

February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February is:

**BLACK**

**HISTORY**

**MONTH**

**Black History is American History**

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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,  
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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### SCOUT SUNDAY:

Today is Scout Sunday in the United States, a day when we recognize the youth who are being and have been formed by the scouting movement. I was formed through this organization as a youth and look back with gratitude for what I received from outstanding leaders and peers in terms of my values, work ethic, and self-esteem. We

have several troops affiliated with the parish. If our youth are looking for the types of things that I received in my time with the Scouts, I recommend they check out one of our troops. If their parents or other adults are interested in instilling these values in our youth, I recommend they consider offering their time and talents to our troops. If you know a scout, please thank him or her for their commitment to high values and service to others.

### BAA KICK-OFF WEEKEND:

We begin the Bishop's Annual Appeal this weekend. Our goal is: \$509,088. Although this goal is high, it is proportionally equal to every other parish based on offertory and number of households. You will learn more about the many ministries that are served by the BAA in the near future, including the Diocesan Office of Divine Worship which our own Fr. Jim serves as director.

*Fr. Michael*

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.

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

**Nevin Balaji** Son of Balaji Prabhakar  
and Sheeba Mariajoseph

**Charlie Mae Kodweis** Daughter of Mike  
and Megan Kodweis

**Lilly Grace Pritchett** Daughter of Taylor  
and Maggie Pritchett

**Alice Grace Rhyne** Daughter of Adam  
and Ana Rhyne

**Noah David Roggow** Son of Zach and  
Margaret Roggow

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

**Carmelle Alipio**  
Daughter of Elizabeth Foz  
and **Anthony Downs** Son of Bill and  
Patty Downs

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

**+Amando Villanueva**  
Brother of Noel Villanueva

**+Jeanette Bermitz**  
Sister of Myrna Sands

**2021 Contributions** are finalized in Realm under the giving tab. Click on the funnel. Change the filter to "last year" and click the button filter. In order to access Realm you must set up your account first. If you have any questions about Realm visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/realm/>.

Any question please email me,  
[Toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org).

# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FEBRUARY 5 TO FEBRUARY 13



## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday February 7, 9AM  
+Tim Kiely  
Requested by Rosemary Lardner

Tuesday February 8, 9AM  
+Paul Headley  
Requested by Amelia Fugaro

Wednesday February 9, 9AM  
+Roger Y Villeana  
Requested by Aida Jackson

Thursday February 10, 9AM  
+Attilio Modolo  
Requested by Stephanie Modolo Burrell

Friday February 11, 9AM  
+Dawn Crotty  
Requested by Michael & Niamh Crotty

Saturday February 12, 2022  
Saturday, 5:30  
+Maria Kornacka  
Requested by Barbara Wolak

Sunday February 13, 2022  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Barbara Goubeaux  
Requested by Melissa Turner

Sunday, 9:00  
+Joseph Laurie  
Requested by Theresa Maitland

Sunday, 11:45AM  
+Arnold Hopf  
Requested by Andreas and Amalia Hopf

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

+Jayden Noronha  
Requested by Lloyd Patrick  
Remembrance

+Ernesto Marcelo Jr.  
Requested by Jill Lim  
Remembrance

+Ernesto Duterte  
Requested by Noel Villanueva  
Remembrance

+Manuel Maderal  
Requested by Noel Villanueva  
Remembrance

+Reynaldo DeLacruz  
Requested by Noel Villanueva  
Remembrance

+Joselito Baretto  
Requested by Noel Villanueva  
Remembrance

+Henry Parilla  
Requested by Noel Villanueva  
Remembrance

+Antonio Feliciano Jr.  
Requested by Noel Villanueva  
Remembrance

+Amando Villanueva  
Brother of Noel Villanueva  
Remembrance

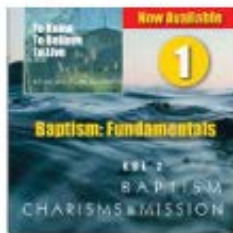
+Jeanette Bermitz  
Sister of Myrna Sands  
Remembrance

