

**August 30, 2020**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

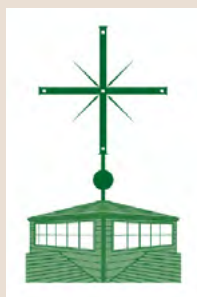
# Friar Farewell



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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.



All Masses, meetings, gatherings, and events are cancelled until further notice.

This includes daily and weekend Masses as well as confessions

We invite you to watch our live online streaming of Sunday, 9:30 am Mass



**The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi**

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This weekend is the last weekend for the friars here at St. Francis, and who would have thought in early March that we

would not have a full church back for this long? We thought the virus would postpone things a few weeks, and it's been nearly six months. It's a changed world. We had planned before the virus for a big farewell with barbecue and sweet tea and a big gathering, but that was not to be.

So here this Sunday it's virtual on screens, looking into a camera, and imagining our usual vibrant and full church, as we prepare to move on to new places. I know I speak for all the friars who have served here throughout the years, and say thank you to you, the people of the parish, who have welcomed us and supported us over the past 30+ years. You carry on the gospel witness of Jesus Christ, which is all St. Francis of Assisi ever wanted to do.

Next weekend Msgr. Michael Clay will be here, along with Fr. Jairo Maldonado, and our parish is in good hands with both of them. Fr. Steve Kluge leaves for Beach Haven, New Jersey today (Sunday) and I will be leaving for New York on Tuesday.

Fr. Steve Kluge's new address will be: Steve Kluge O.F.M., 100 Third St., Beach Haven, NJ 08008. He does not yet know his new email address.

My new address will be: Steve Patti O.F.M., 135 W. 31st St., New York, NY 10001. My email address is [stevenpatti1@yahoo.com](mailto:stevenpatti1@yahoo.com)

Fr. Jim of course will still be living here at St. Francis.

And thank you all, once again, for your kind and gracious welcome to us here over these years. In the words of St. Francis, may the Lord give you peace!

Fr Steve

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

**Brooke Baker**

Daughter of Alex and Kelly Baker

**Samantha Kelley Cianni**

Daughter of Thomas and Kristen Cianni

**Elena James Dickens**

Daughter of Rachael and Kent Dickens

**Dorian Dossou**

Son of Edwin and Ami Dossou

**Lillian Catherine Jordan**

Daughter of John and Marian Jordan

**Elizabeth Ann Krieger**

Daughter of Alex and Joanne Krieger

**Calum Peter McIlwaine**

Son of Peter and Lauren McIlwaine

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

+ **Vincent Pribish**

Husband of Dorothy Pribish



THE CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

## New Cohort for Diaconate Formation

The Diocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is preparing to start the next cohort for the Formation of Permanent Deacons. Practicing Catholic men that are discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate should send an email to [Amy.breindel@raldioc.org](mailto:Amy.breindel@raldioc.org) by Sunday, September 13.

Appointments will be made for those who express an interest to learn more about the Diaconate in the Diocese of Raleigh and have the opportunity to ask questions about the formation process. This is the first step for candidates who are interested in forming the next group of Aspirants to the Diaconate.

You can mail your contribution to us at:

**St Francis Of Assisi**  
11401 Leesville Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613

You give can Online through:



**Faith Direct:**

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/faith-direct/>



**Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199**

**Additional Online Giving Methods:**

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/>



Sign up to attend in-person Mass

**Sunday  
5:30 pm**

Sign up times: Wednesday noon  
through Friday evening.

Visit [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org)

You don't have to go through  
difficult times alone.  
Our Stephen Ministers  
are there to care.  
To find out more talk  
with Kathleen Owen at  
[kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org)



Our community holds all students,  
teachers, counselors, administrators,  
school employees, parents, and  
guardians in prayer as they embark  
on a new school year. May God bless  
you and keep you healthy and safe!

We are excited to continue our  
celebration of Sunday 5:30pm Mass that  
includes public participation for up to 100  
people, including ministers. For more  
information or to sign up for a slot, visit  
our homepage, <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/>. The sign up will be posted at  
12 noon on the Wednesday prior to Mass  
and will close on Friday evening. We ask  
that if you attended Mass the week prior,  
please wait until Friday morning to sign  
up in order to make room for others who  
were unable to attend the week before.  
Thank you!

