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TO DISCOVER HOW GOD HAS GIFTED YOU.



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SMALL GROUP REGISTRATION OPENS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH



Praying for Peace
at the Peace Pole

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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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PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE: Although war never seems to end in our world, the outbreak of war in Ukraine is particularly disturbing on many levels. Members of our own community have family and friends there who are suffering and living in great fear. While governments, international agencies, even sporting associations are applying pressure for Russia to withdraw from Ukraine, we also have spiritual resources at our disposal to assist in the effort.

We invite you to join as part of our faith family to pray for peace and a peaceful end to this war. There are two opportunities to do so publicly.

Please join us this Sunday, March 6, anytime between 3-5pm at the church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and to lift up our prayers in the presence of Jesus Christ to bring this conflict to a peaceful end. There will not be a service per se. Rather, it will be a time to sit, stand, or kneel before the Lord himself in silence asking for divine assistance in this crisis. Come for a few minutes, come for the entire time. Whatever works for you, please come and pray.

We also ask you to consider joining others who gather at our parish Peace Pole, located near Clare Hall near the parking lot, each Sunday morning after the 9am Mass to pray for peace in Ukraine and elsewhere in our world. If you do not go to the 9am Mass, simply gather at the pole around 10am each Sunday.

Our prayers are an important tool in combatting evil. Please pray for the people of Ukraine, either at one of these public events or in your private prayer.

Fr. Michael

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

Halle Margaret Baker

Daughter of Alex and Kelly Baker

Peter Alphonse DeCastro

Son of Dominic and Michelle DeCastro

Adaline Rae Gagnon

Daughter of Carter and Kristine Gagnon

Elise Amelia Gonzales

Daughter of Andre and Kristin Gonzales

James Ronan Lee

Son of Andrew and Maeve Lee

Gratia Noble Mathis

Daughter of Ben and Laura Mathis

MAY HE REST IN
PEACE AND PERPETUAL
LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM:

+Virginia Orband

Mother of Lisa Miller

+Vincent A Risalvato Sr.

Grandfather of Joyce Risalvato
Remembrance

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.

Weekly Envelope Schedule

March 6	Weekly
March 6	Mortgage Sunday
March 13	Easter Flowers
March 13	Weekly
March 20	Weekly
March 27	Weekly

BAA Update

Goal:	\$509,088	
Pledges:	\$196,247	38.5%
Total Received:	\$169,939	32.2%
Families Participating:	496	10.3%

The second mailing from the Diocese will arrive in parishioner homes during between March 15-17th.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MARCH 5 TO MARCH 13



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 5, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Thomas Gellenbeck
Requested by The Knittel Family

Sunday March 6, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Joseph Horner
Requested by Janice and Mary Horner

Sunday, 9:00
+Adonna Evers
Requested by The Stephen Ministry of St. Francis

Sunday, 11:45AM
+Harold Spence
Requested by The Fleischmann Family

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

Monday March 7, 9AM
+Ernesto Duterte, +Manuel Maderal, +Reynaldo DeLadruz
Requested by Noel Villanueva

Tuesday March 8, 9AM
+Joselito Baretto, +Jenny Parilla, +Antonio Feliciano Jr.
Requested by Noel Villanueva

Wednesday March 9, 9AM
+Gerard O'Sullivan
Requested by Michael and Niamh Crotty

Thursday March 10, 9AM
Marie Clark
Requested by Maureen Maingi
95th Birthday

Friday March 11, 9AM
+Jeannette Bermitz
Requested by Myrna Sands

Saturday March 12, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Federick Ferrer
Requested by Abigail Placino

Sunday March 13, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Nancy J Mignault
Requested by Iris and John McCann

Sunday, 9:00
+Eugene Frederick Mason
Requested by Phil & Chris Strand

Sunday, 11:45AM
+Frances Mary Slobodzian
Requested by Veronica Campbell

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

(ill) Jim Coolbaugh
Requested by Kathleen Coolbaugh
Health & Wellness

(ill) JoDee Alpiser
Requested by John Alpiser
Health & Wellness

+Mark Irlbeck
Requested by Bill Irlbeck
Remembrance

+Amparo Concepcion Somera
Requested by Hector Javier
Remembrance

+Virginia Orband
Mother of Lisa Miller
Remembrance

+Vincent A Risalvato Sr.
Grandfather of Joyce Risalvato
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 is open. You may make your request(s) by going to our website (<https://www.stfrancis-raleigh.org/mass-intention-prayers/>) or by calling the parish office at 919-847-8205 during normal business hours M-F.

