

AUGUST 21, 2016

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Minds Transforming Hearts

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Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am
9:30am
11:30am
5:30pm

Daily Mass:

Monday – Friday: 9:00am
St. Mary of the Angels Chapel



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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A quote I read recently in the journal "Image" (www.imagejournal.org) has stayed with me: "We have lost the ability to imagine the lives of others." The quote is taken from an interview about the state of public discourse in our culture. I share with you below some words from one of the teenagers who spent a week in Guatemala this summer as part of our "Summer of

Mission" at St. Francis. This teen's words reveal that getting outside of our comfort zone can help us to "imagine the lives of others." When we are able to do that, God's grace can do remarkable things in our lives:

"The trip was an amazing experience for me. It was my first time out of the country and it was absolutely life changing. The sights we saw were breathtaking but more importantly the people were all so loving. When we arrived in Las Margaritas II, I immediately felt as if I was meant to be there. My host family treated me like they had known me for years. I went to Guatemala speaking no Spanish at all and was still able to communicate with my host family through love and laughter. My biggest worry about the trip was how the language barrier would affect my experience but it was no trouble at all. The Sister Parish staff was also very helpful with translating. This was the greatest week of my life and I will never forget all the amazing people I met on this trip. I think more people should visit the village and get out of their comfort zone a little. Romans 15:7 says "Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God."

Over the past few weeks, a small group of people has been meeting at the Peace Pole after the 9:30 Sunday mass to pray for peace. Anyone is invited to join. Many thanks to Adam McCarthy for speaking at all masses last weekend about our finances. Copies of our annual report are still available, and as always, if you have questions about our finances, please contact Rob Neppel, our Director of Finance and Planning.

Blessings on your week!

Fr Steve

Download the parish map



www.stfrancisraleigh.org/maps

Our vibrant ministries and liturgies are, thanks to all of you, helping us to live our mission each day.

New to the parish?

Contact Toni Hammes at toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Looking to get involved?

Contact Tresa Pickup at tresa.pickup@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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

Madison Loebach

Daughter of Jaime and Amanda Loebach

Connor Glenn Newbern

Garin Nicholas Newbern

Children of Brian and Suzanne Newbern

Conor James Roden

Son of Matthew and Katherine Roden

Amaryllis Jean Visakowitz

Daughter of Scott and Robyn Visakowitz

THROUGH MARRIAGE MAY THEIR LIVES ALWAYS BEAR WITNESS TO CHRIST'S LOVE:

Yvonne Weledji, daughter of Joseph and Celine Weledji

and **Ngale Mongoh**, son of Oscar and Bernadette Ndira-Mongoh

Julia Buckner, daughter of William Buckner and Kathleen Hayden

and **Josh Lanier**, son of Benjamin Lanier and Deborah Faraone

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

+ Manuel Rueda

Brother of Gabriela Powell

Please do not leave unsolicited items such as clothing, food, electronics, or any other items in our buildings or on our campus. Thank you!

MAKE US YOUR MERCY

The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi Celebrates the Jubilee Year



As part of our “Summer of Mission and Mercy,” five parishioners took time out of their summer last month to journey to Guatemala to bring good tidings to our “sister parish” in a remote village called Las Margaritas II. This special linkage was formed with the village in 1993 and since then, representatives of our parish have been traveling there to live, work, pray, and play with this community. Although the purpose of our relationship with Las Margaritas II is not to provide relief but to open our minds and transform our hearts through the experience of cultural immersion and solidarity, this particular visit by parishioners Liz and Ayden Mosler, Jim Mong, Drew Begin, and Kyle Solomon also offered opportunities to work on the building project of a new village Catholic church. It’s very difficult to convey in words and images the transformation that happens when we move out of our comfort zones and meet another “brother” and “sister” in faith, but the following reflections capture some of this.



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STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG/MERCY

Wednesday Night Adult Formation Starts in September!

Catholicism: Exploring the Basics of our Faith

Wednesdays, at 6:30pm in St. May of the Angels Chapel
Starting September 7

Do you ever wish you paid more attention in Sunday school or religion class when you were a child? Do you ever wonder why as Catholics we do certain things but felt too silly to ask? Do you have a desire to connect with other parishioners and talk about how to live your faith in our world?

Join us as we explore the four pillars of our Catholic faith through prayer, music, Lectio Divina, talks, and small group discussion. Attend every week, or choose one of our mini-courses below!

