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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

Called to Serve with Generous Hearts

The Bishop's Annual Appeal reminds us that we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Your contribution supports charitable ministries that care for the poor, the elderly, the sick, and the marginalized. Through your generosity, the Church can respond with compassion and provide real assistance to those who rely on our help. If you have not yet made your pledge to the 2026 Appeal, we ask you to prayerfully consider doing so this week. [Click here to contribute to the BAA.](#)

St. Vincent de Paul Thanks You for 10 Amazing Years!



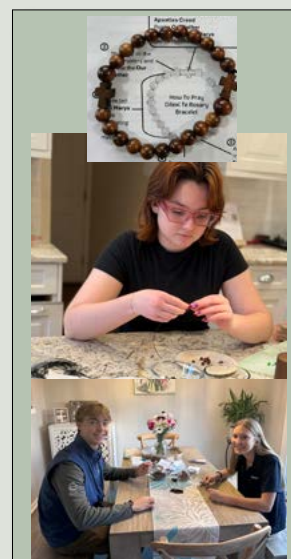
This month the St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference here at St. Francis is celebrating 10 amazing years of service to neighbors in our community who are experiencing economic hardship. As we celebrate this decade of service, we give special thanks to you! Thank you for your prayers, your kindness and your generosity over the years!

The SVdP ministry focuses on helping individuals and families weather short-term financial crises by assisting with essentials such as rent or utility bills and offering support

at moments when one unexpected setback could threaten their stability, indeed their livelihood and home. In 10 years, we have assisted over 2000 people. We have provided almost \$400,000 in assistance and this assistance helped to avert over 550 potential evictions and to avoid over 240 shut-offs of utilities. And sadly the amount of assistance needed has increased nearly every year due to the rising cost of rent, increased food costs, and other impacts on a family budget. [More...](#)

[Join us! Please click here for more information and to donate and volunteer.](#)

[Find out more specifics regarding the SVdP financial commitment over the years.](#)



300 Dilexi Te Rosary Bracelets were assembled by parishioners for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of St Vincent de Paul.

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." Matthew 25

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Join us for a Franciscan Day of Reflection *Registration Closes Monday* with Friar Julio Alberto Martínez, OFM Conv. Saturday, February 28, 9:00am-2:30pm.

Fr. Julio's presentation, "The Peaceful Restlessness of Francis for a Restless Age," explores the question: Can inner peace coexist with restlessness? Drawing from the life of St. Francis, this reflection examines how what may appear to be opposing forces can generate creative and life-giving energy. Participants are invited to explore how these insights can offer guidance and inspiration for navigating our own restless age. FEE \$15 includes morning hospitality and lunch. [Register on Realm.](#) Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.



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Pastor



Fr. James Singarayar, HGN
Parochial Vicar



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Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

February 21/22 CPO Food Donations Needed!

Bring nonperishable food items, or a monetary donation, to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) truck before and after weekend Masses. Contact Anne Marie Summers, summers51984@gmail.com.

Feb. 21/22 - Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Volunteers Needed

Volunteers Needed Two ways to help (1) distribute bags after Mass on weekend of Feb. 7/8 or (2) Collect donated items/load truck weekends of Feb. 14/15 & 21/22. See links for details.

[Bag Distribution Volunteer Sign-Up / Donation Collection Volunteer Sign-Up](#). Contact Anne-Marie Summers, summers51984@gmail.com.

February 22 - Altar Server Training

1:00-2:00pm. Altar Servers assist the priest in the preparation of the altar, the prayers spoken by the priest, and any other items necessary to conduct the liturgy. Requirements: Rising 5th graders through High School, must be trained at St. Francis of Assisi. Contact Shannon Hoffman, shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

February 22 - Holy Hour for Peace

2:00-3:00pm. In January, the Holy Hour for Peace was initiated by the U.S. Bishops as a response to recent violent incidents, emphasizing the need for national healing amid a climate of fear and division. Come join us in the Church for an hour of prayer. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire, maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

February 23 - ICE in the Neighborhood: Rights and Responsibilities

7:00-8:30pm. Help lower the temperature and rebuild trust by joining a friendly online discussion among folks with a wide range of views. For info contact Doug James, depolarizeSFA@gmail.com. If events like this interest you, join the Civil Discourse mailing list on Realm.