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EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS
WITH SHERRY WEDDELL,
MARCH 12, 10:00AM
IN CLARE FELLOWSHIP HALL

EPISODE 13

Your journey will begin **with Sherry Weddell on March 12th at 10am-11:30am in the Clare Fellowship Hall** (*no registration required*). Then over the next few weeks you will explore the charisms that you have been given to share with the world.

Our small groups will work together to unlock and find the gifts you have been given. As you journey down this path you will then work with your facilitator one on one to explore these gifts. In the final phase you will learn how to bring your gifts to life.

Registration for The Spiritual Gifts Journey small groups will be open March 5-21. Register through Realm.

“WHAT’S GOD’S PLAN FOR THE CHURCH?”



Pope Francis has called us to **SPEAK UP** and share your thoughts and experiences about our Catholic faith. We are inviting you to join us for an upcoming listening session. **Every voice is important!**

Join us for one of our Synod Listening Sessions.

Listening Sessions at St. Francis will be held: **March 17, 24, and April 3**

Thursday, March 17th

10:00am-11:30am in Fellowship | 7:00pm - 8:30pm via Zoom | 7:00pm - 8:30pm in Founders (en Español)

Thursday, March 24th

10:00am-11:30am via Zoom | 7:00pm-8:30pm in Fellowship | 7:00pm-8:30pm via Zoom (en Español)

Sunday, April 3rd

1:30pm - 3:00pm in Fellowship

All are welcome! | Invite family, friends, neighbors. | Please sign up **by clicking the desired time and location above.**

Sign up to volunteer to help at a listening session as a small group facilitator or as a scribe. Training will be provided.

If you would like to share your input directly with a Pastoral Council member or if you have questions please email: synod@stfrancisraleigh.org

HOW WE'RE MOVING FORWARD

This is an opportunity for all of us to **SPEAK UP** and impact the future of the Catholic Church. Pope Francis wants to hear from all of us - **ESPECIALLY** those whose voices aren't being heard.

Here in our own church and schools at St Francis we want to hear about who is left on the margins, what are the needs of our neighbors and community, where we

experience joy in our church, and what are the difficulties, obstacles, and wounds in our parish.

At the end of May, the Pastoral Council will publish a document to the Diocese of Raleigh and all of you that synthesizes all that we have heard.

Please go to <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/synod/> to learn more.



*I have loved you
with an everlasting
love!*

LENT 2022



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Distribution of Ashes at ALL Services

7am Liturgy of the Word (**No Communion**)

9am School Mass

11:30am Mass

5:30pm Liturgy of the Word (**No Communion**)

7pm Mass



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 4, 7pm

March 11, 7pm

March 18, 3:30pm

March 18, 7pm

March 25, 7pm

April 1, 7pm

April 8, 8am

April 8, 7pm



PRAYER / ADORATION

Wednesday, March 23, 7pm

Wednesday, April 6, 7pm



RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 16, 11am–12:30pm

Tuesday, March 29, 7pm–8:30pm

Saturdays, 4pm–5pm

SPIRITUAL GIFTS JOURNEY

Saturday, March 12, at 10am in the Church.
Sherry Weddell, an international known expert,
will awaken us to the gifts God has given us.
No registration required.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 19 – beLOVED
In person full day retreat
Registration opens February 26

*Please pray for our
catechumens, candidates, confirmands, and elect
as they continue their spiritual journey.*

Elect



Grace Bindon

*Receiving the sacraments of
Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
this Easter Vigil on April 16*



Bryan Zack



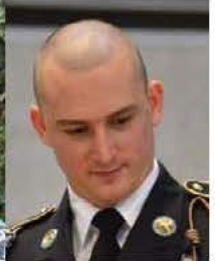
Judy Young



Kaylie Kirstein



Krystal Howard



Timothy Olson

Catechumens

(Those receiving instruction in the Christian faith in order to be baptized)

Candidates



Ashley Qualkenbush



Erika Davenport



Eyrarn Klu



Stephanie Troche



William Noblitt



John Price



Eva Mitalova

(Those who have been baptized in the Christian faith and are seeking full communion in the Catholic Church)

Confirmands



Ana Martins



Bella Nesbeth



Charlee Halphen



Cici Nesbeth



Kristin Wilson



Mia Nesbeth




Sasha Duncan

(Baptized Catholics preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation)



Join us on Saturday, March 19th for a day of celebrating what it means to be made in God's image as a woman, in community with other women. Explore topics like everyday spirituality, mindfulness, and making time for God. Connect with others in small group and at lunch, enjoy personal reflection time, and participate in praise and worship. Exercise your voice by engaging in a forum for understanding the needs of women gathered and brainstorm solutions. Join us for our optional pre- and post-session workshops which include, art, prayer and more. Come for part or the entirety of the day! (Registration options below.)