- 9/7: The Optimism of Catholicism
- 9/14-10/5: Celebrating the Mystery (Sacraments)
- 10/12-11/9: Christian Prayer
- 11/16: The Liturgical Year
- 11/30-12/21: Scripture through Matthew's Eyes
- 1/4-1/25: Christian Living and Social Justice
- 2/1-2/22: Our Creed
- 3/8-4/5: Lenten Series
- 4/19-5/31: Mystagogia

To sign up or for more information visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org/adultfaithformation/, email jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org, or call 919.847.8205x238.

Other Adult Formation Opportunities

JustFaith

Transforming Faith through Justice

Weekly small groups
September through April

Are you searching for more meaning in your life? Are you attracted to Pope Francis' witness? Are you hungry for companionship and belonging? JustFaith is an adult formation program that focuses on discipleship of Jesus, and God's call to live with justice and compassion. Participants are invited to a lively and challenging process of spiritual transformation in small groups through books, videos, discussion, prayer, retreats and meetings with people experiencing poverty and injustice.

If you are interested in being part of this fall's cohort, contact Trevor Thompson, trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org

On Purpose Peace: Knowing Your Purpose, Living Your Faith

Wednesdays for six weeks at 7:00pm
Starting September 14

Do you ever wonder, "Is this as good as it gets?" "Is this what amounts to my life and legacy?" or "Something has to change, but what? What should I do?" The 6-week series called On-Purpose Person provides a remarkably fresh and personal response to the questions underneath your questions. Gather weekly in small group to de-clutter your focus, to make room for finding your purpose in life, and focus on what renews and satisfies you, and brings you peace.

To sign up, contact Kathleen Owen at kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org or call 919-847-8205x41.



Pick up a Hammer with Habitat this Fall!

There's something satisfying about picking up a hammer and nail and building a wall with Habitat for Humanity. What makes it especially fulfilling is that these walls become an affordable home for families in need. The **St. Francis of Assist Habitat Ministry** is preparing to kick off the 2016-2017 building season with two projects this year! Please see below for details of our 2016 projects.

We are involved in two building projects. One is where we work alongside several Protestant congregations in a project called Apostles Builds and the other is with other Catholic communities in Wake County called Catholic Coalition Builds. With each build project we work alongside the family who will eventually move into the home.

Our Apostles Build family is a married couple, Patrick Loleka & Julie Vangu who emigrated from the Republic of Congo. Patrick works for Dudson (tableware, glassware and cutlery), while Julie works for the Umstead Hotel and Spa. They have four children.

The Catholic Coalition Build family is Aye and Khaw Win from Thailand and their four children. They immigrated to the US nearly a decade ago and since that time, Aye has been working for the State Fairgrounds. For both of these families, this is the first opportunity for home ownership.

To participate in the building projects this year, here are the details:

Sept 3: Catholic Coalition: St. Francis Work day. We need 10 volunteers for house building and a crew to prepare lunches.

Oct 29: Apostles Build: St. Francis Workday. We need 10 - 15 volunteers to build walls at the Habitat Wake Construction Facility.

Dec. 10: Apostles Build: St. Francis Workday. We need 10 volunteers for house building and a crew to prepare lunches.



Our parishioner ministry leaders, Bob and Diane Steinbeiser will be at each of these building projects. The advantage to working on our scheduled SFA dates is that you get an opportunity to meet and work within our Catholic Community of St. Francis as well as with other like-minded people; building together allows us to build community as we build a house.

PLEASE sign up as soon as possible because Habitat will hold these dates for St. Francis, but if our spots are not filled within 2 weeks of our volunteer days, they open them up to the public to ensure that they have enough workers for each workday.

To Sign Up for a Workday:

For the **Catholic Coalition** project, please use this link: <http://vhub.at/CatholicCoalition> and sign up for the September 3 date.

For the **Apostles Build** project, please use this link: <http://vhub.at/ApostlesBuild> and sign up for the Oct.



29 or Dec. 10 dates.

If you have any problems or questions with the signup process, let the Steinbeiser's know at sfhabitat@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

ELEMENTARY: K-5
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 6-8

Summer break officially came to an end as the doors to the Franciscan School opened this past week. Teachers and administrators worked hard for many weeks to prepare the classrooms and school for another great year.

To kick off the week, we welcomed our new students who joined the school family for the 2016-17 school year to new student orientation on Monday. The orientation sessions for new students in grades 3-8 were led by our school guidance counselor, Laureen Wacenske, TFS Student Council, and our TFS Student Ambassadors. The new students had the opportunity to experience Morning Prayer, meet current faculty and staff members, tour the school, and meet other new



TFS Student Council members and Student Ambassadors

students. On Wednesday, we welcomed back all of our students to another great new school year and celebrated the first day of school with Morning Praise led by Jim Wahl and Jenn Fiduccia.