COMMUNI-TEA  
2ND & 4TH  
MONDAYS  
10:00 AM



### VIRTUAL CAFE

REGISTER TO GET THE ZOOM LINK  
[WWW.STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG/VIRTUAL-CAFE/](http://WWW.STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG/VIRTUAL-CAFE/)



QUARAN-TEA-NI  
2ND AND 4TH  
WEDNESDAYS  
7:00 PM

## Fall Divorce Care - via Zoom

Tuesday September 1 to Tuesday December 15

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

\$20.00 per book

New and past participants please register for this event.  
Note: If you already have a book, there's no extra charge.

Visit <https://bit.ly/325V6tc> to register  
Each week is different, so you can start anytime.  
All are welcome!

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Join us every Sunday for a [livestream  
of the 9:30am Mass](#). Watch it from the  
safety and convenience of your home  
during this time of COVID-19, and check  
out all of the other broadcasts from the  
parish by visiting the [parish website](#).

### Grief Group This Fall

#### SEASONS OF HOPE

A six-week virtual  
series begins  
September 8  
at 10:00am

[kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org)

M. Donna MacLeod

LECTIONARY-BASED  
VIRTUAL  
SMALL GROUP  
OPPORTUNITY

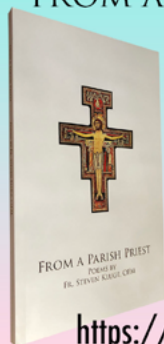
## reflecting on the WORD

FRIDAYS AT 10:00AM

To register visit  
[bit.ly/formation-resources](http://bit.ly/formation-resources)



### "FROM A PARISH PRIEST"



A collection of Fr. Steve K's  
poems, many never having  
been in the bulletin,  
is now available on Amazon.

All profits go to support  
St. Francis of Assisi parish.

<https://bit.ly/stevekpoems>

## VIRTUAL EVENING PRAYER

Monday through Thursday  
7:00pm

FACEBOOK LIVE - STFRANCISRALEIGH

SCRIPTURE, STORIES, AND SONGS  
FOR THE YOUNG  
AND YOUNG AT HEART

## LUNCH BREAK

TUESDAYS AND  
THURSDAYS



# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES



## **NEW! Evening Virtual Bible Study! The Book of Revelation**

Register soon! Only 15 spots are available!



Using the Zoom platform, join longtime St. Francis bible study facilitator, Rich Zemonek, as you revisit a volatile period of history through apocalyptic, symbolic writing. Enter into the struggle between good and evil, hear the call to conversion and experience God's ultimate triumph. Revelation's apocalyptic imagery, symbolic colors and numbers are explored. The evils of the Roman Empire during a specific period of time of persecution are behind much of the apocalyptic imagery. It contains letters to seven churches of Asia Minor (modern Turkey), which urge faithfulness to Christ. Powerful visions of God and the victorious lamb in heaven are unveiled as God and the lamb achieve the ultimate and absolute victory over evil, culminating in a new heaven and a new earth with a new Jerusalem as home to God's holy people.

This study has 8 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 7 lessons. The Study Set includes the Study Guide by Little Rock Scripture Study Staff and the New

Collegeville Bible Commentary, The Book of Revelation, by Catherine A. Cory (Liturgical Press).

Dates/Time: 8 Sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30pm – 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2

Cost: \$30 per person – includes journal, study guide, and course materials. You will be contacted about materials pickup before the study begins.

To register, click the link below or visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-formation/>.

Registration closes on 9/14. The maximum number of participants is 15.

For more information, contact [Jennifer.Fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Jennifer.Fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org).

Click here to register for the Book of Revelation <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/5088>.



# JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace



## SEASON OF CREATION

1 September - 4 October | #SeasonOfCreation

Every year, from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, to October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, churches all over the world are celebrating the Season of Creation. This is a wonderful time for us to pray, learn, reflect, and act in our call to be caretakers of God's creation. This year, our Care of Creation Ministry has put together a wonderful resource for you and your families to enter more deeply this Season of Creation. This resource is a daily reflection guide, each week focused on a particular theme and each day a new activity, learning prompt, and invitation to grow in faith.