Allow yourself to "be-LOVED" for the day!

Registration is Open on  Click here

Interested in the pre- and post-sessions as well?
This is what they're all about:

7:00am Emmaus Prayer Walk with Jess Kelly

We hear in Scripture that two followers of Jesus walked along a path toward Emmaus comforting each other after Jesus' death. Though they didn't recognize him, Jesus joined them on the walk and ministered to them. In this session you will be paired with a partner and invited to experience your own Emmaus walk around the campus, discovering Christ in your own Lives through your connection with one another.

8:00am Lectio Divina on Psalm 139 with Anna Fowler

Lectio Divina is a way of praying in which participants reflect on the Divine Word in an intentional way. Join us as we reflect on Psalm 139, the inspiration for our retreat day, and what it means to be made in God's image.

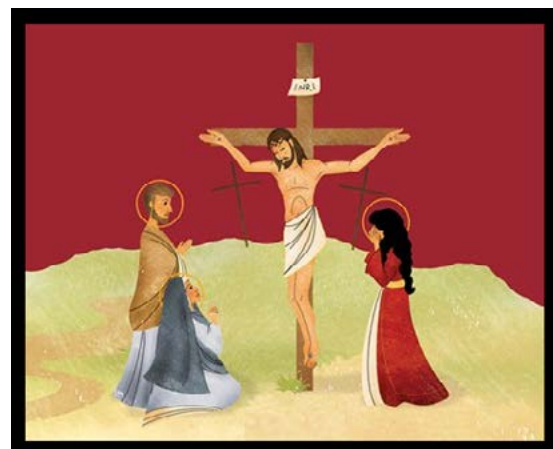
3:30pm Art Experience:

Making a Mark with Sonia Kane

Bookmarks signify a place to pause and remember. Express your inner artist with watercolor and ink as you create your own meaningful reminder to pause and remember that you are God's beLOVED. All skill levels are welcome – you do NOT have to be an artist to join!

4:20pm Mindfulness Workshop: Mindful of His Love with Kathleen Owens

Mindfulness is a universal practice which involves being present and paying attention intentionally. During this workshop, you will learn several mindfulness practices to help you become more aware of God's love for you. You will leave feeling refreshed, centered, and LOVED with practical tools you can use to bring this experience into your everyday life.



Family Stations of the Cross

"No Hush" Event!

Friday, March 18 3:30pm

All ages & abilities are invited to come listen and experience the Stations of the Cross. Youth Lectors will present child-friendly readings and reflections. This will be a no-hush environment. Bring the babies who may cry, the toddlers who may need to get up and move their bodies and all Children of God who love to make a joyful noise! Come see how your family can grow closer to Christ in this season of Lent. Free/No RSVP needed



All ages and abilities are invited!
Join us and find ways to prayerfully celebrate this season as a Catholic family!

There is no cost for this event,
but we appreciate an RSVP:

<https://bit.ly/3HRXYMj>

JOIN THE SFA LENTEN CHALLENGE



Join us this season in the SFA Lenten Challenge to see God in the struggles and joys of our lives.

Even in our trials, God is with us. Starting the FIRST Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil ALL are invited to share their Losses and Blessings in the collection boxes in the gathering area. Write down and share your sorrows to "Surrender our Losses" (Blue Box) and share your joys to "Finding our Blessings" (Yellow Box). On social media use #SFALentenChallenge to show us where you have seen God in your day.

God is all around us, we just need to open our eyes to see.



Play and Pray - Faith Formation for 1-4 Year-Olds

Interested in helping the young children of our Parish learn about God in a fun-filled, loving and educational environment? St. Francis is currently hiring part-time staff and seeking volunteers to help with the Play N' Pray preschool faith formation program. Held during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass, our program is geared towards children who are one-year-old (and walking) to four years of age. We spend each week playing and having fun with the kiddos while teaching them faith-based lessons centered around the weekly Gospel readings. It is truly a special hour of Playing and Praying.

Please contact Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org for more information.

We Need You

There are a number of ways to become involved and help support our celebration of the Mass. As liturgy is the "work of the people", we are in need of liturgical ministers in all areas.

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Cross Bearer 

Eucharistic Minister 

Hospitality Minister 

Lector 

Mass Coordinator 

Technical Minister 



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EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, TFS Principal



Serving With Passion: Alumni Spotlight- Lexie Burns '12

As we entered Lent this week, as always almsgiving, both financial and personal, is one of the focuses of the Lenten season. We highlight another of our alumni this week who lives out our credo of Faith, Academics and Service with her personal life of personal almsgiving through her service.

