June 19 2022 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## **Thanks and Farewell Mike Watson**



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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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CORPUS CHRISTI: THE BODY OF CHRIST: This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, what some of us know as the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Latin words, Corpus Christi, translate to: Body of Christ. The feast invites us to focus on the great importance of the Eucharist, the real presence of Christ himself, body, blood, soul,

and divinity, which we take for nourishment of our souls when we receive Holy Communion. This feast began in 1246 in Liège, Belgium and was decreed in 1264 by Pope Urban IV, formerly an archdeacon of Liège, to be observed throughout the whole Church. (Here is an example of how a pope brings local customs to the universal church. More recently, Pope John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday, which had its local roots in Poland beginning in 1931, as a feast in the universal Church in 2000.)

It is always a good thing to be reminded of the importance of the Eucharist for our lives and what we believe about Jesus Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. So the Church sets aside this annual feast to refresh our memories of its importance and meaning in our lives.

Vatican II also reminded us that Christ is present at the Mass in multiple ways. The Catholic bishops of the world taught in paragraph 7 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy that Christ is present par excellence in the Holy Eucharist but also in the proclamation of the holy scriptures, in the priest, and in the midst of the community gathered when they pray and sing. This pluriform presence of Christ is a reminder of how much Christ desires to be present with us as we gather for worship, especially during the Mass. At every Mass he is being faithful to his promise when he said to his disciples at the Last Supper, "I will not leave you orphans."

The invitation Christ extends to us is to be aware of his presence during the proclamation of the scriptures at Mass by listening carefully to those proclaiming these important words and, if helpful, following along in publications like hand missals. Christ's invitation also extends to the people who are part of our worshiping community, from the people sitting around you to the priest presiding over the celebration of the Mass. Take stock of the truth that Christ himself is standing next to you, behind you, and in front of you at Mass. Remember the priest is ordained to act in the person of Christ during Mass, especially during the homily and the Eucharistic prayer. Above all, pay attention that you are receiving divinity into your hands when you come to receive Holy Communion. Receive Him in respect and with dignity as befitting the Son of God.

Fr. Michael

### A few reminders concerning Monday, June 20

- Daily mass will return to the chapel.
- Parish Offices, along with Clare and Anthony Hall(s), will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.
- VBS, Camp Francis, and the Preschool Camp will operate according to their respective schedules.
- No evening activities are scheduled.

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

#### **Declan Russell Leitch**

Son of Christopher and Kathleen Leitch

#### **Aoife Rose Pfleger**

Daughter of John and Caitlin Pfleger

#### **Marcel Sebastian Prieto**

Son of Marcel Prieto Costas and Katie Prieto

#### **Jack Anderson Yartin**

Son of Michael and Ashley Yartin

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#### **Weekly Envelope Schedule**

June 19 Weekly

June 26 Weekly

June 26 Holy Father/Peter Pence

For a complete list of SFA contacts
Group Opportunities,
Volunteer Opportunities
and Ministries, click here.

Prayer Requests for June 18 to June 26



#### Mass Intentions

Saturday June 18, 2022 Saturday, 5:30 +Mary & Paul Reinard Requested by Stephanie Smith

Remembrance Sunday June 19, 2022 Sunday, 7:15 +Dennis George Ligay Requested by Barbara Ligay Remembrance

Sunday, 9:00 +Tom and +Rita Canning Requested by Ann Lassiter Remembrance

Sunday, 11:45AM +Robert Waller Requested by Lisa Miller Remembrance

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

> Monday, June 20, 9AM +Bill Coffey Requested by Mary Coffey

Tuesday, June 21, 9AM +MiMi Raymond Requested by Kay Reilly

Wednesday, June 22, 9AM +Sr. Kathleen Osbelt, OSF Requested by Bryan and Melissa Yeazel

> Thursday, June 23, 9AM +Alfred Vincent Pasquale II Requested By Al Pasquale

Friday, June 24, 9AM +Lauren Garzetta Requested by Maggie Pollack Saturday June 25, 2022 Saturday, 5:30 +Anne and +Boyce Barbee Requested by Kathleen Owen

Sunday June 26, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Mai Le
Requested by Hanh and Gary Boyar and
Trinh and Hung Pham

Sunday, 9:00 +Marceline and +Bill Stallman Requested by Marcy Henehan

Sunday, 11:45AM +Lidia Raguso Requested by The Geis Family

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) Fr. David McBriar, OFM Requested by Msgr. Clay Health & Wellness