February 23 - Need a learning activity for Lent?

Why not read 3 paragraphs a day from Pope Leo's inspiring exhortation, [Dilexi Te "On Love of the Poor"](#). In it, he says the holiness of St. Francis "sprang from the conviction that Christ can only be truly received by giving oneself generously to one's brothers and sisters (64). Contact Mary Ellen McGuire, maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

February 25 - Evening Prayer

6:30-7:00pm. Join us on Wednesday nights during Lent for a peaceful time of prayer in the church. This sacred time of reflection and worship offers an opportunity to deepen your faith and prepare your heart for Easter. All are welcome to come and pray together during this Lenten season. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

February 25 - 50+ Adult Group Potluck 11:30am

Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. If last name starts with, then bring: A thru D = Salad/Side Dish, / E thru L = Dessert/Bread, . M thru Z = Main Dish. Coffee, soda, and water will be provided. We will be collecting Children's books to donate to Catholic Parish Outreach at potluck. Contact Pat Spencer spencer1334@bellsouth.net.

February 28 - Franciscan Day of Reflection

See page 1 With Friar Julio Alberto Martínez, OFM Conv.
Volunteer Opportunities: Serve Lunch at the Franciscan Day of Reflection and Clean up We are seeking volunteers to help serve lunch at the Franciscan Day of Reflection and assist with room breakdown afterward. Two time slots are available. This is a great opportunity for teens and adults to earn service hours while supporting our parish community and welcoming our guests. [Click here to signup](#). Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Sunday March 1 - Preschool International Festival

10:00am-12:00pm. Join the Preschool for Our Annual International Festival! in Fellowship Hall. Experience the rich cultures of our parish family with food, crafts, music, and performances. [Click here to register](#). Contact [Shelley Freeman](mailto:Shelley.Freeman).

March 3 - Mass, Rally, March, and Summit for Life 10:00am-2:30pm.

The NC Right to Life Rally and March for Life is Saturday, March 7, 10:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, 12:30 rally at Halifax Mall in downtown Raleigh. Food trucks will be available beginning at noon. Contact Deacon Josh Klickman.

March 4 - May 13 Women's Ministry Bible Study: Jesus - The Way, the Truth and the Life

10:00am-12:00pm Make Jesus the center of your life this Lent with Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and the Life, a 10-week program with the Wednesday women's Bible study group. We will meet at 10:00am to noon, March 4-May 13, in the Padua Room. [Registration](#). Contact Heather Thorstensen, heather.thorst@gmail.com.

March 4 - Lenten Penance Service 7:00-8:00pm.

All are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. There will be multiple priests available for individual confession. Contact Shannon Hoffman, shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

March 4 - Women's Reflection

Wednesday at St. Andrew the Apostle in Apex. We invite you to join us and feel free to bring a friend. You may RSVP to me or thru the ways indicated on the invitation. Contact Kelley Karpinski, kelly.karpinski@raldioc.org.

CARE FOR CREATION AND THE POOR THIS LENT

PRAYER

Grow closer to Christ
Pray your devotion of choice or join us online for novenas and a weekday 9:00 PM rosary.