For Lexie Burns, a Franciscan School 2012 graduate, serving others has become an integral part of who she is. Service is one of the three pillars in TFS's motto, and for Burns, the experiences and mentors she had at the school has helped implant a heart for helping others. "Since my time at TFS, I have taken what I have learned about teamwork and leadership and incorporated it into my time while at college," says Burns. She even on occasion will come home from college to help teachers like Mrs. Moser and Mrs. Harrington in their middle school science classes.

Burns' passion for helping and leading others also stems from her own challenges she has faced. Burns has been managing diabetes since she was a young child.

Going to TFS as a kindergartner was scary for Burns and her parents, but she

said "Being at TFS felt like home. The faculty and staff helped my parents know that I would be safe." While as a student at the University of North Carolina Greensboro (UNCG), Burns' challenges have motivated her to advocate for and educate others on diabetes. She established a diabetics support group on campus, Spartan Diabetics, which has now become a chapter of the College Diabetes Network. In addition to supporting each other, this group talks to classes in the Nursing Department, helps the local JDRF office, and holds an experiential advocacy event each semester.

In addition to all her service and leadership with Spartan Diabetics, Burns has spent much of her time helping others whenever she can. She served with the Make A Difference House, went on a service spring break trip to Washington, DC to help the homeless, and she even served as the UNCG Women's Basketball team manager for two years. She helps fellow classmates in the Career Center by peer reviewing resumes and preparing for interviews. Recently, Burns joined Phi Sigma Pi, a National Honorary Leadership Fraternity. Burns is majoring in Environmental and Sustainability Studies with hopes to work for a company

and help them become more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Through her challenges and successes, Burns says "I wouldn't have thought I could do all of this if it wasn't for the amazing upbringing and education I received at TFS."

Burns wants to encourage students at TFS that they can do anything they put their minds to. "No matter the challenges you face after graduating from TFS and beyond, face it with confidence. In the end, if you are happy and enjoy what you are doing, then it will never feel like you are working."

The Franciscan School wants to partner with you to achieve the goals you have for your child and their educational experience. Join us for one of our upcoming virtual information sessions to learn more on how we can do this. Our Principal Mike Watson will lead each of the sessions, and faculty and parents will join the session as well to help answer any questions you may have about The Franciscan School.

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



"Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you." Matthew 5:42

The season of Lent is upon us. This is the time in which we look to deepen our relationship with God in multiple ways, but most especially through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

As Catholic educators, our teachers and staff weave the meaning of Lent into many activities, special prayers, and songs. Because young students learn best through play, the teachers use various intentional play opportunities to demonstrate the meaning of Lent. It is always a goal to incorporate hands-on, realistic, and meaningful activities.

Almsgiving is a big word for our little people, but the concept is not new to them. Because of the practice they have throughout the year developing their social-emotional skills, they have an understanding of what it means to help or give to someone. Although our preschoolers are too young to work at a homeless shelter or buy groceries for a food pantry, there are a number of things in which they can partake. For example, they can make cards for an elderly neighbor, offer an extra hug to a sibling, or clean up their toys without being asked (or only being asked 1 time instead of 5 times J). Last month, our students were encouraged to pick out one of their favorite books from home to donate to the WAKE Up and

Read program. This organization works to ensure that all children have an opportunity to share in the joy of a good book.

More recently, some of our children had a wonderfully unexpected opportunity to practice almsgiving on our church campus. One afternoon, while waiting to go to the after school care that we offer for our preschoolers, I had the chance to wait with some of the children while others were using the restroom. It turns out that this was an afternoon when the roofers were working on a section near preschool. I took the small group of 3 and 4-year olds over to peek out the door and see the area where old shingles and tar paper had been thrown. Unless their own homes are getting a new roof, most children will never touch a shingle. I pulled a few samples of the shingles from the debris pile and let the children feel it. We made a full educational sensory experience out of those discarded shingles! We discussed how they felt, what they looked like and how they smelled. We also practiced some of our positional words such as 'under', 'on top of', and 'next to'. It so happened that one of the workers had left the wheelbarrow nearby which was partially filled with the shingles. We talked about what a mess was left on the ground and that because it was so huge, it would take a long time to clean up. All

of the children know very well that they are asked to clean up their messes at home and at school. It's also a common practice at school to lend a hand to our classmates when it's time to put things away. With that in mind, each of the children picked up a piece of tar paper or shingle and put it in the wheelbarrow. Although a simple act, it not only allowed them to practice keeping our church clean, but also to assist someone else in cleaning up a large mess. The roofers did not ask them to help or even know that they did it. Isn't that how God reminds us to act in the Gospel reading from "Ash Day" (as one of our preschoolers called it when trying to remember the name)? We are to pray, fast, and give alms during Lent, but not to look for recognition or praise for the deeds we have done. We are to offer help to others but not seek a gold star to acknowledge our work.

