

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

FORGIVE

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RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 29th at 7 pm in the Church



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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.



The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

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CLOSURE: On March 13, 2020, the mayor of Washington DC announced that the city would go into total lockdown in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. As you well remember, life changed dramatically in 24 hours. This was to be my final semester teaching full-time at The Catholic University of America and I knew I would return to the Diocese of Raleigh at the end of the summer. At that point, I had no idea where I would be assigned by the bishop. You too were undergoing the same lockdown with the added stress of the impending departure of the Franciscans coupled with the uncertainty of what lay ahead and not knowing who would replace your beloved friars.

As the months wore on, you and I learned that St. Francis would be my new home. It also became increasingly clear that I would leave DC without the opportunity to say "farewell" to my colleagues and two church communities in the area where I celebrated Mass each weekend. I left DC without saying a personal "good-bye" to the friends and acquaintances I had made during my eight years in our nation's capital and began my new assignment here without an in-person welcome with you. It was among the strangest experiences of my ministerial life. I was used to new beginnings as I've had several of them in my nearly 42 years of priesthood, but this transition was by far the most unusual.

It is now two years later. I will be away this weekend from the parish to finally celebrate a formal "farewell" and "good-bye" with the two church communities I served while in DC. It will be good to see people I have come to know and bring some official closure to my time with them. I'll have the opportunity to preach and preside at the Eucharistic liturgy and continue the celebration with a reception at each place.

In May, I will return to DC to celebrate with two students who will receive their doctorates and whom I served as the director of their major research and 200+

page paper. While there, I will also have an opportunity to say "farewell" to my university colleagues after a two-year absence. Having this closure will also be important for me.

As I bring this chapter of my life to closure, I am looking forward to establishing new relationships at St. Francis. Now that we are out of masks and many of us are now thrice vaccinated, I look forward to forming some new friendships here at my new home. It has been a long slog and I have felt a bit at sea given the necessary precautions we have needed to endure to keep as many people as possible safe and healthy. I know Fr. Jairo has felt the same way. We look forward to getting to know you as members of a spiritual family in a deeper way.

We could not have made it as well as we have without the affirmation you have extended to us via emails, phone calls, text messages, notes, letters, and personal comments quickly expressed as we've passed one another outside the church doors. These have meant a great deal to us. It'll be nice to actually have some personal conversations over a meal and learn names with unmasked faces and the stories connected to those names and faces. We also look forward to interacting with you as we gradually resume parish life as normal, ministering alongside each other, socializing, and building up the Body of Christ.

Fr. Michael

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

+Frederick Dilger Jr.
Husband of Patricia Dilger and family

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 Toni,
Toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Weekly Envelope Schedule

March 27 Weekly

Coffee & Donuts



Sunday, April 3rd @ 10:00 am

Join us for Coffee and Donuts Sunday, April 3rd following 9:00am Mass from 10:00am-11:00am in Fellowship Hall hosted by our Women's Ministry.

We will spend time reflecting on our Lenten Challenge and enjoy the blessing of being able to regather together again. There will be Ministry booths with information about volunteering activities. All are welcome!



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MARCH 26 TO APRIL 3



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 26, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Lorraine Kolbet
Requested by Joann Thronson

Sunday March 27, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Dolores Horner
Requested by Janice and Mary Horner

Sunday, 9:00
+Frank Petrone
Requested by Marie Leone

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

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

Monday March 28, 9AM
+Ruth Rappas
Requested by Fredrick Pappas

Tuesday March 29, 9AM
+Robert Schafers
Requested by Joanne & Rick Giglio

Wednesday March 30, 9AM
+Italo Rastelli
Requested by Italo's New Jersey Families

Thursday, March 31, 7:00PM
+Ricky Santamaria
Requested by Richard and Alma Hammer

Friday April 1, 9AM
(ill) Jim Coolbaugh
Requested by Kathleen Coolbaugh

Saturday, April 2, 5:30PM
+Thomas Gellenbeck
Requested by Marianne and Paul Williams

