
Requested by Al Pasquale Sr.

Wednesday February 2, 9AM
+Mary Popke
Requested by Lorette Popke

Thursday February 3, 9AM
+Sadie Flegl
Requested by Theresa Donaghy

Friday February 4, 9AM
+Florence Thronson
Requested by Joann Thronson

Saturday February 5, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Lorie Schaffer
Requested by Scott and Pat Kingsley

Sunday February 6, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Roger Y. Villeana
Requested by Aida Jackson

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

Sunday, 11:45AM
+Charles Bryant
Requested by Margaret Bryant

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

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

+Eleanor Stachewicz
Requested by Elizabeth Stachewicz
Remembrance

Elizabeth Casolo
Requested by Janice Ryan
70th Birthday

+Vincent Remsburg
Husband of Lois Remsburg
Remembrance

+Mary Ellen Koch
Wife of Paul Koch
Remembrance

+Dennis Houchin
Father of Keith Houchin
Remembrance

Mass Intentions for 2022

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
Charisms



January 24



February 7



February 21



**To Know
To Believe
To Live**

A LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY

Available Now!

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KBL2 - Discernment

K B L 2

B A P T I S M

C H A R I S M S & M I S S I O N

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.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN WHO
RECEIVED FIRST RECONCILIATION
AS THEY PREPARE FOR CHRIST'S GIFT OF
FIRST EUCHARIST

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



- 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

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Increasing Energy Efficiency

to lower your negative environmental impact



- Upgrade to Energy Star appliances.
- Contact your Representatives and Senators expressing your support for developing renewable energy.

More tips at: stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation

Questions? - stfccreation@gmail.com

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God Demands More of Us - Black History Month



Happy Black History Month! Black History Month is an annual celebration during the month of February aimed at honoring and celebrating the achievements of Black Americans in our country. It is also a time for recognizing the central role of Black Americans in US history. Black history is American history.

So for the next few weeks watch this space as we provide ways and suggestions for you and your family to learn more about US history told through the lives of Black folk. Our hope is to tell the story from trauma - which no doubt embodies so much of the Black experience in our country throughout history - to strength, perseverance, brilliance and love which this history represents in its fullness.

In this first issue:

We highlight George Washington Carver and his foundational contributions to agriculture and science in the early 20th century.

And we invite you to come with us to visit Historic Stagville on Sat March 5th. Historic Stagville is a state historic site that includes the remnants of one of the largest plantations in NC that enslaved almost 900 people throughout the life of the plantation. Come and see actual slave quarters and the owning family home www.bit.ly/SFA-stagville

So much of history is told from the perspective of the winners - the wealthy, the educated, the dominating class - those who mostly benefitted from the systems, structures, laws and documents established to create and sustain this great nation. Black Americans were not part of this group as our nation came into existence. Yet within the confines of these established systems Black Americans sacrificed and persevered, they fought daily and hard, often giving their lives, to overcome the oppression and shackles aimed at dehumanizing them and relegating them to three fifths of a person as Article. 1. Section. 2. of our Constitution declared in its inception. A document founded in large measure on the writing of James Madison.

Madison's friend and political partner, Thomas Jefferson, penned this infamous phrase in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," while holding hundreds of men, women and children in slavery!

Thomas Jefferson has a complicated history with slavery. He wrote that slavery was a "moral depravity" and a "hideous plot" yet in his lifetime he held over 600

human beings in bondage, some of which were his own children, benefiting from their labor and treating them consistent with the time, freeing only 10. What would it take for a deep thinker, respected citizen, loving father to do this? Surely there were feelings of unease, tension, inner turmoil and attempts to reconcile his public declarations with his personal reality.

There is a story here. And the story is true. True from a different perspective than perhaps the one you were taught in school. We invite you to take a look at some of these museums, videos and writings, with an open heart and mind, perhaps beginning in prayer and contemplation. As you sit down ask God to help you see with His eyes and understand with His mind and heart.