I always enjoy naturally occurring moments when our preschoolers can live out Jesus' teachings! It is my prayer that we remain mindful of these times so that we never miss a chance to help our youngest develop their faith and love of God.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is ongoing! Visit our preschool website for more information about scheduling a tour or to complete an application.

www.preschoolatstfrancis.com

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Youth Basketball finishes the 31st Season!

As we wrap up our 31st Season of Youth Basketball at St. Francis, my staff and I are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for with all the volunteer support given to this league. These include running the clock, or keeping score during the game, organizing the team as the Team Parent, Volunteer Refereeing, or helping Coach our youth as they learn and grow their basketball skills. Each and every one of these volunteer roles plays a special part in helping this league run successfully.

One of the most important volunteer roles in this league is very often left unnoticed or unrecognized. Most are unaware of all the logistics handled by the Volunteer Ministry Leader. All of our Parish leagues are run with the help of a Volunteer Ministry Leader, Rich Wessel. Rich has been running this league for 18 of the 31 years the league has existed, and gives his heart and soul to make this league successful for the children in the league.

Rich works directly with our Community Life team to coordinate the players in our league and the logistics of trying to make sure kids are placed on a team with a practice night they can attend. If Rich isn't here making sure things are running smoothly, he's usually here referring games when he doesn't have a volunteer Ref signed up.

I will tell you Rich doesn't do this for the recognition (he doesn't even know about this article) but for his love of the game, and seeing the children of our community and their love of the game. It's volunteers like Rich Wessel that help us not only build these children's passion for sports, but also teach them teamwork and sportsmanship at the same time.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, refs, players, parents, and fans of St. Francis Youth Basketball 2021-2022. We have missed you all very much during the pandemic and were happy to see all the excited children and parents return this season.

A special Congratulations to our Division 3 (Skykhawks), 4 (Pirates) and 6 (Wildcats) Playoff Champions.



PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

CPO Thanks you!!

Catholic Parish Outreach sends their appreciate for our parish's generous donations during the St. Francis "Feed a Family" food drive. The response from St. Francis of Assisi Was amazing with a donation of just over 8,000 pounds of groceries and \$9,970 for families in need! During the pandemic, CPO has distributed enough food to serve over 101,000 people a week 1+ worth of groceries and the number keeps growing daily! CPO's ministry to those in need would not be possible without the generous assistance of the members of our community. We are blessed by your dedication to our mission of Providing Help, Creating Hope and Serving All during these unprecedented times! May God bless you.

50+ Group Brown Bag Luncheon - March 23

The 50+Group is ready to resume it's monthly social get togethers starting Wednesday, March 23rd at 11:30am with a brown bag lunch in lieu of our normal pot luck luncheon. However. for the time being, we will be meeting at the Lake Lynn Community Center , Ray Rd, Raleigh, NC.

Carpooling from the SFA church parking lot to the Lake Lynn Community Center will be arranged for those needing a ride, however you must RSVP to get on the list for a ride. Also. those wishing to attend should RSVP to insure a place at the table.

Remember to -

RSVP to Maryellen Connelly; maryellen.connelly@hotmail.com or call/text at 919-616-8735 to attend or for a carpool ride

Bring your Brown Bag Lunch, and drink. We invite you to bring individually wrapped desserts to share, if you wish.

Come and meet new friends. All are welcome, and you do not have to be a member to attend the lunches



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sharon Winzeler

St. Vincent de Paul Society helps neighbors in need find their way. Sometimes that means help with rent or utility bills. Other times it takes on different forms. At all times, it's meant to assist neighbors during challenging times.

One neighbor was saving her money to return to her parents' home up North. She has a meager income and not enough gas in her car's tank to get to a food bank. She has a son with celiac disease and needs gluten-free foods for his diet.

SVdP was able to assist with a gas card and a gift card. A volunteer also called Catholic Parish Outreach to find out if they could provide the type of food that would fit in her son's limited diet. The CPO volunteered promised to put food aside for the mother to pick up.

This is all in a day's work for SVdP volunteers. The organization could use more assistance. Much of the work can be by phone from home. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Ann Bingham at stfrancisvdp4444@gmail.com



Greener Lent 2022 - Sign-Up Now!