+Carle (Carl) Cayton Sr. Requested by Pamela Cayton Anniversary of Death

+Raymond Stachewicz Requested by Elizabeth Stachewicz Remembrance

> +Matthew Charles King Jr Requested by Karen King Anniversary of Death

+Alex Biswas Requested by Susan Rozario Remembrance

+Stephen Poznanski Requested by David and Joane Cole Remembrance

+Rita Ciaramitaro Mother of Dominic Ciaramitaro Remembrance

+Stephen Ronald Fitzhenry Father of Steve Fitzhenry and Marlene Bissett Remembrance



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### **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.stfrancisraleigh.org/mass-intention-prayers/) or by calling the parish office at 919-847-8205 during normal business hours M-F.



# Cross Step (Formerly Play and Pray) Registration is Open!

Cross Step (formerly known as Play N' Pray) is the newest addition to St. Francis' Crosses Faith Formation programs. Our mission is to the develop the faith of children, ages one-and-walking through four. The children come to us in Clare Hall during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Using Pflaum Gospel Weeklie's SEEDS curriculum, the children learn about the weekly Gospel and participate in fun, interactive activities that focus on Catholic doctrine and traditions. Let us help your children to take their first STEPS on their walk with God!

Registration for the 2022-2023 year in REALM is officially open.

We are currently seeking part-time employees to lead our Cross Step classes for the upcoming 2022-2023 year.

Interested in volunteering? We could use your help as well!

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











Contact Andrea.Javier@ stfrancisraleigh.org for more information or to volunteer.







There is a significant need for more
Eucharistic Ministers for homebound and
retirement communities! These
ministries are meaningful to the care
receivers, and we need more help to
continue to serve them. Training will be
provided. Please contact
beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org if
interested in helping.



### **Francis Fest**

FrancisFest Volunteers needed now. The event planning team is forming now to plan our annual parish wide celebration of our patron saint, St Francis of Assisi. This Event will take place October 2nd. Our whole parish community joins for an afternoon of Holiness, Hope, and Hospitality! Contact <a href="mailto:ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org">ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org</a> if you are interested or want to learn more about this opportunity visit <a href="mailto:www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest">www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest</a>.









Lord, we give thanks for the tremendous blessing that has come from the work of Mike's many years at TFS, and thank you that you still anoint and use him always, in all seasons. We pray that this would be a new beginning for Mike, may your hope arise, and your vision be his guide. May a new rhythm emerge, one that forms a beautiful balance between rest and engagement with life.

And now Lord, we ask for your blessing on Mike. May there be good health, joy in abundance and peace in his heart and mind, from this day forwards and each day that follows.

In Jesus name, Amen.



### EDUCATION MINISTRIES Mike Watson, Principal

### **Happy Father's Day from The Franciscan School!**



As a school, we always appreciate our parents and celebrate the partnership we have with them in the education of their children. We celebrate our fathers today, on Father's Day, and appreciate them for all that they do for our students, as guides, mentors, and all the other roles that fathers have in all of our lives. We also appreciate all that our TFS Dads do for our school...whenever we need help, our TFS parents are always there.

I have been fortunate to be able to work with the fathers at our school for "typical" things that dads are associated with

here. Things like moving furniture, coaching teams, making the Advent Pancake breakfast a culinary delight, as well as participating in school events like the Daddy Daughter Dance! Dads are important people in our lives, and often the impact is not realized in the day to day. Having the chance to reflect each year on this day on all our fathers provide is a welcome opportunity to just say thanks to those who often never ask for more than a hug. Hug your dad today if you can.

So today, as we celebrate the fathers and all the father figures we have in our lives, we give thanks to all that fathers provide. I know you will all take a moment to thank the men in your lives who act as those exemplars and wise givers of advice, wit and instruction. God gave us fathers to be the other half, with our mothers, of the team that provides us with a strong foundation to our lives, as he provided Jesus with St. Joseph to help Mary. Many thanks to all of our TFS Dads for their wisdom, their support, their strength, and their daily presence in our everyday lives.

### **EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

### **Happy Father's Day!**



This day is not only a wonderful chance to honor all of our dads, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, and those who are "father-like" in our lives, but it is a chance to remember the patron saint of fathers, St. Joseph.