## Mass Intentions

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



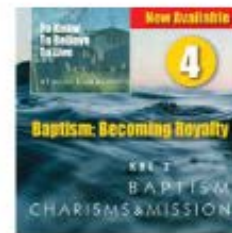
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Baptism:  
Fundamentals



October 18  
Baptism:  
Becoming Priests



November 1  
Baptism:  
Becoming Prophets



November 15  
Baptism:  
Becoming Royalty



January 10  
Charisms



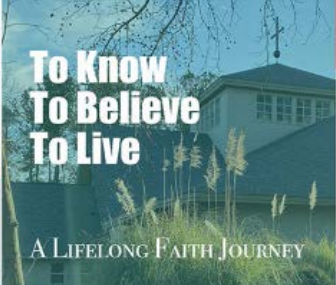
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February 7



February 21



Available Feb. 7 !

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KBL2 - Missionary Discipleship

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

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

# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES



50% camp fee discount/free nursery for children of volunteers!  
For more details, email [Marisa.Ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Marisa.Ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org).

This week, we begin the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our opportunity as members of the larger Catholic community to have an impact on the physical and spiritual lives of our brothers and sisters in eastern NC. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we proclaim the Gospel, serve our communities, and educate the next generation, all while spreading hope and love.



SCAN HERE TO  
MAKE A GIFT







Black History Month, an annual celebration during the month of February aimed at honoring and celebrating the achievements of Black Americans in our country, is also a time for recognizing the central role of Black Americans in US history. We continue our coverage with a look at the contribution and experience of Black Americans in major sports in the US.

Breaking the color barrier in sport required overcoming many things: fear, pain and all kinds of adversity. This week we recognize and applaud the strength and perseverance it took to do so, while admiring and appreciating the collective contribution of Black Athletes to American life as we know it now.

### **In this issue:**

We profile Buck O'Neil of the Negro Leagues recently elected to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame

We invite you to take a look at the movie suggestions we've listed below that depict players and coaches overcoming deep-rooted prejudices against tremendous odds. We've also listed a couple museums you might find interesting. Perhaps gather your family and friends together and before you sit down to watch, ask God to help you see with His eyes and understand with His mind and heart and perhaps pray in gratitude for how far our country has progressed toward an end to racial prejudice. And also pray for guidance and grace as we continue the fight against systemic racism which persists to this day.

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](http://www.bit.ly/SFA-stagville)

The impact of American sports goes way beyond the game. Because fields, courts and arenas were some of the first and most notable spaces Black Americans integrated, sports played a unique role in the civil rights struggle of the 20th century which continues to this day. For Black athletes, what began as

a struggle for equality, fairness, respect and acceptance merged into hard won battles to compete at the highest levels and to manage and coach off the pitch. No doubt this struggle has had social and political consequences with sports leading the way in some cases and lagging behind in others.

During this struggle, Black athletes faced disdain, unimaginable cruelty and death threats to themselves and their families while having to contend with two sets of rules: those of the game and those of a racist society. They persevered nonetheless, with strength and dignity, despite integration often meaning they had another set of rules to follow: don't fight back, don't get angry, don't complain, take whatever they throw at you, play the game, regardless.

While some Black athletes who broke the color barrier just played the game, others became symbols of Black ability, still others used their sport platform to fight for racial justice off the field. For some, activism cost them their career, others were just ignored.

Today however, it's almost commonplace for Black athletes to engage in activism and speak out on behalf of victims of racial prejudice and injustice. And people are listening. Perhaps as a result of the rise of media outlets and the prevalence and dominance of sport in American life, any American can have almost direct access to the thoughts and opinions of professional athletes. And to many

of these Americans, especially those who could be called sport-loving, these thoughts and opinions matter.

Activism for the sake of justice and peace is a good thing. The principle of solidarity within Catholic Social Teaching tells us that we are one human family. Whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences, we are united to each other through God. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be and whatever their skin color.

Our church teaches that solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of others. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good which is the good of all people. This is our call as Catholic Christians to our brothers and sisters of color and the problem of systemic racism in our country.