Greener Lent is a Catholic fasting program that invites participants to expand their awareness of the social implications of the traditional days of abstinence and fasting during this holy season of Lent. By signing up to participate, you choose a level of participation, and then you will receive regular Lent communication about how our eating habits relate to our care of the planet and the poor. There are many parishes in the Diocese of Raleigh participating in this Lent program as we seek to live out our call to care for God's creation, our "common home," as Pope Francis says. To find more info online about Greener Lent and to sign-up to participate during Lent, go directly to <https://greenerlent.org/> You can also contact our St. Francis Creation Care Ministry at stfccreation@gmail.com.

In recent weeks, you have hopefully received information at home and here in church about the Bishop's Annual Appeal. You've learned about some of the vital ministries funded through the BAA that provide hope and love to those that need it most. The BAA is purely Christ's arm, reaching all corners of eastern NC with his unwavering love and glory.

Through your generosity, you: Support the formation of our seminarians studying for the priesthood; Strengthen our Catholic education programs; Form and mold the next generation of Catholics; Provide hope and warm meals through our various food pantries & counseling services; Foster a faithful catholic life via our many ministries and; Provide direct financial support to rural parishes, ultimately allowing us to spread the Gospel to every corner in NC.

- Catholic Formation & Education..... 29%
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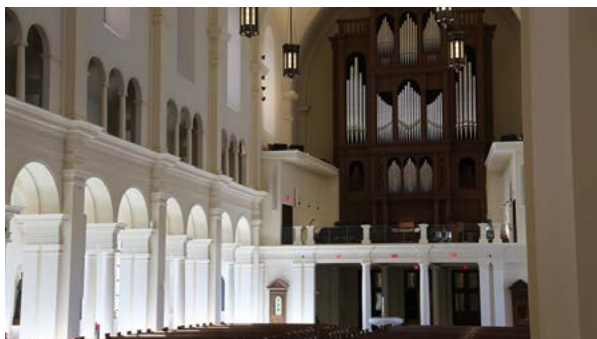


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Spreading
Hope and Love



Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral will host two more organ concerts in the first half of 2022.

The organ is one of the largest in the southeastern United States. *Admission is free.*

March 15, 7:30pm – David Danielson Eaton, Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

May 17, 7:30pm – Su-Ryeon Ji, director of music at Christ the King Cathedral, Atlanta

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Serving Others in Lent

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace



The entire season of Lent is a time for turning, or re-turning, to God, in whom we find our source of strength, security, hope, and peace. The season calls us to take time out for God in an intentional way, to examine our lives, and to open our hearts to God's mercy. Like Jesus, we spend time in the desert facing the temptations of our souls.

In this spirit, we are invited to practice Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are also called to accompany one another in community, pray for one another, and help the least fortunate among us.

We wanted to share with you some suggestions for service and advocacy in the wider community during the next 40 days. Some of these are ministries of the parish, and others are trusted partner organizations in the Raleigh-Durham area. Contact the ministry leader or the volunteer coordinator of the organization listed here.

St. Francis Feeds at Oak City Cares, Urban Ministries, and Ronald McDonald House: Volunteers donate food items and serve meals at a variety of places in Raleigh. Contact: Becky Cawley, 919-847-8205x270, becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org

Brown Bag Ministry: Volunteers pack and deliver brown bag lunches on Saturday to low-income senior community in Durham. Contact: visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org/bbm or email stfrancisbbm@gmail.com

Community Garden: Volunteers work (watering, weeding, planting, and harvesting) in the Community Garden at St. Francis. All ages. Saturday mornings. Contact: Pat Kelly, 919-413-8833, mpmkelly@hotmail.com

Prison Pen Pal: Volunteer your time to write letters to prisoners on North Carolina's Death Row. Contact: Prison Pen Pal Leadership Team, sfapenpal@gmail.com

Catholic Parish Outreach: Volunteers help in Wake County's largest food pantry and children's clothing area. Family-friendly. Contact: www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/cpo-volunteer

ONE Wake: Be a part of our community organizing and advocacy team with 50 other faith congregations in tackling the region's most pressing problems: affordable housing, equitable education, and jobs with liveable wages. Contact: Nancy Dilger, ndilger3@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity: Volunteer by helping build a home in Wake County for a family in need with our Habitat ministry. Spring dates available. Contact: Jeremy Roca at jeremyjroca@gmail.com

Support Circles: Join a team of parishioners who develops a year-long (or longer) relationship with a family transitioning from homelessness, providing emotional support and practical assistance. Contact: Thomas and Janine Costello, saintfrancisfsc@gmail.com

Justice Issue Teams: Volunteer to be part of one of our ministry teams focused on a variety of justice issues (creation care, immigration reform, mental health, life issues, racial justice, affordable housing, and education), coordinating opportunities for justice formation and advocacy. Contact: Trevor Thompson, trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org

Refugee Resettlement Ministry: Volunteer to provide support to refugee families in Raleigh. This is a family-friendly ministry. Contact: welcomhomeSFA@gmail.com

Jesus, draw me closer to you in my acts of loving service!