Sunday, April 3, 7:15AM
+James Pietrzak Sr.
Requested by Catherine Pietrzak

Sunday, 9:00AM
+Robert Sokoloff
Requested by Andrew and Eleanore Gamble

Sunday, 11:45AM
+Virginia McGuinness
Requested by Richard McGuinness

Sunday, 5:30PM
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) Lolita Moron
Requested by The Wimmer family
Health & Wellness

+Leyda Ubillus
Requested by Marjorie Roberts
Remembrance

+Frederick Dilger Jr.
Husband of Patricia Dilger and family
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.



*I have loved you
with an everlasting
love!*

LENT 2022



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 25, 7pm
April 1, 7pm
April 8, 8am and 7pm



RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, March 29, 7pm–8:30pm
Saturdays, 4pm–5pm




PRAYER / ADORATION

Sunday, March 20, 3pm
Wednesday, March 23, 7pm
Sunday, March 27, 3pm

Sunday, April 3, 3pm
Wednesday, April 6, 7pm
Sunday, April 10, 3pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LENT



Jesus, may your cross
always remind me of your
great love for me.

HOLY WEEK 2022



**HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 14**

Mass of the Lord's Supper • 7pm
Reposition in Fellowship until midnight
Night Prayer • 11:45pm



**GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 15**

Morning Prayer • 9am
Passion of the Lord • 3pm
Stations of the Cross • 7pm



**HOLY SATURDAY
APRIL 16**

Morning Prayer • 9am
Easter Food Blessing • 9am
Easter Vigil • 8:30pm



**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 17**

Sunrise • 6:00am
Church • 7:15am
Church and Gym • 9:00am
Church • 11:45am

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

Elect



Kaylie Kirstein

Grace Bindon

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

Catechumens



Bryan Zack

Judy Young

Krystal Howard

Timothy Olson

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

Candidates



Ashley Qualkenbush

Erika Davenport

Eyram 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



Bella Nesbeth

Charlee Halphen

Cici Nesbeth

Mia Nesbeth

Sasha Duncan

(Baptized Catholics preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation)

“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

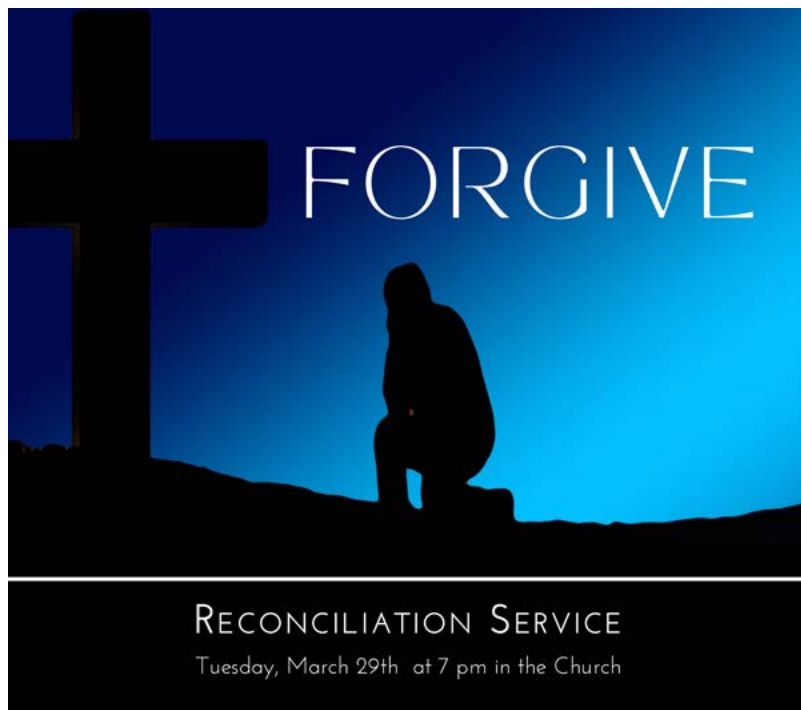
This is an opportunity for all of us to **SPEAK UP** and impact the future of the Catholic Church. Pope Francis wants to hear from all of us - **ESPECIALLY** those whose voices aren't being heard.