The first week, we will begin our Season of Creation with the World Day of Prayer for Creation, joining faithful around the world in prayer. You can access two options of prayers to be used on September 1 in our daily reflection guide.

Our theme for the first week of this season is "Love for Brother Sun," echoing St. Francis of Assisi's famous hymn called "Canticle of Brother Sun." We invite you over the week to consider the great gift that God has given to us in the sun, something we too often take for granted or have a variety of fears about given its propensity to burn and cause droughts. We are embarking on a solar project at St. Francis (see event below), and so we also invite some reflection how we might see the sun and its energy as a profound mystery of God's creation, a brother, an ally, and a resource for better living on our planet.

You can access this daily reflection guide for reading, downloading, and printing at <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/care-of-creation/>.

### Why Solar Energy on a Church?



Join us for this online program on September 15 at 7:30pm that shares the details of St. Francis of Assisi Church's solar project, how this commitment helps our parish live out our mission and values, and ways to take the next step in solar for your church, business, or home.

For this program, we will have several guests, including our solar contractor Scott Alexander from Eagle Solar & Light; and Fr. Pat Cahill, pastor and

Bill Maloney, Solar Project Manager, both from St. Eugene Catholic Church in Asheville, NC, speaking on "Celebrating 5 Years of Solar: Why We Did It and How.

This is an amazing opportunity to move forward in making a difference

in our impact on our environment and getting any of our questions answered. All are welcome, no matter what congregation or faith tradition you belong to.

Sign-up at <http://bit.ly/SFAsolar>, and we will email you a link to Zoom to participate in this program.

For any questions, contact Trevor Thompson, Director of the Office of Justice and Peace, [trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

## Hidden In Plain Sight

*Kathleen Owen, Director of Parish Life*



*Christ caring for people through people*

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

One day last week, I was searching everywhere for a little bell. I needed it for one of my Zoom groups. I was going to be the timekeeper and I thought that bell would be the ideal way to indicate that time was up without being too heavy-handed. I thought I knew right where it was, but when I went to look for it – five minutes before the group started – it was nowhere to be found. I must have made 3-4 tours of the house before I finally found it sitting in plain sight.

Isn't that the way life is? You figure out a plan, you start to execute it and realize that despite your best efforts, your plan didn't anticipate an important piece of information, or something you were counting on isn't available or circumstances have changed and your plan isn't valid anymore. It can derail you and leave you wondering how to move forward.

And the reverse of this is also true. All the things I saw when I was looking for that bell were distractions to the goal of finding the bell. I could have easily gotten distracted and started to straighten up my nightstand, played with the dogs, had a conversation with my husband – all important parts of my day, but not helpful in finding that bell. I had to stay focused and was able to find the bell before the group started.

If you're feeling that your plans are not being successful, if you feel that you're constantly swatting away distractions, if you feel that maybe your focus in life could use some recalibration, please consider getting a Stephen Minister.

Who are Stephen Ministers? They are in plain sight, too. Members of our parish who have trained for more than 50 hours and receives continuing education each month in how to be active listeners. What does that mean? It means listening to how you express yourself in words, in expression, in posture, in emotion. It means offering a non-judgemental hour each week where you can say what you need to say without guilt, fear or response. How does a Stephen Minister help? Sometimes just saying what's on your heart releases the pressure and the burden of carrying that feeling deep inside so no one can see it. Active listening also includes asking probing questions. A Stephen Minister only knows what you tell them. Based on what you tell them, they ask questions that are totally logical to the conversation, but could be odd coming from a friend or family member. After all, a friend or family member might want you to make decisions a certain way and that might not be the best way for you. And Stephen Ministry and Stephen Ministers are confidential. We understand that the trust you place in us requires that the Stephen Ministry relationship be between only you and your minister.

So if you'd like to be able to feel more confident about your plans, more stable when things don't go as anticipated and if you'd like to be able to focus on what's most important, consider getting a Stephen Minister. All you have to do is contact me at 919-847-8205x241 or [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org).



### Join the Band of Sisters on Zoom for a Virtual Knitting Circle.

For three consecutive Tuesdays (9/15, 9/22 and 9/29), we will gather from 7:00 - 8:30 to pray, to reflect and to knit as we weave a spiritual dimension into our craft.