Praying for Peace at the Peace Pole

By Gladys Whitehouse, St. Francis Parishioner



Most Sundays after the 9 AM Mass you will see a small group of people standing by the Peace Pole (in front of Clare Hall near the parking lot) reciting a prayer for peace, followed by a few intentions, a moment of silence and ending with the Prayer of St. Francis.

If we truly believe in the power of prayer, let us join together for the people of Ukraine and also pray for the Russian government, that peace will truly prevail, as is written on our peace pole in eight different languages. Feel free to join us. If you do not attend that particular Mass, perhaps you will choose to pray this prayer for peace at home around 10 AM on Sundays.

The people in the Ukraine are suffering, fear has gripped all of Europe, and impacts of this conflict are being felt worldwide. May all our voices rise up to the Lord on their behalf."

Prayer for Peace by St. John Paul II

To the Creator of nature and humankind, of truth and beauty, I pray:

Hear my voice, for the voice of all victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg you to instill into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road to peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, toned with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world your everlasting peace.

Migrant Ministry

Searching for New Ministry Leaders!



Every summer fathers, brothers, uncles and sons leave their families in their home countries in Mexico and Central America and travel to our state with little more than a backpack to do the hard work of picking our fruits, vegetables, and tobacco for months on end. While they are here they live in run-down trailers mostly, often lacking the basic essentials, like working plumbing and comfortable and clean bedding. They do this only to provide better support and resources for their families back home.

Because we are a Catholic Community committed to living the Gospel in our daily lives we have been supporting these men for over 25 years with needed food, supplies, a fiesta once a month and rides to mass each Sunday from June through September. Because of COVID-19 we were not able to do much with the farm workers the last two summers, we were only able to help them with food and supplies.

We are happy to announce though that this summer we are bringing back the heart of this ministry which are the fiestas and driving the men to mass each weekend. And we are in need of help to make this happen. For the past 7 years or so, this ministry has been led by an amazing servant, Bruce Cartier. We would like to graciously thank Bruce for ALL he has done to continue this ministry, especially during such challenging times, and also wish him well as he moves on to other things this summer. Thank you, Bruce! It's been a joy to work with you!

And I'd like to also announce that we are searching for new ministry leaders. The role involves some recruitment and coordination prior to the summer as well as facilitation throughout the summer. If you are interested please contact Becky Cawley at becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org or 919-847-8205 x 267 or 314-409-5034 (cell). Thank you so much for considering this!

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Employment Opportunities

Principal, The Franciscan School – Full time 40 hours

The Franciscan School, our fully accredited K-8 Catholic School founded in 2000 as part of the education ministry of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic parish in Raleigh, NC, seeks a new principal. Our school is rooted in the Franciscan tradition and offers an exceptional, yet accessible, faith-filled education. A highly qualified and talented faculty and staff create a nurturing and safe environment for our 650+ students. Through a focus on Faith, Academics, and Service, our students are not only well prepared for high school, but graduate with self-awareness, confidence, and a passion for impacting the world through faith and service.

The successful candidate will:

- Be an active, fully initiated, practicing Catholic dedicated to collaborative ministry and the advancement of the vision of the Church as promoted by the Second Vatican Council.
- Be dedicated to the spiritual growth of our students and faculty.
- Be a mission-driven leader with strong integrity, sound judgment, excellent collaborative skills, and possessing a commitment to curriculum and staff development.
- Demonstrate successful experience in the areas of public relations and development, as well as budgetary and financial management skills.
- Exhibit exceptional verbal and written communication skills, proficiency in technology, ability to develop strategic and long-range planning, and be able to motivate others toward task accomplishment.
- Possess a Master's Degree in Educational Administration/Leadership with a minimum of 3-5 years teaching experience. Experience as a Catholic School Principal or Assistant Principal preferred.
- Possess or be eligible to be licensed as an administrator by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.
- **Start Date: July 01, 2022**

Qualified applicants should submit their application and materials through the Diocese of Raleigh applicant tracking system at <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment>:

- Cover letter
- Résumé
- A reference letter from a pastor
- A statement of philosophy of education

Applications will be considered upon submission, so applicants are encouraged to apply early.