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.



Join us on Tuesday, March 29th at 7pm for our communal Penance Services in the church. There will be 12 priests available for this service. If you are unable to join us there are two priests available in the church each Saturday afternoon between 4:00pm - 5:00pm to celebrate this sacrament with you.



Formation Summer Camps Still Have Spots Available!

For Middle Schoolers - "Mercy Camp" is our works of Mercy Service Camp, where teens go out and serve in the local community every day, and then return together to talk about their experience. Mercy Camp runs 8:00am to 3:00pm from Monday, June 13th to Friday, June 17th with an overnight on Thursday.

For High Schoolers - "Mission Mercy" is our high school service camp, where teens spend a week together on campus, serving, living, and growing together. Mission Mercy runs from Sunday, July 10th to Friday, July 15th, staying overnight on St. Francis' campus.

Additionally, high schoolers are welcome to help run our middle school "Mercy Camp," if they would like an opportunity to serve as well as practice leadership skills!

Registration for all camps is through Realm! For more details please visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/formation-camps/> or email Thomas Bulick (thomas.bulick@stfrancisraleigh.org) with any questions.





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.

Play and Pray

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 and Pray preschool faith formation program. Held during the 9:00am 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.

Youth Volleyball Summer League

Sign-ups will run from early April-Mid May. The league will run from July 11th-August 26th with games and practices during the week. This league is open to Rising 3rd Graders-Rising 9th Graders of all skill levels. For more information: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/community-life-volleyball/>. Questions Please Contact: Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org

NEW! Scouts BSA Venture Crew (Coed - Ages 14-20)

Join us for an information session about our new coed venturing crew sponsored by St. Francis on Wednesday March 30th from 7-8 pm in Jacoba Hall. The crew will be focused on high adventure activities like white water rafting, rappelling, mountain biking, etc. and community service. Youth who are not already part of a Scouts BSA troop can either join both or just the venturing crew. Scouts that are first class and above can continue to progress to Eagle Scout as a member of the venturing crew. For more information and questions please contact Jimerlinger@gmail.com

Youth Bball Skills Clinic

Youth Bball Skills Clinics will take place On Tuesday Evenings for grades 1st-8th Graders. This program is designed for campers to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph.

Tuesday Nights : 4/5, 4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

1st - 4th graders 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM

5th - 8th graders 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Cost: \$20.00 each Session or \$120.00 for all dates for the same child. For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/cl-youth-basketball-clinic/>

Questions Please Contact: Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org

Youth Soccer Skills Camp

The skills session will focus on teaching players fundamental skills key to players beginning team play. Sessions will introduce proper dribbling technique, skills to elude defenders and ball striking. Training sessions gradually increase pressure to allow players to familiarize themselves with techniques then play games that draw out the session's topic. These Skills Camps will be run by Coerver Premier.

Dates: 4/19, 4/20, 4/21, 4/22

1st - 3rd graders 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

4th -5th graders 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

6th -8th graders 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Cost: \$25 each Session or \$80 for all 4 dates for the same child. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/youth-soccer-skills-camp/>

Questions Please Contact: Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org



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.

Penance Services in the Raleigh Deanery

March 29: 7pm: St. Francis of Assisi

March 30: 7pm: St. Bernadette (Fuquay-Varina)

March 31: 11am: St. Raphael

April 5: 7pm: Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

April 6: 10am: St. Catherine of Siena (Wake Forest)

April 7: 7pm: St. Catherine of Siena (Wake Forest)

K-12 Faith Formation
Registration is open now!