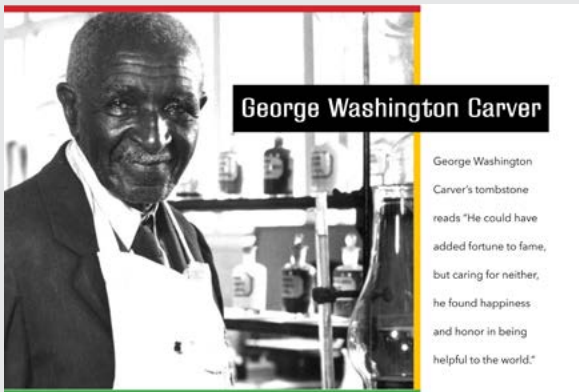
- The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, online museum: <https://www.searchablemuseum.com/>
- Race: The Power of an Illusion. The origins, beliefs and consequences of what we call race in our country: <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/>
- Thomas Jefferson's own Monticello: <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/jefferson-slavery/>

Why is it important to look at history through different perspectives? Certainly not to place blame on anyone or any group, or to make any group feel bad about themselves or their history. Not at all. Rather, it is for the sake of truth and the fullness of truth. It is to explain differences and dispel myths. It is for reconciliation and restoration and to insure that horrors do not repeat themselves. And perhaps most importantly it is because together, all human beings form the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12 12:27) We are united as one human family. We are deeply related to each other and we have a responsibility and an obligation to insure the safety and well-being of each other.

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We are brothers and sisters in Christ, all made in the image and likeness of God, all possessing inherent dignity and worthy of life, freedom and all the corresponding human rights necessary to flourish on this Earth. And as our US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the teaching office of the Vatican here in the US, tells us, "too many good and faithful Catholics remain unaware of the connection between institutional racism and the continued erosion of the sanctity of life. We are not finished with the work. The evil of racism festers in part because, as a nation, there has been very limited formal acknowledgement of the harm done to so many, no moment of atonement, no national process of reconciliation and, all too often a neglect of our history. Many of our institutions still harbor, and too many of our laws still sanction, practices that deny justice and equal access to certain groups of people. God demands more from us."

(p 10, Open Wide Our Hearts, USCCB)



Black History Month

George Washington Carver was an American agricultural scientist and inventor who promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletion. He was the most prominent black scientist of the early 20th century. He wanted to turn science into products that would benefit the Black rural community.

While a professor at Tuskegee Institute, Carver developed techniques to improve soils depleted by repeated plantings of cotton. He wanted poor farmers to grow other crops, such as peanuts and sweet potatoes, as a source of their own food and to improve their quality of life.

His tombstone reads: "He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world."

George Washington Carver "The Plant Doctor" Revolutionized Farming Industry | Biography



St Francis Inn – Your help is needed

St. Francis Inn is a beautiful Franciscan community committed to serving the poor and those experiencing homelessness in downtown Philadelphia. A few times a year several St. Francis parishioners travel together by mini-van to Philadelphia to help at the Inn. It is a deeply moving experience to the margins of society that has enriched the lives of countless parishioners over the years. And the good news is ...there is room for you in one of our upcoming trips!

Here are the trips we have scheduled in 2022. Won't you join us? We stay 5 days, living among the poorest of the poor, those whom Jesus shared so much of his daily life with, while serving meals each day and sharing in daily Mass and reflections in a little chapel the beauty of which will take your breath away. And leave you longing for more.

Trips to the Inn - 2022

February 14-18

February 21-25

April 18-22

October 17-21

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

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

"The greatest among you must be your servant." Matthew 23:11

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Catholic School's Week is here!

Mike Watson, TFS Principal



Catholic Schools Week starts on Sunday, January 30th! Each year we celebrate Catholic Schools across the country during this week and recognize all they do for their students and communities. Looking back through old newsletters from when The Franciscan School was a beginning concept, I found a letter from Dan Kenna, O.F.M., the pastor at the time. It is always a good idea, especially after decades of service, to review and renew the original mission of the school. I am happy to say we remain true to our original mission these many years later!

Father Dan, seen blessing the statue of St. Francis in our courtyard, emphasized that The Franciscan School would be unique and distinctive because of the Franciscan approach to education. This is emphasized in our dedication to the recognition of the dignity and value of each person. We strive to underscore the key tenet of our faith, that being that each person is created in the image of God and, as Father Dan emphasized, "the recognition of human dignity can be sig-

nificantly furthered through an academic curriculum which reflects excellence in all its parts. A Franciscan School is one that would not need to be convinced that the greater the quality of its academic program, and its commitment to the arts, the more effective vehicle it would be to free the student of prejudice, slavery to false values, and a limited understanding of his or her personal worth. A Franciscan student learns to love beauty and goodness."