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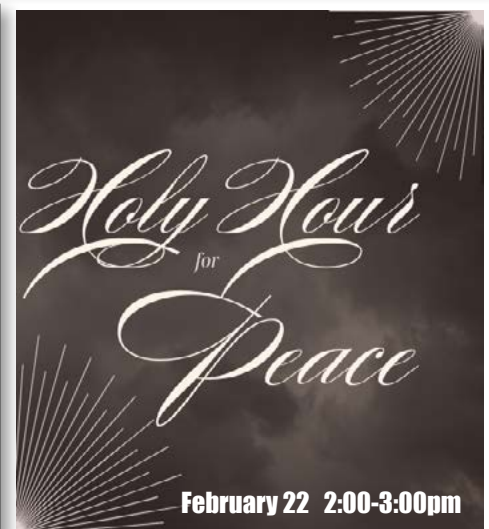
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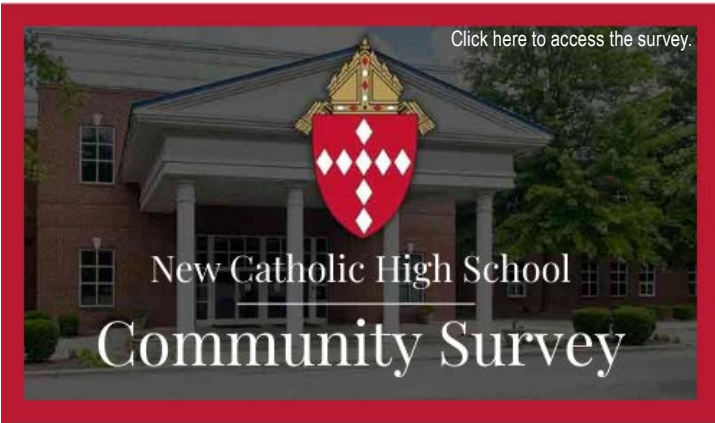
Dig wells in African parishes
Over the last 2 years, we have provided an estimated 1300 people with clean water in African Catholic parishes.

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Come to Lent with a Plan
Founded by two St. Francis parishioners —nationwide in reach, homegrown in spirit.
Join at www.greenerlent.org



February 22 2:00-3:00pm



The Diocese of Raleigh, in partnership with Cardinal Gibbons High School, will open a new Catholic high school on the Cary-Raleigh border in fall 2028.

Launching with 100–125 freshmen and growing to 400–500 students, the school will be grounded in a strong Catholic identity and offer a rigorous college-preparatory experience, strong athletics, thriving visual and performing arts, and a deep commitment to service and outreach. The school’s name and mission will be announced in late spring/early summer.

This school is being built for our community — and with our community. Share your ideas, hopes, questions, and priorities by completing the community survey today. Your input will help shape the foundation of this new school!

[Survey Link](#)

March 6 - Stations | Lenten Potluck | Album Launch Celebration with Jim Wahl Friday, March 6 | 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Join us for **Stations of the Cross at 6pm** in the church and a special Lenten potluck dinner at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall, followed by a lively, all-ages concert at 7:00pm with Jim Wahl celebrating the launch of his new album, Good Dirt. Bring a meatless dish to share and enjoy an evening of food, music, and community. [Register on Realm](#)

March 12 - Time, Talent and Treasure 10:00am-12:00pm. In the Padua Room of the Community Center. This presentation invites participants to explore work and financial decisions through a fresh and meaningful lens of stewardship. Contact Charles Marciano charles.marciano@yahoo.com.

March 15 - Service Sunday: Reentry Simulation 1:00-4:40pm. Learn about the challenges faced by individuals transitioning from incarceration back into society. We will role-play as social services workers (such as the courthouse, employment office, bank, medical clinic, etc.) and individuals transitioning from incarceration back into society and simulate the first month after release from prison. Ages 16+. Contact Casey Slock, casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org. [Register here](#).