FORMATION
Meeting, Knowing, Loving, Serving Christ

CROSS WALK GRADES K-5
CROSS TRAIN GRADES 6-8
CROSS ROAD GRADES 9-12

Register for the 2022-2023 school year through Realm

Registration for Fall Faith Formation Classes is Open!

Registration for Cross Walk (K-5th Grades), Cross Train (6th- 8th Grades) and Cross Road (9th-12th Grades) is now open! To register, log into your Realm account. Questions? Please contact Janie Hebert, Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation at 919-847-8205x237 or janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.

INTEREST FORM [Click Here](#)

- Altar Server ■
- Cross Bearer ■
- Eucharistic Minister ■
- Hospitality Minister ■
- Lector ■
- Mass Coordinator ■
- Technical Minister ■



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EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, TFS Principal

Lent at The Franciscan School



As we move through this year's Lenten season, halfway to the Triduum, it is hard not to appreciate our faith even more as we return to full attendance at prayer and Community Mass. Exiting the pandemic phase of COVID-19, we can even better appreciate the opportunity for praying together. The chance for acts of generosity and service, as key Lenten disciplines and tenets of our school's mission, correlate in a beautiful way that emphasize the heart of The Franciscan School's perspective on education. The shared experience, especially intense after the last two years of separation, of what it means to fast in order to acquire renewed gratitude for the food we receive daily through our hot lunch program, with the varied and incisive discussions on Lent with our students, enables us to recognize how good it is to share this season. All part of the process of renewing who and what we are as The Franciscan School together.

Prayer together is a principal hallmark of The Franciscan School. We pray Morning Prayer in the school courtyard as we start each day. So important and crucial is prayer to our identity that we never gave up on it, even as the sad realities of the pandemic set in around us. We continued praying together utilizing technology and Zoom all last year. Returning this year, we gathered in the courtyard

for Morning Prayer as we have always done, even if this meant masking around one another. Now we have reached the point where we gather unmasked in our courtyard to start the day with prayer and celebration...like normal, where we must always remember what enables us to show our best to one another! This week, we move to reuniting the entire school in attendance at our weekly Community Mass together...like normal, where praising God as one body signifies our oneness in Christ! We are returning to praying as we have traditionally experienced it at The Franciscan School. Praying together brings us together and enables us to remember that, standing with and for each other united in Christ, anything is therefore possible. To achieve this during Lent again affirms a key principle of this season – we grow in faith as we grow in prayer and service with one another. On April 8th at Morning Prayer, we will pray a special Stations of the Cross, with posters representing each station created by our 4th graders. Praying together during Lent opens to us the wonders of God's never failing care for us, and experiencing this care as a whole community makes it even more special.

Acts of generosity and service are important parts of the Lenten journey. During Lent at TFS, we will continue with

our service to those in need through our dollar dress out collection, a fun event that raises hundreds of dollars for a student council-chosen group in our community. We will also encourage families to look for opportunities to participate in service within their households. Our service takes place throughout the year, especially during Catholic Schools Week, so this discipline of Lent remains central to our school and parish community throughout the year. We look forward to even more "openings" in the larger community, as a chance for even greater opportunities to serve as we are called to by our faith.

We may remember Lent from our youth as a time in our school or parish where the focus rested on "what you gave up". Our focus at TFS is, and always has been, what we can do for others. We do this through service, prayer, and generosity to those in need. While Lent lasts only 40 days before the Triduum leading to Easter, we live these Lenten values at TFS throughout the year.

The Franciscan School wants to partner with you to achieve the goals you have for your child and their educational experience in a Catholic faith environment. More information can be found on our website at www.franciscanschool.org/ or contact Principal Mike Watson at michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Our Lenten Journey



"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope." John 12:13

It is hard to believe that our Lenten journey is in the final couple of weeks. The teachers never cease to amaze me with their creativity in trying to help our students better understand these 40 days and how they are meant as a time to prepare ourselves for the glory of Easter.