During our celebration of Catholic Schools week, we celebrate all we are as a school, but, more importantly, we celebrate who we strive to be as part of this faith community. This includes our outreach, during this week and at other times, to serve the poor, the unwanted, the suffering and the disposed; our desire to share equally in the human experience and God's grace; and our mission to help our parents and families develop thoughtful and caring students who spread the vision of a better world as a follower of St. Francis.

We join Catholic Schools across the world in our dedication to our faith, our service to others, and the academic excellence designed to form the future of Catholicism in the world. We are sharing a curriculum for students and parents alike that emphasizes collaboration, shared leadership, and authority derived through service to the community to demonstrate that the Spirit of God is within each person. We feel that Catholic education offers more than just an excellent education; it offers a lifestyle and mission for our entire lives!

We have started our admissions process for next year, and would love to tell you more about all that a Catholic education can provide for your student. Join us for one of our upcoming virtual information sessions to learn more on how we can support your family's goals for your child through the love and support provided by our TFS family. More information can be found on our website at www.franciscanschool.org or contact Principal Mike Watson at michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director



Happy Catholic Schools Week! We are so excited to celebrate with our pre-schoolers! Each day this week, we will have a specific theme to express our school spirit and the importance of our Catholic faith. We will show our appreciation to our teachers and to our priests with little notes, decorated cards, and many other activities including a lesson in the church. It should be a wonderful week to recognize all of the good work that our teachers do to not only foster the growth of our children but also to remember that God's love and grace is freely extended to everyone. We want to help our children come to know this and to learn to offer the same love and care to others.

While we can call ourselves a Catholic preschool, words in and of themselves, as you know, do not have much worth unless they are reinforced with action. The familiar saying, "Do as I say, not as I do", really doesn't cut it when it comes to being a Catholic school. We can't profess to be Catholic unless we are truly willing to back that up by doing. You may remember that I have highlighted several times in past bulletin articles about how

hard our staff work to seamlessly inter-weave faith lessons throughout the day into their classrooms. But it's not enough to just tell our children about God; we also have to model our Catholic identity.

Because our teachers believe in the traditions of our Catholic faith, they seize opportunities to practice it. A good majority of our staff have been at preschool for several years. Many have also been parents themselves at preschool. They are truly vested in not only what we believe, but in what we do. Many of us often joke that we liked it so much when our own kids attended St. Francis, that we just never have left! My two children first started in the 3's class at St. Francis and, nearly 13 years later, I am still here! It's a fantastic testament that we are all vested in the Catholic education that is provided here and also at The Franciscan School. In addition, while we try to model our faith for our children we also practice it with each other. There is not one of our staff who would not offer an extra hand to another when needed. Sometimes after a very busy day in which you are exhausted and ready to put your feet up or need to take

care of your family at home, it is not easy to extend that helping hand. We all care very much for each other as members of a family would and so it is not a hardship to ultimately make the effort. There is not one of us who would not offer to share an idea, brainstorm a solution to a problem, or provide a listening ear when needed. Unfortunately, it is sometimes rare to find a workplace that operates as if it were a true family. How lucky we are that God has helped guide us to developing this!

If you know of a Catholic educator, ask him/her what he/she loves most about being one. While the answers may vary, I would venture to say, that a common thread is that we are able to live out our faith by doing what we are passionate about with children while being in an environment which encourages us to do so. What an amazing blessing!

Open House for Preschool: January 30th from 1:00-2:00pm

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open! Limited spots remain. Visit our preschool website for more information or to complete an application.

www.preschoolatstfrancis.com

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



Divorce Care: Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before. You don't have to go through separation or divorce alone, Divorce Care is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Divorce Care seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you heal from the pain and trauma of separation or divorce.

Thousands of Divorce Care support groups meet throughout the US, Canada and around the world, and the group is offered right here at Saint Francis.

Register and purchase your book. \$20.00 per book. Click link to sign up.

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/divorce-care/>



Catholic Parish Outreach: Bags will be passed out after masses the weekend of Feb. 5/6. The CPO Truck will be on site the weekends of Feb. 12/13 and 19/20 to collect your filled grocery bags. Drop off times to the truck those 2 weekends are: Saturday 4:45-6:00pm and Sunday 7:00am-3:15pm and 4:45-6:00pm. To sign up to assist with passing out bags or working at the truck visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0845aaaa2ea5fc1-cpofebruary>

Items Needed for the Drive (No glass please) Cans of vegetables, tuna, chicken, soup, spaghetti sauce, fruit; boxes of cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, ham-burger/ chicken/tuna helper, crackers, instant dry milk; bags of rice and beans. Peanut butter, fruit juice, salad dressing, laundry detergent, bathroom tissue, soap, diapers size 4-6, baby wipes, milk-based infant formula, Stage 1, 2, 3 or graduates baby food.