While attending my mom's church in upstate NY recently, I admired the statue of St. Joseph holding Jesus as a toddler. Picturing Jesus as the same age as one of my preschoolers, is not something, for whatever reason, that I often do. I think that it might be largely due to the fact that in my upbringing and time at Catholic school, there always seemed to be more emphasis on Jesus as an infant or as the young man who died on a cross. Looking at this statue, however, reminded me a great deal of a scene that

I have watched countless times over the years at preschool. I have witnessed many fathers bring their young ones to preschool, often while carrying them in their arms. This statue seemed to offer a beautiful reminder of how God entrusted His Son to an ordinary man. According to the description in the Bible, we know that Joseph was a "just" man who did his best, like every other father, to love, protect, and provide for his family. I am sure that he had fears, doubts, and uncertainties just like all fathers.

Choosing an "ordinary" man such as Joseph to be the foster father of Jesus was certainly a purposeful design by God. Among many things, it helps serve as a reminder that He is with us in all things.

He wants us to know that He loves us so much that not only did He send His Son to save us, but He did so in a way that would reaffirm our oneness with Him in all things. It helps us to not forget that God, Our Heavenly Father, is with us in everything both divine and earthly. What a special reminder to carry with us on this day set aside for our own fathers, father-in-laws, grandpas, uncles, godfathers and those like fathers in our lives! May God continue to shine His blessings on all of them!

To learn more about our amazing preschool, please visit our website at: preschoolatstfrancis.com or contact Shelley Freeman at <a href="mailto:shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org">shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org</a>.

### JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES



### Help Us Resettle Another Refugee Family in Raleigh

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace

For a number of years, St. Francis Church has partnered with a local refugee resettlement organization, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), to assist in the process of welcoming to Raleigh refugee families from various countries.

For a beautiful glimpse into the work of USCRI, <u>watch this 2 1/2 minute video</u>.

Earlier this year, we helped welcome a family from Afghanistan. We provided key donations for the apartment and helped move in and set up the apartment for the family's arrival to a new "home."

We are beginning the process of getting ready to help another family this summer. We are soliciting donations and a team of people to help with apartment set-up. You can <u>sign-up at this link</u>. This sign-up includes volunteer opportunities and many items that are needed to assist with the resettlement process of individuals or families into their new living quarters. We will be receiving the items that you wish to donate on June 25/26 and July 2/3 in the St. Francis Stewardship Center where we will have large bins.

We are directing all donations of larger items (beds, dining tables and chairs, couches, and lamps) to be made directly to <u>Green Chair Project</u>, an organization in Raleigh that is partnered with USCRI to receive and reuse essential furnishings to help neighbors in need. Green Chair Project will receive the items and then make them available to the families as they are being resettled.

This is a great opportunity to "love our neighbor." If you have an questions, feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:welcomehomesfa@gmail.com">welcomehomesfa@gmail.com</a>, or <a href="mailto:go to our webpage">go to our webpage</a>.



The Franciscan School, established in 2000, provides a learning environment that embraces the Gospel values of the Roman Catholic faith and is rooted in the Franciscan tradition. We have the following position available for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit our website for more details.

### Part-time Music Teacher (24 Hours)

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

### Information Technology Coordinator Full-time. 11 months

The Franciscan School is seeking a talented and collaborative individual to serve as our Information Technology Coordinator. This is a full-time, 11 month teaching and technology coordinator position as a member of the faculty and administrative team. This position provides leadership and technical expertise to the faculty and students, investigating and sharing best practices for the integration of technology in the classroom and STREAM curriculum design. The position will provide training to staff and students on current technology, in addition to assisting with the design of classes using Google Classroom.

This position also provides basic Chromebook repair, manages STREAM materials, helps in curriculum development in collaboration with grade level teachers, and implements acceptable use policy.

Qualified candidates will possess or be able to obtain a NC teaching license, as well has have 3-5 years teaching or related technology instructional experience, with educational coursework in instructional technology, preferably focused on education, instructional design, communication or media. Familiarity with utilization of 3-D printers, green screen and other technology tools is a preferred.