Throughout our classrooms, one can easily see and hear how the students are learning about Lent. While there is much happening, I have highlighted a few ideas that you might like to share with that special little person in your life.

One of our youngest classes, learned that a beautiful word which we traditionally hear at mass disappears during Lent. To mark the season as a time to repent and strive to do better, the word 'Alleluia' is omitted. It is not used again until Easter

as we rejoice in the gift of the Resurrection. To reiterate this message, and with the understanding that preschoolers learn best through play, the teacher had her students pretend to bury an 'Alleluia' in the ground out on Exploration Station, the natural play area in front of our preschool. It was a group effort as everyone dug the hole and then scooped the dirt to fill it. A few messy hands later and the class was successful with covering it!

A four-year old classroom also made use of soil for a Lenten activity. They planted seeds in small containers of dirt. They planted "Jesus grass", as one child told me, or more accurately, a Lenten garden. They each are now taking turns to water the seeds. They are learning that Lent is a time to grow closer to God. The seeds will grow into something beautiful, just as

we do when we honor and share God's love and mercy. To add to the gardens, the students have also made a mound of dirt with an opening to represent a tomb and they will soon add a painted cross to the garden with a purple piece of cloth.

While we still have several days remaining in our Lenten journey, I think that simple activities such as these can make the meaning of Lent a bit clearer for our youngest followers of Christ. May they carry the message behind these lessons with them throughout the year!

To learn how to join our amazing preschool for the 2022-2023 school year, please visit our website at: preschoolatstfrancis.com or contact Shelley Freeman at: shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES



Migrant Farm Worker Supply Drive

Every summer fathers, brothers, uncles and sons leave their families in their home countries of 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 our brothers in Christ are here they live in run-down trailers and houses, often lacking the basic essentials. They do so only to better support and provide for their families at home.

We serve these brothers in Christ on the margins of society by driving them to and from mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Louisburg each Sunday from June 5 – September 25, 2022, and by offering them a monthly fiesta of food and fun. We also help by providing much needed supplies.

This year we are collecting ONLY the following. There will be bins in the Stewardship Center the weekend of April 2/3 for your donations.

- all personal hygiene items, including sunscreen
- laundry soaps
- caps/hats
- bandanas
- men's long sleeved shirts
- men's t-shirts
- new socks and underwear for men
- new work boots, all men's sizes
- towels and wash cloths.

If you have other household goods or personal items you would like to donate, please do so via The Durham Rescue Mission. We partner with this amazing organization on a regular basis and they do important work in our community. They have a thrift store just north of Brier Creek on Glenwood Avenue where you can drop off your items and/or you can schedule a pickup here: <https://drmtthriftstore.org/>

Thank you for any help you can provide!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sharon Winzeler

Visitors at the St. Vincent de Paul Society are willing to listen and help neighbors when needed.

They recently were able to help one couple who got behind in rent because the husband lost his job in December and was unable to start a new job until February. Household expenses add up fast when one's pay is cut in half, so they reached out for assistance.

A cooperative effort among St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of Lourdes SVdP societies and the Friendship Fund at First Presbyterian Church plus a cooperative landlord helped the couple catch up with late bills.

Other times SVdP may not be able to help for whatever reason, but members find that neighbors who reach out to them are humble and appreciative of their listening skills. They will travel the journey with neighbors and refer them to local agencies if they can't directly offer aid.

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, Amazon will donate .5 percent of your eligible purchases to the SVdP account. You will need to place your orders from smile.amazon.com to activate the donations.

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Becky Cawley, Coordinator, Justice and Peace

Blessed are the Peacemakers



For years, St. Francis parishioners have weekly prayed at our parish Peace Pole after the 9:00am Mass. The peace pole is found in front of Clare Hall in the grassy area near the parking lot. It speaks messages of peace in a variety of languages heard around the world. Our patron St. Francis of Assisi greeted people he met with the phrase "pax et bonum," "peace and all good," and during a time of great conflict and war among city-states and religions, he came to be known as reconciler and peacemaker. We pray the Prayer of St. Francis often, "Make me an instrument of your peace." During this past month, since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, more and more parishioners are joining us in prayer on Sunday mornings. All are welcome for this short communal moment of prayer, to be instruments of God's peace on earth. Shalom.