Along with the Franciscan School, other schools in the area will open their doors to a new school year in the coming weeks. To all the students in the parish, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy school year as you head off on your new endeavors. Know that you will be

in our prayers wherever your journey takes you!

If you are still looking for a school for your child for the 2016-17 school year, the Franciscan School still has openings in most grade levels. If you are interested in applying, would like more information about our school, or would like to schedule a private tour of our campus, please contact Lura Tysiac at 919-847-8205x469 or email Lura at lura.tysiac@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Welcome Back Teachers!



ASSISI PRESCHOOL

GROWING IN EXCELLENCE
SINCE 1991

Our very own Jen Benik stepped away from the marketing specialist role to get herself back to her roots in education. She's very excited to be working one on one with the little ones again.

Another warm welcome is due for Niamh Crotty. Although she's no stranger around the preschool, she will be assisting in two of our 2 year old classes this year. Lastly, Jennifer Stephens joins us as the new marketing specialist this year. She is no stranger around the preschool and she's ready to hit the ground running to make the preschool even greater than it already is!

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

Shhh ...can you hear that? No? It's the sound of the St. Francis of Assisi Preschool teachers heading back to work! That's right, all of the teachers reported back for duty on Monday, August 15 to begin preparations for the 2016-2017 school year. Some were wondering where summer went as they traveled, prepped children for their

first year of elementary school as well as first year of college. All are ready to greet the smiling faces of the preschool children on Monday, August 22!

There are some changes that took place over the summer with the teaching staff and support staff for the preschool. Ms. Cindy Jacobson is now taking the lead in a 4 year old class after many years as an assistant.

Community Center Activities

Sept 18: Soccer Challenge The Knights of Columbus All Saints Council will be hosting a Youth Soccer Challenge Competition. There is no charge for this event. All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate. The date is Sunday Sept. 18 starting at 2:00pm at the St Francis Athletic field. Please contact John Buico at Johnbuico@yahoo.com for registration or questions.

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. Our whole parish community joins for an afternoon of Holiness, Hope, and Hospitality!

www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest/

Open Play Nights All are welcome in the Assisi Community Center for open play nights but each night is a different ministry. Check out the website for details and contacts. <http://wp.me/P4Hdt1-7tM>

Open Play Women's Basketball Join us in the Assisi Community Center Gym on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. High school and older are welcome. Contact Katie Kwaske at katiekwaske@yahoo.com.

Open Play Women's Volleyball Open Play Women's Volleyball Competitive adult women's volleyball (A / AA level) at Assisi Community Center Gym on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 10:00 pm. If interested, please contact Becky Jacobs at beckyjacobs425@yahoo.com.

Weekly: Assisi Café Assisi Cafe Summer Hours Please join us Sundays after 9:30 and 11:30 Mass for coffee and donuts. Great place to volunteer as well! <http://wp.me/P4Hdt1-4QA>.



As the summer comes to an end, it is time to start thinking about getting back into our fall routines. In the Community Center, we are gearing up for our fall Youth Basketball program. As we do all the administrative set up and get everything ready for registration, we like to take a pause and thoughtfully prepare for how we are going to breathe the spirit of our parish into our programs each year.

Most of you know our programs are organized and maintained primarily by you—the volunteers. We work together as community to put together these programs. This means that you are the avenue. We will be working with the athletic volunteers this year to enable them to focus on character building and value teaching through sports. We will discuss their role in sports; to find teachable moments on and off the court where they can instill both athleticism and Christian values. We will explain that they will witness these character values pouring out of the players when we instruct them consistently, take time to train them with repetition, praise them with purpose, and nurture them tenderly. We will emphasize that coaches need to model values by example, for words without actions are useless. We will ask our coaches to model as St Francis models for us in our faith. We will ask our coaches and volunteers to breathe the spirit of our parish into the lives of our children. Yes, this is a tall order.

However, I know you have these character values because you are an integral part of the St Francis Community. I know you have these gifts from God to share with our children. As we put the final administrative touches of the upcoming leagues, we ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of our team. We have the tools to share with you! Together, we can build our community of communities within our athletic programs.



*When I pray
The rosary,
My most honest prayer
Happens in the space
Between the beads.*

Fr. Steve K.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ **Pen Pal Ministry:** Do you like to write? A ministry of mercy from your own home? We are always looking for new pen pals for our men on death row.