Our goal is simple: to spend time with God, with each other and create scarves to give to those who could use some warmth this winter.

Check out our webpage ( <https://www.bandofsistersraleigh.com/knitting-circle>) for more info about suggested supplies and patterns for all skills levels. While intended for those who already know how to knit, if you are new to knitting, check out YouTube and brush up on casting on and knitting and master these simple basics and come join us!

The donation for all three nights is \$15.00 and you can register at: <https://www.bandofsistersraleigh.com/new-events>.

### September Collection Schedule

September 6	Weekly
September 6	Mortgage Sunday
September 13	Weekly
September 13	Support for Catholic Education
September 20	Weekly
September 27	Weekly



## EDUCATION MINISTRIES

# A Franciscan Farewell

Mike Watson, Principal



Last week The Franciscan School welcomed back over 600 students to the new academic year. Although the look and feel of the school community is different this year, families and staff are excited to be back on campus and learning together once again.

This week we begin the process of saying goodbye to our Franciscan Friars. Our friars have been a welcome and endearing presence at our school for the past 21 years. The Franciscan School is the only school that the Franciscans have ever created. Over the years, they have supported the growth and mission of the school, and the mission of the Friars has also seamlessly been embedded in the core values of the school. Faith and service are two tenets that the Franciscans

live daily, and they are values in which the school works to teach each and every student. The influence of the Friars is present and evident everywhere you look within the school community.

Just this week, our friars were present and assisting our students and faculty to begin a new school year. Father Steve Patti and Father Steve Kluge were helping with the carpool tasks, even taking temperatures for our new entry protocol! Father Jim coordinated our Student Council to lead the school community in our traditional morning prayer...virtually! Although Father Jim will remain in the

Diocese, and remain a presence at the school, it will be sad to see Father Patti and Father Kluge leave this week and head off to their new assignments.

We remain committed to the Franciscan charism of our school, in partnership with our new Pastor, Msg. Michael Clay, and Father Jairo. As we commemorate the official departure of Holy Name Province with appreciation for all the friars have established here, we look forward to the hope that a new school year brings for The Franciscan School.

If you have an interest in learning more about The Franciscan School, please visit our website at [www.franciscanschool.org](http://www.franciscanschool.org) or contact Principal Mike Watson at [mike.watson@franciscanschool.org](mailto:mike.watson@franciscanschool.org).



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis of Assisi Preschool

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16



For the past several years, the preschool has tried to adopt a theme to use during the school year. The themes are meant to emphasize the goodness that Christ calls us to have for others in words and deeds. Closely related to being a faithful member of God's family, these themes are also intended to reflect the social and emotional teachings that we continually highlight at preschool. Some of these include learning how to be kind, how to serve, and how to have respect for everything that God has created.

This year we have chosen the theme: "Be a Light". It seems particularly fitting during this time of COVID when we all could use an extra smile from those around us. I also think, however, that the broader interpretation is important to keep in mind. As Catholics, we believe that we are called by God to be daily

examples of His message. That is, we are to offer a helping hand, care for others, and love our neighbors. We are to be mindful of all that has been given to us from Him and all that we should share with those who are less fortunate. In this way, we are 'lights' for others.

With our students being back this week, I feel like they have brought their own special brightness to us as well. Not only is our preschool again filled with joyous noise and laughter, but we are privileged to the sights of big smiles, curious faces, and enthusiastic learning everywhere! Despite what is going on in the world around them, our students have an inner radiance that has not dimmed. They still reflect the light and beauty of God's creation. Surely God has meant for them to offer brightness to us to help us continue

to see His goodness! How blessed we are to have His light continue to shine through them!

Finally, although we are saying goodbye to Fr. Steve Patti and Fr. Steve Kluge this weekend, we should not look at this as a light being extinguished, but rather as an opportunity to carry on the light that they and the other Franciscan friars who have served amongst us have brought. Let us take an example from our preschool children and pass the joy of this light on to the new pastoral leadership. May we be reminded of how to keep spreading the light to all, both new and familiar, within our community and beyond.