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace

Ukraine



Protests against war in Ukraine in Moscow (24 February 2022) commons.wikimedia.org

Many have asked about suggestions for making financial donations to help with the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Ukraine after Russia invaded the country four and half weeks ago. The Diocese of Raleigh has put together [a helpful webpage](#) of suggestions of vetted organizations who are working on the ground and attending to emergency needs of affected people. Among the organizations the Diocese spotlights is, of course, [Catholic Relief Services](#). CRS is partnering with a number of on-the-ground churches and organizations to coordinate a broad range of emergency assistance in Ukraine and support to Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries. Although things are rapidly changing, CRS created [a helpful page](#) that summarizes what is happening in Ukraine and how CRS is involved. If you are giving through Faith Direct, there is also a way to donate money to support this cause starting this weekend. Lastly, the global Franciscan community is rallying to support the peacemaking work of the friars in Ukraine. To support the Franciscans, [go to this link](#).

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 remaining 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

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.

If you're interested, have questions or just want to hear more, representatives will be in the Stewardship Center after all the masses next weekend March 26/27. Please stop by, or contact John Budway at budwayjj@bellsouth.net or 305-205-5104 if you have questions or to sign up. COVID-19 Precautions are in place. John can explain these as well.

"The greatest among you must be your servant." Matthew 23:11¹⁵

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES



Our Migrant Ministry is Coming Back We need your help!

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. And a hard day it is:

5:00 am – wake, drag yourself out of bed, dress in the dark, eat a small cold breakfast

5:45 am – board the van headed to the fields, put on a trash bag for protection

6:00 am - harvesting of tobacco, fruits, and vegetables begins, in full sun, 80 degrees.

9:00 am - after picking as fast as you can for 3 hours, take a 10-minute water break

12:00 pm - eat lunch in the field, no soap and water to wash off pesticides

4:00 pm - final water break, 5-minutes

7:00 pm - board the van back to your trailer to make a bite to eat, do laundry, pack lunches

9:00 pm - to bed, hoping sleep will come to handle the same exhausting day tomorrow

While our brothers in Christ are here they live in run-down trailers and houses, often lacking the basic essentials like working plumbing and comfortable and clean bedding. They are overworked and underpaid doing work few Americans choose to do, 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 serving our migrant brothers and easing their burdens for over 25 years. COVID interrupted our ability to do so these past two years. We are hoping to bring back this wonderful ministry this summer but we need your help. Won't you join us?

We serve these brothers in Christ on the margins of society by providing much needed supplies, driving them to and from Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Louisburg each Sunday from June 5 – September 25, 2022, and by offering them a monthly fiesta of food and fun.

We are in need of a team of leaders, drivers and fiesta cooks and coordinators. The ability to speak Spanish is not required. Families are welcome! Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/migrant-ministry-2/>

If you're interested, have questions or just want to hear more, representatives will be in the Stewardship Center after all the masses the weekend of April 2/3. Please stop by.

Or contact Becky Cawley any time at becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org or 919-847-8205 x 267 or 314-409-5034 (cell).

Thank you so much for considering this! Your help and kindness mean so much!

JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Forming a New Support Circle for a Family Experiencing Homelessness: Interested in Joining?

By The Costellos, St. Francis parishioners and leaders of the Support Circle Ministry



*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

— St. Teresa of Ávila

For a number of years now, St. Francis has partnered with Catholic Charities to help transition homeless families to stability through a program called Family Support Circles. Support Circles are small groups of parishioners who create a network of love and support – hands and feet of Christ – for families in transition from homelessness. This ministry allows parishioners to come together as a team to develop relationships with a homeless family over a period of a year. The objectives are to support the family through difficult times by helping with needed resources and skills, empowering them to move toward greater financial security and achieve overall stability.