Contact: Jill Balogh, stfrancispmm@gmail.com

■ **The Visitation Ministry** is looking for volunteers. We visit folks in need of a smile who are in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, in the hospital, or at home. If you have 2 or 3 hours a month and a great smile.

Contact: Kathleen Owen at 919-847-8205x241.

■ **Drivers/Volunteers Needed:** We have some parishioners who can no longer drive who would love to come to mass. Any mass. One lives out by PNC Arena and one lives in Morrisville. If you would be open to driving them to mass once each month. **Contact:** Stephanie Smith, 19-302-0080.

■ **Our Caregivers Ministry** is assisting several parishioners who have multiple appointments each week due to illness and we could use some help! Would you consider driving someone to the doctor's office or to the grocery store? **Contact:** Carol Derrenbacher, 919-554-2578.

■ **Parking Ministers** needed for the Sunday 11:30am mass. **Contact:** Steve Burdett, 919-669-8099

■ **Wedding Orientation Ministry:** Recently married couples are invited to help host a Wedding Orientation session where engaged couples hear about how they can personalize their wedding liturgy to best reflect who they are as a couple. This is a good ministry for you and your spouse, if you are comfortable speaking in front of groups and talking about your own memories of wedding planning. **Contact:** Jason Lillis, 919-847-8205x244.

■ **Marriage Preparation Presentations:** Couples married 5 years or more are invited to help host our Marriage Preparation workshop. We hold 4 workshops per year on Saturdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Married couples share a presentation on a variety of topics: family of origin; communication; navigating finances; planning and parenting of children; and lifelong marriage.

Contact: Jason Lillis, 919-847-8205x244.

■ **Mentor Couple Ministry:** Couples married 10 years or more are invited to be part of our Mentor Couple team. Mentor Couples are trained to review the results of a premarital inventory to guide a confidential conversation around the engaged couples upcoming marriage. This conversation usually takes place in the mentor couple's home, but can also happen at St. Francis of Assisi. This is a good ministry for you if you are comfortable speaking one-on-one with another couple about their relationship.

Contact: Jason Lillis, 919-847-8205x244.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

■ **AA Meeting:** The Daily Reprieve Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon. thru Fri. at 7:00am in the LaVer-na Center (log cabin across from the Chapel). Enter through the garage.

■ **Al-Anon Meetings:** Sun. 7:00pm, Anthony Hall Rm 403.

■ **Always Our Children:** A safe, welcoming, confidential place for GLBT persons and family/friends of GLBT persons to discuss issues of personal concern. Visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org for more information.

■ **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 in the Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center and the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00-9:00pm in Anthony Hall Room 405. Carol Gault, cgault@nc.rr.com.

■ **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 on a weekly basis. 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:** Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm in the Padua Rm. of the Assisi Community Center. Confidential, co-ed healing from separation and divorce by people who understand and want to help you heal.

Contact Bill Morgan at dejanuts@yahoo.com.

■ **Exercise Programs:** <http://bit.ly/14T9JXR>.

■ **Men's Ministry:** Breakfast, Monday, September 12, 7:00am, Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center. Visit www.bit.ly/SFAMensMinistry for details.

■ **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Thursday, Sept. 8 Clare Hall Room 202, 12:00noon-2:00pm. Contact Cindy Cardello, 919-846-8825 or Donna Quirk, 919-847-2084.

■ **Rosary Ministry:** Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm, St. Mary of the Angels Chapel.

■ **55+ Adults Group:** Monthly potluck luncheons throughout the year and monthly game days September through May in Clare Fellowship Hall. Contact Carole Warner, 919-321-1289.

■ **The St. Francis Single/Single Again Ministry:**

Activities include game night, service projects, monthly birthday dinners, and nights on the town. Contact Kathy Duckworth, mduckworth1@nc.rr.com.

■ **Third Option:** A marriage skills-building small group, <http://bit.ly/sfathirdoption>.

■ **Young Adults Community:** (20's and 30's) Weekly Bible study every Wed., 7:00pm, Anthony Hall Rm. 403.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2016

Resist Superiority

By Janel Esker

I **pride myself** on being prompt. It shows consideration for those waiting on you. So I am not particularly sympathetic toward the people in today's Gospel—those who didn't get to the master's house before he locked the door. "Should've checked your watch / stopped dawdling / planned ahead"; those phrases run cyclically through my mind.

But that's exactly Jesus' point: Once we're certain of our moral superiority and others' failures, we get in trouble. Jesus' story reveals that people who

assumed they'd be welcomed by the master simply by association, heritage, or neighborhood are surprised to be left outside even as foreigners are welcomed. God doesn't abide by our rules, divisions, and judgments.