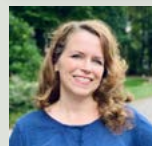
The Renewal of Easter Friendship

“It is with the same greeting that, on the evening of Easter, the Risen Lord addressed his disciples, afraid and locked in the Upper Room: ‘Peace be with you,’ that I greet you today. It is not a formula of courtesy, but the certain proclamation of Christ’s victory over death,” – this is how Pope Leo XIV greeted the Ministers General and opened the Conference of the Franciscan Family on January 10th of 2026. It is with this spirit of peace, and the necessary renewal found in all peace, as conflicts resolve and friendships are reborn, that we find ourselves during this Lenten Season. [More](#)



Ministry Spotlight: Secular Franciscans

Perhaps you’ve heard of the “Secular Franciscans” at St. Francis, and thought, “I wonder what that is? Are they some sort of friar?” Secular Franciscans are ‘secular’, meaning not bound by the full monastic rule of the Franciscans, but are those called to live the Gospel in their daily lives through prayer, contemplation, fraternity, and active service in the world. While not fully committed to adherence to the Rule as brothers and friars, the Secular Franciscan Padre Pio Fraternity at St. Francis is a community of laymen and women who truly do belong to... [More](#)



Are you New to St. Francis? We warmly welcome you to our community! If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please don’t hesitate to reach out to [Stacey Shine](#). We look forward to connecting with you and helping you feel right at home.

Lunch provided

Service Sunday

[Click here to register](#)

Post Incarceration Reentry Simulation

Come role-play as a social services worker (such as the courthouse, employment office, bank, medical clinic, etc.) or a person transitioning from incarceration back into society. This engaging and thought provoking simulation will represent the first month after release from prison, during which participants will try to meet their required needs by navigating the system of social supportive services. This will help us better understand the barriers for people who have "paid their debt to society" and their risk of poverty so we can more effectively support and advocate for their needs.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1:00-4:45

REGISTRATION ON REALM REQUIRED

ADULTS & TEENS 16+



March 22 - Pet Adoption & Foster Event

The office of Justice and Peace is sponsoring our first pet adoption day on Sunday March 22 from 10-12. We also hope to give table space to parishioners who own pet-related businesses. Please let Mary Ellen McGuire know if you would like a table by Feb. 20. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire, maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

[Pet Adoption Event 9:30am-12:00pm](#)

[Set Up 8:30-10:00am](#)

[Take Down Pet Adoption 11:30am-1:00pm](#)



March 22 - Volunteers for Pet Adoption Day

We will be having our first ever pet adoption day and need a few volunteers to greet our furry friends! Families welcome. [Register here](#). Contact Mary Ellen McGuire, maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

The St Francis Inn Philadelphia Ministry trips for 2026

April 13 - 17 - Open

Oct 19 - 23 - Open

Join a delegation to serve the Kensington community of Philadelphia, providing aid in the form of food, clothing, and so much more to anyone in need. Contact Diana Melo, Melo.diana@gmail.com.

Through May 28 - Virtual Book Study - Palace of Nowhere 1:00-

2:30pm. The Palace of Nowhere invites readers into Thomas Merton's exploration of the false self and the freedom found in letting it fall away. Through clear, accessible wisdom, Jim Finley—Merton's former student—shows how releasing illusion opens us to grace, humility, and genuine transformation grounded in God's presence. [Register here](#). Contact Stephen Andrews, stephenwandrews@outlook.com.

August 1-10 - Sister Parish in Guatemala

It is time for us to solidify a delegation to visit our sister parish in Las Margaritas II in Guatemala! Please reach out to Mary Ellen McGuire at maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.



Dates for Lent Dinners, Stations, Evening Prayer, and Service Sundays

Stations of the Cross | Friday Nights | Main Church | 6:00pm

February 20 - Family Focused

February 27

March 6 - Family Focused

March 13

March 20

March 27 - Family Focused

Lenten Potluck Dinners | Friday Nights | Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm

February 20 - [Register Here](#)

March 6 - Register Here

March 27 -Registration to come | Jacoba

Evening Prayer | Wednesday Nights | Main Church | 6:30pm

February 25

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

Service Sundays | Fellowship Hall

March 15 at 1pm-3pm - Information to come

March 15 Post-Incarceration Re-entry Simulation 1:30-4:30

March 22 at 10am-11:30am - Information to come

March 22 Pet Adoption Event 10-12.