Employment Opportunities

Director of Engagement and Development – Full Time

The parish is seeking an individual to develop, oversee, and implement a comprehensive vision of inviting and involving our members in fulfilling their baptismal mission by identifying and sharing their gifts and their material resources in response to the Lord. A graduate degree in theology, pastoral ministry, counseling, church administration or a related field is preferred as well as at least two years of successful fund-raising experience and familiarity with the USCCB's stewardship ministry vision and documents. Applicants must have a strong relationship with the Lord, excellent interpersonal skills, be a skilled listener, and be comfortable in a variety of settings with diverse groups. Some nights and weekends are required. The director collaborates with the pastoral staff in building the parish's longstanding history of bringing baptismal and ministerial priesthood together in the collaborative vision of Vatican II.

Applicants should submit a résumé, three references, and salary requirements to: Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org
Applications will be accepted through March 28.

Coordinator of High School and 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.

Coordinator of Peace and Justice – Full Time

We are seeking an enthusiastic and compassionate individual to serve as our Coordination of Justice and Peace. This person will provide skill coordination and support in the areas of youth and adult Justice and Peace faith formation, service, and advocacy, as well as support designated outreach ministries within the greater Raleigh area. The Coordinator collaborates with the Justice and Peace Director and ministry leaders upholding the parish's longstanding commitment to social outreach ministry, advocacy for human dignity, forming consciences for faithful citizenship, and solidarity with those most vulnerable.

The successful applicant will be an active, fully initiated, practicing Catholic dedicated to collaborative ministry and the advancement of the vision of the Church as promoted by the Second Vatican Council. Successful candidate will have a bachelor's degree with strong relational, communication, organizational, and leadership skills. Preferred applicants would have a background in charitable service and mission work, pastoral ministry, volunteer development, event planning, with a deep understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. Applicants should submit a résumé with a cover letter to: Trevor.Thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org. Applications will be accepted through March 11, 2022.

Less Plastic for Lent

The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants. Isaiah 24: 5



When you are out

- Approximately one million water bottles are used every minute. Get a reusable one.
- Refuse plastic lids. They are unlikely to be recycled and will last 100+ years.

Check out the Church's stand: bit.ly/plascath

More tips at: stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation

Questions? - stfccreation@gmail.com

Group Opportunities

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, tucker40@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

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New Parishioner Registration	Toni Hammes	847-8205x265
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Administrative Assistant	Stacey Shine	847-8205x249
Sacraments		
Baptism	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
First Reconciliation	Marisa Ferrara	847-8205x223
First Eucharist	Marisa Ferrara	847-8205x223
Confirmation	Thomas Bulick	847-8205x239
Matrimony	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
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Sacraments Administration	Martina Dumberger	847-8205x264
Funeral Planning	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
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Assistant Principal 6-8	Colette Dziadul	847-8205x651
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Director of Finance	Rob Neppel	847-8205x243
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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!

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Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
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Church Keeping	Beverly Saunders	919-846-5795
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Environment & Art	Theresa Baumgartner	919-848-3383
Eucharistic Ministers	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
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Oak City Cares	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
Catholic Parish Outreach	Sue Hand	919-846-7954
Panera Food Pick Up	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
Ronald McDonald House	Mailbox	stfrancismhministry@gmail.com
Our Lady of Rosary Food Pantry	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
Interfaith Food Shuttle	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267

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Duke Children's Hospital	Joe and Geanie Slifer	919-870-6993
Family Promise	Ron Smith	919-455-7786
Gabriel Project	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
Migrant Ministry	Bruce Cartier	bcartier7@gmail.com
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Engaging Spirituality	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
Just Faith	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
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Peace Pole Prayer	Ben Whitehouse	whitehouseben5@gmail.com
Racial Justice	Becky Cawley	
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 EMs to the Magnolia Glen
 EMs to the Meadows
 EMs to Rex Hospital
 EMs to Springmoor
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Rosary Ministry

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 Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers
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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

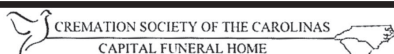


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— Romans 10:8*



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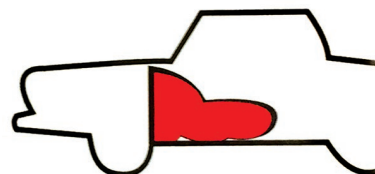
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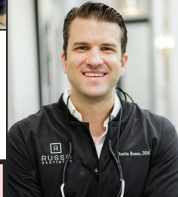
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