Movie and Museum Suggestions:

**42** (The Jackie Robinson Story)

**Glory Road**

**Remember the Titans**

**Race**

Sports: The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, online museum: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/sports>

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum: <https://www.nlbm.com/>



## Buck O'Neil

John "Buck" O'Neil (1911–2006) was a standout Negro League first baseman and two-time batting champion on the Kansas City Monarchs who went on to become the first African American coach of a major league baseball team, the Chicago Cubs.

# Black History Month

Chosen by the Early Baseball Era Committee, baseball great John "Buck" O'Neil (1911–2006) will be inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in July, 2022. O'Neil was a standout Negro League first baseman and two-time batting champion with the Kansas City Monarchs who went on to become the first African American coach of a major league baseball team, the Chicago Cubs. Though he broke through this significant barrier O'Neil soon realized a need to return to scouting, his first job in the Major Leagues.

With his infectious smile and gentle demeanor, he's been called the soul of baseball, one of the finest human beings who ever played the game and the voice of the Negro Leagues. But perhaps the greatest thing ever said about him is that he demonstrated that a person could get further in life with love rather than hate.

In the early 1990s Buck O'Neil realized his dream of building the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri so that in his view, the heroes and their incredible story would never be lost.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYi85PA45wY>



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

## Gently Down the STREAM

Mike Watson, TFS Principal



STEM, STEAM, STREAM. These buzzwords have floated around the academic world for many years, but how do they apply to The Franciscan School (TFS)? For the last several years, students at TFS have created STEM projects, including our long-standing annual science fair. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math. This acronym was first created in 2001 as a movement to help students prepare for today's high-tech jobs. But since then, it has become so much more than jobs. By the addition of "A" into STEAM, Arts helps the holistic development of students and reinforces STEM concepts. Finally, "R" was added in many Catholic Schools to create STREAM, which gives the entire structure an underlying foundation of Religion in our lives. Many secular schools joined by adding an R for Reading, and TFS, of course, incorporates reading in all we do as an essential skill for high-tech, low-tech, and all jobs. But at the heart of STREAM, whatever the acronym, it advocates for an integrated curriculum that ultimately teaches kids how to think critically and be prepared for the world ahead of them.

For the 2021-2022 school year, TFS has formally launched our STREAM initiative into the school, but not as a separate, stand-alone program. With the leadership of Kayla Dellinger (Technology Coordinator) and Tina Kollauf (Media Center Specialist), this program has been designed to integrate into all classrooms, all grade levels, and in the media center and technology lab. "At TFS, we encourage students to be lifelong learners," says Dellinger. "By embracing new initiatives and technologies, teachers are showing students that there is always something new to learn." In its inaugural year, Dellinger and Kollauf have tied the program into the school's One Book, One School initiative, as well as with curriculum concepts across grade levels. In September, one day was dedicated to all grade levels working on STREAM activities related to our first One Book, One School read-aloud, "Carl and the Meaning of Life."

Dellinger emphasizes that the STREAM program at TFS provides hands-on experiences that engage and motivate students to take control of their own learning. And because STREAM is being used as an umbrella program across regular class environments, it helps to

provide deeper and wider learning experiences for our students. So far, students at TFS have designed playground equipment, prayer spaces, towers, pumpkin catapults, amusement park rides, marble mazes, bubble wands, 3D printed containers, sleds, acorn parachutes, structures for levitating paper clips, Christmas ornaments, and so much more!

At TFS, STREAM gives students the opportunity to practice many skills that they will need for the future, including problem solving, troubleshooting, overcoming obstacles, embracing failure, interacting with different materials, collaboration, compromise, teamwork, logic, and inquiry. These skills are useful not only in classrooms, but also in social settings and in working with others to complete a task.

TFS Principal Mike Watson, whose support has been instrumental in the development of the program, says "These are skills that everyone will need in any future academic and employment scenario. Introducing and developing those skills early in their academic lives will give our students an advantage on their future success." With the school's motto of faith, academics, and service, Watson is also



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director



## We had a wonderful time celebrating Catholic Schools Week!

Each day had a theme surrounding it. Take a look to see a bit of the fun we had!