Lenten Penance Services

Monday, February 23rd at 7pm
Holy Infant, Durham

Tuesday, March 17th at 10:30am
St. Bernadette's, Fuquay Varina

Thursday, February 26th at 7pm
St. Mary Magdalene, Apex

Wednesday, March 18th at 11am
Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh NC

Tuesday, March 3rd at 7pm
St. Bernadette's, Fuquay Varina

Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisburg

**Wednesday, March 4th at 7pm
St. Francis of Assisi, Raleigh**

Thursday, March 19th at 10am
St. Michael the Archangel, Cary

Thursday, March 5th at 7pm
St. Matthew, Durham

Monday, March 23rd at 6:30pm
St. Ann, Clayton

Friday, March 6th at 7pm
Our Lady of La Vang, Raleigh

Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm
St. Catherine of Siena,
Wake Forest


Wednesday, March 11th at 10am
St. Catherine of Siena,
Wake Forest

Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm
St. Raphael the Archangel, Raleigh

Wednesday, March 11th at 7pm
St. Luke's, Raleigh

Thursday, March 26th at 7pm
Holy Name of Jesus, Raleigh

Thursday, March 12th at 7pm
St. Michael the Archangel, Cary

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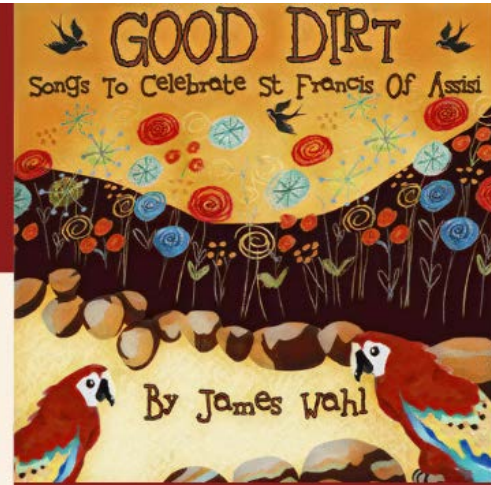
Congratulations!

Ken and Debbie Spence

60 Years of Marriage



Ken and Debbie Spence celebrated 60 years of marriage last week as they renewed their vows during morning Mass at the Chapel



Join us for a lively, all-ages concert with Jim Wahl celebrating the launch of his new album, *Good Dirt*.

Friday, March 6th at 7pm

MUSIC CONCERT

Fellowship Hall

Potluck Dinner at 6:30pm - Bring a meatless dish to share!



GRIEF'S JOURNEY

Coping with the loss of a Loved One

Feb 17-March 31 | Register in Realm

Dina.DaRe@stfrancisraleigh.org



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DURING LENT

6:30pm - 7:00pm

Starting February 25
Main Church



FORMATION SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 3

1st Confirmation Retreat February 14



Spring groups forming now.

Just Action!

How to Advocate and Mobilize for Justice




Just Action! How to Advocate and Mobilize for Justice
Groups registering now, Program March-April

Do you want to take action for faith-filled justice and unsure how to get started? Are you already taking action for justice and want to be more effective? Learn how to stand in solidarity with those affected by the issue, mobilize others for action, and advocate effectively for lasting change. Contact Casey Slock, casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Just Action! Advocate for Justice - Tuesdays 12-2pm, virtual:

Just Action! Advocate for Justice- Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm, in-person:



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- June 15-19
- June 22-26
- July 6-10
- July 13-17
- July 20-24

For more information & to Register:
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

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How would your consumption habits change if the garbage truck only came once a month?

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/care-for-creation/>

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Interact with fellow parishioners - set up your profile page, share interests, hobbies, books, music, events, pictures, post blogs, free stuff, meet new people. There is no cost to join. Must be 18+
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