For more information please visit:

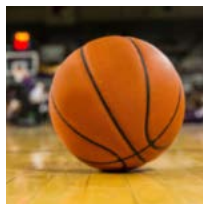
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/catholic-parish-outreach/>



Camp Francis: Registration will open Monday, January 31st midday. 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 is NOW OPEN! 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:

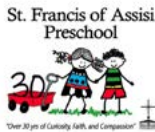
<http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/high-school-basketball-leagues-2/>.



Youth Soccer Skills Camp:

Join us for a 4 week skills session every Saturday this February at St. Francis of Assisi run by Coerver Premier. The skills session will focus on teaching players fundamental skills key to players beginning team play. Sessions will introduce proper dribbling technique, skills to elude defenders and ball striking. Training sessions gradually increase pressure to allow players to familiarize themselves with techniques then play games that draw out the session topic. For more information and how to register visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/youth-soccer-skills-camp/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Lead Teacher - Part time (20 hours)

St. Francis Preschool is seeking an enthusiastic individual who is passionate about providing a faith filled education experience to the children enrolled in our 4-year-old class. This lead teacher position is part time (20 hours). Early Childhood teachers must either have a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or elementary education, or must have 2 years of experience working with young children and have or be in the process of attaining an early childhood credential. If interested in joining our wonderful preschool staff, please send resume and cover letter to Heidi Hobler at Heidi.hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org by January 26th.



Faculty at Cristo Rey

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>.



Opening for Music Teacher at The Franciscan School

The Franciscan School is seeking a qualified music teacher for our elementary and middle school beginning in March 2022. The music teacher will instruct students in music, challenging them to move beyond their current level of experience and talent. In addition, this role includes coordinating the school orchestra program.

As an instructor in a K-8th grade school, the ability to build upon previous knowledge is essential to developing a successful and comprehensive music program. The Fine Arts and classroom faculty design programs and perform musical reviews to display the talent of our students through cross-curricular activities and as part of the orchestra program.

Candidates must have 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.

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



Coordinator of High School/Young Adult Ministry – Full Time

We are seeking a passionate, dynamic individual, to lead our formation program serving youth in grades 9 through 12 and our vibrant ministry for young adults. The coordinator will develop and implement programs using contemporary Catholic evangelization and catechetical approaches. The successful applicant will have a bachelor's degree with strong relational, communication, organizational, and leadership skills. An added plus is an understanding in the fields of evangelization and contemporary approaches to catechesis as well as experience with youth/young adult ministry. The Coordinator collaborates with the Formation team in building on the parish's longstanding history of bringing baptismal and ministerial priesthood together in the collaborative vision of Vatican II.

Applicants should submit a résumé with a cover letter, and three references to: Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org. Applications will be accepted through February 25, 2022.

Corporal Works of Mercy “Bury the Dead”

Outside Volunteer Opportunity

Funerals provide an opportunity to support those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Perhaps one of our lesser-known ministries at St. Francis is serving as a columbarium attendant. The columbarium attendant offers quiet, behind the scenes assistance by preparing the columbarium niche to receive cremated remains after a funeral liturgy. This includes setting up, opening and cleaning the niche, respectfully standing watch during the time the niche is open, and replacing the niche cover after the service. Those who serve must be physically able to remove, lift, and replace the granite niche cover, which weighs approximately 60 pounds.



Services are typically Tuesday thru Saturday and take approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours of time. Columbarium attendants can serve as their schedule allows. For more information, please contact Trish Adamkowski 919-847-8205 x 236 or trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org.



Staff Fun in the Snow



Fr. Jim and Mike Watson



Diogenes Ruiz



Tricia Downs



Andrea Javier



Jonathan Vanegas-Calderon

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: 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, contact 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

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The Franciscan School		
Principal	Mike Watson	919-534-4840
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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
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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 Kieilty	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	josephjrando1@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
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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
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International Mission Trips	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
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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

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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

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Parish Events (FrancisFest) Ashley Watson 847-8205x444
Summer Camps (Camp Francis) Ashley Watson 847-8205x444
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Family & Marriage Enrichment Team Tim Hetzel 847-8205x244
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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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in all public areas of our campus.**