Monday: Celebrate our School- wear your preschool attire

Tuesday: Celebrate our Students- wear your favorite character shirt

Wednesday: Celebrate our Nation- wear patriotic colors (and don't forget your tutu to recognize 2/2/22!)

Thursday: Celebrate Vocations and Religious Life

Friday: Celebrate our Teachers







Looking for **Summer Opportunities**? St Francis of Assisi has many activities for all age groups this summer. Look for the opportunity that meets your needs.

We offer a variety of summer camps with lots of different offerings in Camp Francis, faith based camps like **Vacation Bible School and Mercy Camps**, preschool aged camps in **Summer Adventures**, and drama camp with **Justice Theater Project**.

Our Franciscan inspiration comes through with our summer mission opportunities with **Mission Mercy** for the high school youth, and the many family **opportunities to serve** that are perfect for summer.

Continuing faith formation is a year around goal and St Francis gives those opportunities to the youth in our **Vacation Bible School, Mercy Camps, St. Francis Inn Trip, and Mission Mercy weeks**.

The Assisi Community Center Gym uses this season as a great time for a summer athletic league. Our **youth volleyball league** is open to all youth rising 3rd -9th grade and teams will play this year in July and August.

**The Franciscan School** and the **St Francis of Assisi Preschool** are both open in the summer for tours, information, and registration. Please schedule time to check them out.



# PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



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

For more information please visit:

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



**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](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org).

For more information and registration, please see:

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



**Divorce Care:** Find help and healing from separation and divorce through Divorce Care. Join us in February – for our next session starts Tuesday Feb-1 to May-3 6:00 to 8:00 pm \$20.00 per book. For more information and registration, please see <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/divorce-care/>. For questions contact [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)



**Grief Support Group:** Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest. For more information and registration contact [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Columbarium Attendants Needed

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 919-847-8205x236 or email [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@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](mailto:Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org). Applications will be accepted through February 25, 2022.



Sharon Winzeler

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Francis of Assisi is a friend helping neighbors in need.

Often those needs come up unexpectedly and amidst a mixture of unforeseen crises.

One example is a neighbor in her late 50s. She is a homeowner who usually pays all the bills on time. Her husband is on disability after suffering a massive stroke, so she is the sole breadwinner. Her son, a college student, was recently diagnosed with schizophrenia and doctors are still searching for the right medicine to treat his mental illness. Meanwhile, the schizophrenia causes him to make irrational decisions and created crises that caused a strain on the family budget. As a result, the neighbor got behind on a Duke Energy bill that

needs to be paid by Feb. 15. SVdP was able to contribute toward the bill and will also consult with the SVdP at Our Lady of Lourdes for additional help for the neighbor. The neighbor also has taken a second job to help with the bills.

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 the SVdP account. You will need to place your orders from smile.amazon.com for the donations to occur.





pleased with how faith and the arts can be woven into the program and in line with our Franciscan charism.

Watson and Dellinger are excited as to how well the STREAM program is progressing in its first year, as well as its wide-spread embrace by faculty and students. The future is bright as students get their hands and feet dirty in science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and math!

We 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](http://www.franciscanschool.org) or contact Principal Mike Watson at [michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

If there is a cancelation 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.



## **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](mailto: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*

## 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](mailto:ltucker40@nc.rr.com), 937-478-9537. Centering Prayer: Thursdays, 9:35am or 7:30pm in Laverna.

**Community Center Classes:** Regular exercise classes and parent/child classes run weekly, September-May. [www.stfrancisraleigh.org/programs-and-classes](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/programs-and-classes).

**Community Garden:** Saturday mornings, 10:00am. Call Pat or Paul Kelly at 919-413-8833, email [mpmkelly@hotmail.com](mailto:mpmkelly@hotmail.com), or just drop by.

**Divorce Care:** Divorce Care – Our next session will begin meeting from February 1 to May 3 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. For more information contact Bill Morgan at [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com) or visit <https://www.divorcecare.org/about>.