Volunteering for St. Francis' Family Support Circle means joining together with a small group of parishioners committed to working together on a regular basis with the identified family. A willingness to help is all that's needed, as professional support and guidance is provided by Catholic Charities. Our team will practice accompaniment—being present along the path of a family in need as they move toward independence. To the best of our abilities, we will nurture their financial, social, emotional and spiritual growth.

All life is relationship and through relationships the healing presence of Christ becomes a reality. The Family Support Circle truly reflects Pope Francis' concept of the Church as field hospital. Does this ministry sound like something you are feeling called to? Whatever your charisms may be, we are confident there is a role for you in helping out this program.

We are starting another Support Circle this spring. If you are interested in helping as part of our team, we are hosting an info session to learn more on April 27th, 7:00pm in Padua Room on the campus of St. Francis. To sign up for this, visit <https://bit.ly/SFAsupportcircle> or contact Tom and Janine Costello at saintfrancisc@ gmail.com.



WHAT DID YOU DO LAST WEEKEND?



VENTURING IS . . .

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Begin your adventure at www.scouting.org/venting.

Join us for an information session on Wednesday March 30th from 7-8 pm at The Franciscan School (Jacoba Hall). Youth ages 14-20. Contact jimerlinger@gmail.com with any questions.

Less Plastic for Lent

Matthew 6:25 "Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment?"



Clothing

- Look for cotton, wool, and other natural fibers. Synthetic fabrics create microfiber pollution when they are washed.
- By clothing from consignment stores or alter or re-style your older clothes.

Learn about plastic and the ocean: bit.ly/plasocea

More tips at: stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation

Questions? - stfccreation@gmail.com



St. Thomas More Society of the Triangle

ANNUAL MEETING

The St. Thomas More Society of the Triangle is a professional society for Catholic attorneys and other professionals working in the legal field.

Our annual meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 30th at 9AM** at the St. Michael's Conference Center in Cary. We are honored to have as our keynote speakers Judge James C. Dever III and Judge Robert J. Conrad.

For more information, please visit TriangleSTMS.com or email us at info@TriangleSTMS.com.



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.

Recovering Our Soul Connections:

*A Retreat for
Women Who Have
Been Sexually
Abused*

July 7-10, 2022

The experience of sexual abuse can reach every level of our being and leave us feeling distant from ourselves and even God.

You are invited to come together with other women for a weekend experience of reflection and inspiration to help you reconnect with your deepest self and the God who loves all of you.

Recovering Our Soul Connections is a retreat experience designed and led by three spiritual directors — Cindy Neely, Khristi Ford, and Liz Deal — who recognize the interconnection of body, mind, and spirit.

Over a period of two months prior to the retreat you will meet with a spiritual director to build a supportive relationship. The retreat itself will include an exploration of Sacred Scripture, music, movement, expressive arts, mutual support, and Eucharistic Liturgy.



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The retreat begins at 6 PM on Thursday and concludes at Noon on Sunday.

It will be held at **St. Francis Springs Prayer Center**, Stoneville, North Carolina, <https://www.stfrancis.today/>. All accommodations are single rooms with private baths.

Space is limited to 12 retreatants

For more information, or to request an application, please email us at soulconnection366@gmail.com.

- Applications can be submitted until April 1, 2022
- If accepted to the retreat, a \$100 non-refundable deposit will be required to secure your reservation.

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, 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
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
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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 6-8	Colette Dziadul	847-8205x651
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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
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Director of Finance	Rob Neppel	847-8205x243
Human Resources	Trish Adamkowski	847-8205x236
Parishioner Records	Toni Hammes	847-8205x265
Safe Environment	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	wilsonpf99@gmail.com
Mass Requests and POTF	Stacey Shine	847-8205x249
Receive a Prayer Shawl	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Support Groups		
Divorce Care	Bill Morgan	dejanuts@yahoo.com
Job Connections	Mary Horner	610-755-5392
Seeing God in your Cancer	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
AA Daily Reprieve Group	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Al-Anon	Madeline Horrigan	919-923-1234
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support	Linda Tucker	937-478-9537

Get Involved!