If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging experience for our students, please send a cover letter that includes your educational philosophy and resume by July 1st to: <a href="mailto:dawn.smith@stfrancisra-leigh.org">dawn.smith@stfrancisra-leigh.org</a>

# Serving Homeless Families and Those in Need in Wider Community

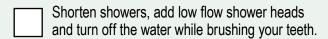
Trevor Thompson. Director of Office of Justice and Peace

St. Francis will be providing meals to homeless families who are in the Wake Country program of Family Promise. Normally these families experiencing homelessness would be sleeping on our campus and having meals the week of 4th of July. Currently, however, because of COVID-19, they are still being temporarily housed in an apartment close to the NC State Campus. Thus, our ministry will only be providing supplies and preparing and delivering meals during the week. Meals will be dropped off for delivery to these families. If you are willing to help with this, you can contact our ministry leader directly at stfa.fp@gmail.com to secure the link for the on-line sign-up.

## Laudato Si' - In action "I ask you in the name of God, to defend Mother Earth"

### How do we respond to the Cry of the Earth?

	Buy a water bottle instead of bottled water and
ш	discourage water bottles at your workplace.



Already checked those boxes? Check our website for next steps.

stfrancisraleigh.org/care for creation To connect with us: stfccreation@gmail.com

Thank J



THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH FR. JAIRO'S GOODBYE PARTY! WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND APPRECIATE YOUR GIFTS GIVEN TO THE PARISH.



### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

By Sharon Winzeler

One neighbor was paying her bills on time until a severe case of Covid in April led to the loss of her job.

Although she made a partial payment on her rent in May, she faced eviction in June unless she could come up with the remainder.

The collaborative efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Societies from St. Francis and Our Lady of Lourdes plus the Friendship Fund at First Presbyterian Church helped her catch up on her bills. Now that she has a new full-time job, she is on her way to paying her bills. The interim help from the agencies helped her keep her home.

SVdP at St. Francis of Assisi provides hope, compassion, referrals, and short-term financial help for families in the area. Most of the cases are the working poor—families who can pay their bills until they get an unexpected situation—a funeral, a car needing service, a sickness. Any of those situations could make them need help with rent or utilities.

How does SVdP operate? Neighbors seeking help are encouraged to call in on the help line at 919-534-4842.

A volunteer from St. Francis of Assisi, called an intake specialist, retrieves the information from the helpline and fills out the initial report.

Next, volunteers communicate with the neighbor and find out more information. The volunteer will discuss options with the neighbor. SVdP has a reliable list of resources for helping neighbors in need. The volunteer will take requests for any funds to the SVdP committee for consideration.

If you like doing web research, there is another volunteer option. SVdP needs a second person to update our list of helping agencies.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organization that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

If you feel like you could volunteer, contact Cathy Smith at <a href="mailto:smithtcr@gmail.com">smithtcr@gmail.com</a>.

### Upcoming At a Glance

#### June 27

End-of-Life Issue Team Allies Meeting Via Zoom (See pg 10)

### July 17 and 19 Eucharistic Miniter Traning

(See pg 5)

### July 23 Women's Ministry Yoga and Breakfast

(See pg 5)

# August 14 Ecumenical Delegation to the US/Mexico Border

Delegates will travel to sister cities on the US-Mexico Border, Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona, USA, with organization Frontera de Cristo. Cost is \$1000 per person, plus airfare. Contact Trevor Thompson, <a href="mailto:trevor.thompson@">trevor.thompson@</a> stfrancisraleigh.org.

#### **September 6: Divorce Care**

The Next Series of Divorce Care will be Sep 6, 2022 – Dec 13, 2022, for more information please contact Bill Morgan at <a href="mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com">dejanuts@yahoo.com</a>.

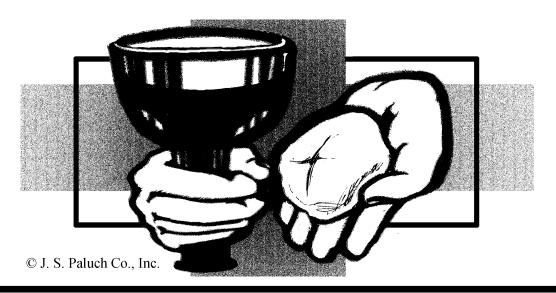
**LGBTQ+ Ministry:** Always Gods Children meetings in June, July, August, and September, AGC will meet the second Sunday of the month, in-person, in the Library, Room 403, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Please join us on June 12th at St. Francis when Joan Monti will be our facilitator. If you want to wear a mask, feel free to do so - knowing that there will be those present who will opt out of wearing one.



# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 19, 2022

[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:26









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