**Grief Support Group:** Contact Marsha Riely at [marshariely@mac.com](mailto:marshariely@mac.com) or Marlys Varga at [marlysvarga@hotmail.com](mailto:marlysvarga@hotmail.com).

**GriefShare:** Contact Beth Gaudette at [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com).

**Padre Pio Secular Franciscans:** Learn more about living Franciscan spirituality in the secular world. Monthly Gatherings the 4th Sunday of the month, 1:00-3:00pm Founders Room. Contact: Ellen Ferrone - [ellen.ferrone@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.ferrone@gmail.com).

**Peace Pole Prayer:** Join us after the 9:00am Mass on Sundays to pray for peace in the world and our country. Meet in front of Clare Hall for a few minutes of prayer.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Contact Cindy Cardello, 919-846-8825 or Diane Rotunno, 919-844-7153 for details.

**Rosary Ministry:** Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm, contact Marian Monti, [ianmar94@aol.com](mailto:ianmar94@aol.com).

**50+ Adults Group:** Monthly potluck luncheons throughout the year and monthly game days, September through May in Clare Fellowship Hall. Pat Gerney, 919-803-8276.

**Women's Ministry:**

- Friday Morning with Celesta Carlson – [ccarlson210@gmail.com](mailto:ccarlson210@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities

### To all our volunteers:

Here are a few ways you could help members of our parish:

### Caring Connections

We are looking for a volunteer ministry coordinator for Caring Connections. The duties would be to add/edit/delete tasks in our 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](mailto: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/](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/)



## Contact Us!

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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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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 KIELTY	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

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	<a href="mailto:wilsonpf99@gmail.com">wilsonpf99@gmail.com</a>
Mass Requests and POTF	Stacey Shine	847-8205x249
Receive a Prayer Shawl	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
<b>Support Groups</b>		
Divorce Care	Bill Morgan	<a href="mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com">dejanuts@yahoo.com</a>
Job Connections	Mary Horner	610-755-5392
Seeing God in your Cancer	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
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Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jackie Kelly	203-512-8807
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Deaf Ministry	Jean Cooke-Byrne	919-412-8365
Environment & Art	Theresa Baumgartner	919-848-3383
Eucharistic Ministers	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
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Medical Presence at Mass	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
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Parking Ministry	Steve Burdett	919-845-2714
Ushers	Troy Chaput	<a href="mailto:troychaput@gmail.com">troychaput@gmail.com</a>
Weekend Receptionists	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Wedding Directors	Carol Ricotta	919-554-8896

### Outreach Ministries

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St. Francis Feeds	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
Brown Bag Ministry	Mailbox	<a href="mailto:stfrancisbbm@gmail.com">stfrancisbbm@gmail.com</a>
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Catholic Parish Outreach	Sue Hand	919-846-7954
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Our Lady of Rosary Food Pantry	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
Interfaith Food Shuttle	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267

St Francis Serves		
Community Garden	Pat & Paul Kelly	919-413-8833
Curbside Care	Lori Piraino	<a href="mailto:lpiraino7@gmail.com">lpiraino7@gmail.com</a>
Duke Children's Hospital	Joe and Geanie Slifer	919-870-6993
Family Promise	Ron Smith	919-455-7786
Gabriel Project	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
Migrant Ministry	Bruce Cartier	<a href="mailto:bcartier7@gmail.com">bcartier7@gmail.com</a>
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# Get Involved!

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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  
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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Assisi Café Ashley Watson 847-8205x444  
Parish Events (FrancisFest) Ashley Watson 847-8205x444  
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Confirmation Sponsors Thomas Bulick 847-8205x239  
Children's Formation Group Leader Andrea Javier 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  
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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.



## Black History Month Honoring Black Environmentalists



Winner of a MacArthur Fellowship 'genius' grant and one of the first 6 TED speakers, Majora Carter has promoted green urban renewal in the South Bronx and Carter co-founded Green for All (thedreamcorps.org/) with Van Jones.

- Buy or plant a vegetable you haven't tried before.
- Try a new plant-based recipe.

More tips at: [stfrancisraleigh.org/care\\_for\\_creation](http://stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation)

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