Worship Ministries

Director of Liturgy and Music	Jim Wahl	847-8205x230
Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers	Tim Hetzel	847-8205x244
Altar Servers & Thurifers	Joanie Madormo	rmadormo@sbcglobal.net
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jackie Kelly	203-512-8807
Church Keeping	Beverly Saunders	919-846-5795
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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
Funeral Ministers	Lisa Gianturco	919-845-9718
Hospitality Hands	Deb Royals-Mizerk	debaroyals@gmail.com
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Master of Ceremonies	Michael & Julie Ducatte	919-622-8883
Medical Presence at Mass	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Music Ministry	Joyce Petzka	jepetzka@gmail.com
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Weekend Receptionists	Beth Gaudette	847-8205x241
Wedding Directors	Carol Ricotta	919-554-8896

Outreach Ministries

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

St Francis Serves		
Community Garden	Pat & Paul Kelly	919-413-8833
Curbside Care	Lori Piraino	lpiraino7@gmail.com
Duke Children's Hospital	Joe and Geanie Slifer	919-870-6993
Family Promise	Ron Smith	919-455-7786
Gabriel Project	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
Migrant Ministry	Bruce Cartier	bcartier7@gmail.com
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St Francis Learns		
Care of Creation		stfccreation@gmail.com
Engaging Spirituality	Becky Cawley	847-8205x267
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Justice Theater Project	http://www.thejusticetheaterproject.org/	
Peace Pole Prayer	Ben Whitehouse	whitehouseben5@gmail.com
Racial Justice	Becky Cawley	becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org

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EMs to the Homebound
EMs to the Magnolia Glen
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EMs to Springmoor
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES*

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:15am

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

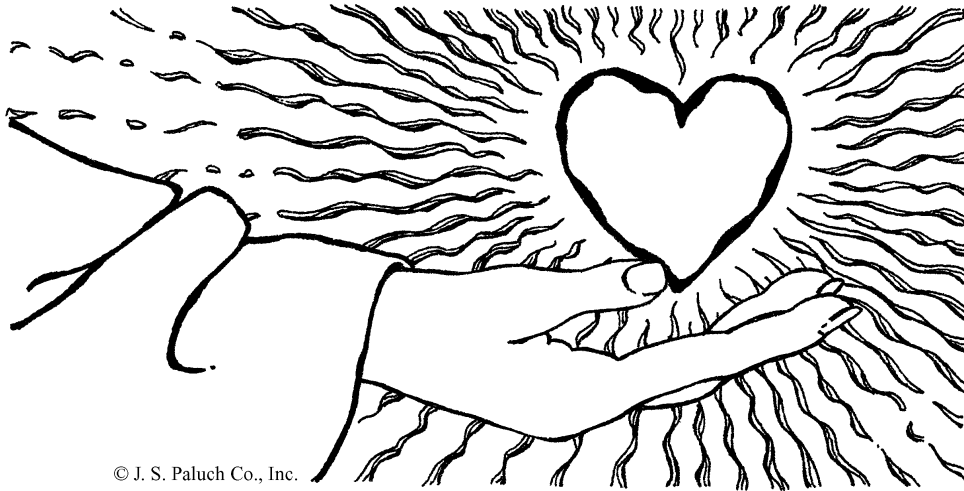
WEEKDAY MASS*

9:00am



Third Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— Psalm 103:8



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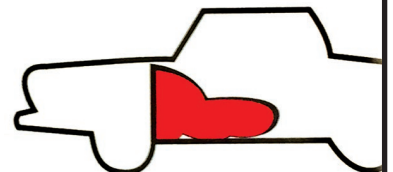
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