To learn more about the wonderful opportunities that we provide, please visit our website at [www.preschoolatstfrancis.com](http://www.preschoolatstfrancis.com) or contact Shelley Freeman at: [shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org)



# This Week and Next

## Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### Fall Divorce Care – via Zoom

Tuesday, September 1 to Tuesday December 15, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, \$20.00 per book. We do ask that everyone (new and past participants) register for this event. Note: If you already have a book, there's no extra charge. To register, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/4555>. Each week is different, so you can start anytime. All are welcome!

## Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

### Free Job Connections Zoom meeting

Job Connections will host a Job Networking call via Zoom every Monday at 4:00pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82682099189>  
pwd=K2RXbUpDV0RySEZuRy9zYnF6M2tZZz09. Join us and get the help you need to make a new start!

## Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Oct 6, 13

### Seasons of Hope

A six-week series that offers hope through the grief of losing a loved one. We will gather virtually beginning Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00am. Each meeting will last between 60 to 90 minutes. Registration fee is \$10 per person and includes a participant journal. The group offers a safe place to share your own journey with grief and to learn from others. We learn to let others into our struggle and to enter gently into theirs, to take strength and to give it. After registering, you will receive a link for the weekly virtual meetings. Visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/4882> to register.

## Sept. 2 & 16

### The Faith and Science Forum

Did you know that St. Francis parish has a group which discusses the joy and wonder of creation?

The Faith and Science Forum explores our natural world in multiple ways:

- Rationally: by discussing how faith and science are not logically in conflict.
- Experientially: through the awe of natural wonders and scientific discoveries.

- Spiritually: as expressed in Pope Francis' Laudato Si that the mystery of nature itself reveals the divine, that the Spirit is active in all matter, that each creature has its own purpose, and that the universe unfolds in God who fills it completely.

This group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 1:00 to 2:30pm via Zoom to share information by discussing books, to ask questions, and to support one another in our mutual discovery and appreciation of our common home where Spirit illumines all things. If you are interested, please contact Ron Monti at (919) 841-0807 / [montiron@aol.com](mailto:montiron@aol.com) or Tracy Hurley at 828-773-3152, [danandtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracy@hotmail.com).

## Sept 9, 23

### Quaran-TEA-NI

Join our Virtual Cafe' and share an hour just passing the time, no structure, no format, just random bumping into each other like we used to do before Mass. Join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm for a little light conversation, hopefully a few laughs and maybe some creative ideas to get you through the next week. Points may be awarded for the best Quaran-do or the best Quaran-tee shirt. Come enjoy some relaxing social time. To register, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/virtual-cafe/>.

## Sept 14, 28

### Communi-TEA

Our Virtual Cafe' and share an hour just passing the time, no structure, no format, just random bumping into each other like we used to do before Mass. Join us the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10:00 am for a little light conversation, hopefully a few laughs and maybe some creative ideas to get you through the next week. Points may be awarded for the best Quaran-do or the best Quaran-tee shirt. Come enjoy some relaxing social time. To register visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/virtual-cafe/>.

## Sept 21

### Cancer Companions,

Kathleen Owen – 919-847-8205x241  
Join us this fall, Parish Life is offering a cancer support group. We will meet virtually. We'll be using a 9 week program called Cancer Companions. Starting Monday, September 21 at 7:00pm for our virtual Cancer Companions Ministry. We'll meet some new people, we'll share our stories. There will be tears, but there will also be laughter...healing laughter, and you will not be alone on this journey. For more information go to <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/cancer-companions/>. To Register visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/5083>.

### Caring Casseroles & Feed the Need:

Please note the following when dropping off your meal.

- Both Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles should be dropped off at the Community Center, the middle door which opens into Cupertino Room. The middle door will be unlocked between 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday-Friday.
- The doors to the rest of the Assisi Community Center will remain locked.
- There is one refrigerator for Feed the Need and one for Caring Casseroles. They are labelled accordingly.
- Please do not put anything in the freezer. We use both freezers for short term storage of meals for families.
- Remember to label each meal including the ingredients. We have some families with food allergies and you can help us keep them safe by just including the ingredients for each meal for both Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles.
- If you have any questions or would like to join this wonderful ministry, contact me at 919-847-8205x241 or email me at [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org).

Thank you so much for continuing to cook delicious, nutritious meals that benefit members of our St. Francis community who are in need.

## Group Opportunities

All In-Person Masses, meetings, gatherings, and events are cancelled until further notice. This includes daily and weekend Masses as well as confessions. Please contact ministry leader for virtual or online opportunities.

**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: The monthly support group meeting for LGBTQ+ people and family and friends. To receive an invite to the online meeting, email Chuck Small at chuck.smallsfa@gmail.com. Next online meeting is Sunday, October 4.

**Adult Open Play Nights:** Assisi Community Center Gym. Visit <http://stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-open-play> to contact the ministry leaders for each of our adult open play nights.

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group:** The first Wednesday of the month, 1:00-3:00pm and the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00-9:00pm, in the Padua Room of Assisi Community Center. Linda Tucker, ltucker40@nc.rr.com, 937-478-9537.

**Centering Prayer:** Thursdays, 9:35am or 7:30pm in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel.

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

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

**Divorce Care:** Divorce Care: sessions will resume Tuesday September 1, 7:00 – 9:00pm in the Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center. For more information contact Bill Morgan at [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com) or visit <https://www.divorcecare.org/about>.

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

**GriefShare**  
Contact Kathleen Owen at [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Job Connections:** We provide tools and advice on how to stay motivated and on target. To enroll, contact Mary Horner at [sfa.jcm@gmail.com](mailto:sfa.jcm@gmail.com).

**Men's Ministry:** Breakfast, Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center. Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mensministry/> for details.

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

**Peace Pole Prayer:** Join us after the 9:30am 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, St. Mary of the Angels Chapel.

**50+ Adults Group:** Monthly potluck luncheons throughout the year and monthly game days, September through May in Clare Fellowship Hall. Contact Angela Azzopardi, 919-848-1347.

**Women's Ministry:**  
- Tue Evenings with Anna Fowler – [annafowler@nc.rr.com](mailto:annafowler@nc.rr.com)  
- Friday Morning with Celesta Carlson – [ccarlson210@gmail.com](mailto:ccarlson210@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### To all our volunteers:

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

### Caring Connections Ministry

If you'd like to get to know more members of our community, consider joining our Caring Connections Ministry. Sign up to make check in calls to parishioners, send birthday cards or deliver meals. Also, if you would like to receive care, just let us know how to help. To sign up, please visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### 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/>

### Making a Call

The Parish Life staff is calling parishioners to make sure they are safe and aware of several ministry opportunities during the COVID-19 crisis. If you haven't gotten your call, stay tuned. If you need help or want to offer help, check out our link at <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

We will match up needs with offers of help. Currently, it seems most folks are handling the daily changes well, but that may change over the coming weeks. Please reach out if you need to talk, need some help or just want to hear a cheerful voice! St. Francis of Assisi is here for our parishioners.

### Thank you!

All of our Parish Life Ministries and the Community Center would like to thank you for serving the St. Francis Community. At this time all other volunteer opportunities are suspended until it is safe for us to come together again. Please check your weekly bulletin for updates. Stay well.

### Offer Care / Receive Care

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# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
August 30, 2020

## The Salvation He Offers

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Once Peter is called “the rock” for his faith, he turns and dissuades Jesus from the cross. Jesus responds sternly: “Get behind me, Satan!”

Jesus reveals two important things here. First, that Satan exists. Satan is very interested in going unnoticed, yet Jesus calls him out and makes Peter (and us) aware. The Bible is full of references to the devil. Popular culture also has focused on evil spirits—fascinated as it is with the occult, vampires, and the like. It seems to bear evil out more (and profit more from it) than some Catholics in the pews!

The second truth is that Satan

can influence our thinking. I’m not referring to diabolical possession, which is a reality, but the more common temptations to lower our aspirations and to conform our thinking to a faithless perspective.

The painting *Satan Before the Lord* by Corrado Giaquinto, which depicts Satan asking and receiving permission to tempt Job, focuses on this reality of evil. Satan knows our hearts and finds just the right strategy to lead us away from God. It usually involves one of the vices (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, or pride). Just like when Satan tempts Peter, he wants us to reject the demands of the cross, for he knows the cross is the instrument of his demise.

When God permits temptations to assail us or the effects of evil to touch our lives, we should respond humbly, as Job and Peter did. If God permits evil, it is only because he trusts us to love him sincerely—not just for the blessings he sends, but because of the salvation he offers. +

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### Sunday Readings

#### Jeremiah 20:7–9

All day long I am an object of laughter; / everyone mocks me.

#### Romans 12:1–2

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.

#### Matthew 16:21–27

[Jesus said,] “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

### A Word from Pope Francis

Homes for the elderly... should be the “sanctuaries” of humanity where one who is old and weak is cared for and protected....It is so good to go visit an elderly person! Look at our children: sometimes we see them listless and sad; they go visit an elderly person and become joyful!

Meeting with the elderly,  
September 28, 2014



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- How are you tempted by the enemy of your soul?
- Are you ever convinced you aren’t being tempted at all?

## Full Time Teacher – Grade 5

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If you are interested, please send a cover letter, that includes your educational philosophy, and resume to: [tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org).

# Service: Our Path to Joy

By Bishop Robert F. Morneau

Jesus taught by word and deed. In his Sermon on the Mount he delivers words that point to the path of happiness. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the peacemakers, those who hunger and thirst for justice, the merciful. The Beatitudes sketch out in exquisite detail the Christian map for happiness.

In the Gospel of John we are given a humble, simple, hospitable deed of washing feet. After he is finished, Jesus—knowing that the disciples lacked full understanding—urges them into action: “Blessed are you if you do it” [washing of feet and Jesus’ other teachings] (13:17b).

We have here a highly pragmatic path to happiness. In doing the loving thing and reaching out to others in service, we participate in the inner life of Jesus. By doing what Jesus did, we enter into a blessed way of life.

Conventional wisdom finds this absurd. The cultural messages we get would have us believe that happiness lies in “doing it my way.” We’re often told, “You only go around once, so grab as much as you can get,” and, “The one who dies with the most toys wins.” Biblical wisdom proclaims that blessedness lies in surrendering to God’s will, in service to others, in washing another’s feet.

How do we do this? We wash one another’s feet by stopping to help a



stranded motorist or holding the hand of a dying person. We wash one another’s feet when we attempt to change unjust systems, when we strive to end world hunger, when social justice and the gospel become our priority. The happiness and blessedness that Jesus proposes is not living

well, feeling good, or staying in our comfort zones. This gospel living is risky business.

## Missing the Point

It is consoling to see that the disciples often struggled to understand what Jesus was about. Peter saw suffering as inappropriate to Jesus’ life. James and John would have God send down fire upon an inhospitable Samaritan town. Thomas didn’t believe reports that Jesus had risen. We should not be surprised if we, too, find it difficult to equate blessedness with a life of service. Every day we should pray for two things: the knowledge to understand Jesus’ teaching, and the courage to put it into action.

If we are to become disciples, we can’t just give a portion of our time, talent, and treasure to God. The cost of discipleship involves the giving of self. Since we are made in the likeness of a self-giving God, our vocation is to strive in grace to image the God who made us.

One simple, concrete expression of this self-giving love that leads to blessedness is the washing of feet. It is a symbol of a large reality, God’s kingdom: being totally for others, whatever their needs. In serving one another, we serve the Lord and become like Jesus.

## Bountiful Byproducts

Those who serve as Jesus did experience an indescribable joy because through that service—be it the washing of feet, the giving of a cup of cold water, a word of affection—we are bonded to Christ and the community. In that bonding lies happiness, and from it flows two byproducts: joy and peace.

**Concluding prayer:** Lord, sometimes we just don’t get it. Help us to understand that by caring for others we further your kingdom. Do not let us pursue a false blessedness through a life of self-seeking. Rather, draw us into your life and ministry. Therein we will do your will and know your peace. +



**Lord, your resurrection conquered sin and death. Give me the strength to overcome pride so I can become a humble servant of your love and peace.**

*From Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney*

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 31–September 5

**Monday, Weekday:**  
1 Cor 2:1–5 / Lk 4:16–30

**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
1 Cor 2:10b–16 / Lk 4:31–37

**Wednesday, Weekday:**  
1 Cor 3:1–9 / Lk 4:38–44

**Thursday, St. Gregory the Great:**  
1 Cor 3:18–23 / Lk 5:1–11

**Friday, Weekday:**  
1 Cor 4:1–5 / Lk 5:33–39

**Saturday, Weekday:**  
1 Cor 4:6b–15 / Lk 6:1–5

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