In fact, God delights in upending our ideas of who is right and who is wrong. Jesus states it clearly: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." We hear it repeatedly—"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3)—yet we holler in political and religious arenas about who will be saved, who's going to hell, and who God favors and despises.

Jesus is clear: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate..." It's an interesting word choice: To fit through a narrow door, you need only be lean or thin, not necessarily strong. Perhaps he meant strong enough to resist condemning others, strong enough to focus on stripping ourselves of sinful behaviors that keep us from intimacy with God. †

"God delights in upending our ideas of who is right and who is wrong."

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 66:18-21

"I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; they shall come and see my glory."

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

"Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines."

Luke 13:22-30

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

A Word From Pope Francis

The way which would lead [Jesus] to the glory of the Father passed through the Cross, through obedience to the divine design of love for mankind.... We too should be clear in our Christian life that entering the glory of God demands daily fidelity to his will, even when it demands sacrifice and sometimes requires us to change our plans. The Ascension of Jesus actually happened on the Mount of Olives, ... where he had withdrawn to pray before the Passion in order to remain in deep union with the Father: ... Prayer gives us the grace to be faithful to God's plan.

—General audience, April 17, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Who do I exclude or blindly judge?
- What challenges do I face in fully living out my faith?



Diocese of Raleigh News



Handicapped Encounter Christ

Want to enrich your spiritual and social life? You are invited to join us at the Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) fall retreat on September 30 to October 1, at the Short Journey Center in Smithfield. We are in need of able-bodied partners for our physically disabled members. Training is provided. The cost is \$60 for the retreat. Scholarships are available and there is no charge for college students. This is a wonderful ministry and an opportunity to receive much more than you give! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Charlie and Marty Coe, 919-832 7237, ccoe@nc.rr.com



This experience was beyond anything that I could have imagined and the fact that I was able to share it with my son Ayden makes it even more meaningful. This was a journey like no other I've been on before. We spent countless hours together building the church, making tortillas, carrying water, preparing meals, playing games with the children, tie-dying shirts & bandanas, playing soccer, shucking and grinding corn, laughing, crying, sharing stories and worshipping. Although we live in two very different worlds, we are all God's children and we all have the same basic needs and desires. This trip helped me to understand that on a deeper level.

Liz Mosler

This trip was fantastic! The people of Las Margaritas II are probably the most content and loving people I have ever met, and throughout the trip, we all had at least 2 children hanging out with us. My favorite part in the village was just hanging out with my host family, who were so giving and wonderful. This trip was the best, and I think that all teens should do something like this. It really opens your eyes.

Ayden Mosler



I have recently returned from my fourth visit to our sister parish. Each time I grow ever closer to my Guatemalan family. Their struggle has become my struggle. They continue to rise above the fray of our material world that has bound me for so long. They have taught me that God and family is all we really need for happiness and fulfillment. I am forever grateful.

Jim Mong

The trip was an amazing experience for me. It was my first time out of the country and it was absolutely life-changing. The sights we saw were breathtaking, but more importantly the people were all so loving. When we arrived in Las Margaritas II, I immediately felt as if I was meant to be there.

Drew Begin



For information about future international mission trips, including ones with Sister Parish, contact Trevor Thompson, trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org

First Contact

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Emmaus Ministers	Kathleen Owen	847-8205x241

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EMs to the Meadows	Andrea McVerry	amcverry@yahoo.com
EMs to Rex Hospital	Edward Gilmartin	edward.gilmartin@gmail.com
EMs to Springmoor	Janice Horner	484-949-1417

Ministries to the Infirm, Sick, and Hospitalized

Transportation to Mass	Stephanie Smith	302-0080
Cancer Companions	Lisa Cilento	lmcilento@gmail.com
Caregivers	Carol Derrenbacher	554-2578
Caregivers Line		534-4843
Medical Facility Visitation	Sharon Holland	hollandbozo@yahoo.com

Ministries of Care & Presence

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers	Carol Gault	cgault@nc.rr.com
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Caring Casseroles	Donna Mariani	326-3768
Divorce Care	William Morgan	dejanuts@yahoo.com
Feed the Need	Donna Mariani	326-3768
Life After Loss	Cindy Nackashi	247-3632
Job Connections	Mary Horner	610-755-5392
Project Rachel	projectrachel@nc.rr.com	852-1021
Stephen Ministry	Kathleen Owen	847-8205x241
Special Needs Ministry	Heather Lisk	hlisk@nc.rr.com
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Ministries of Prayer & Faith Sharing

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Prayer Shawl Ministry	Cindy Cardello	846-8825
	Donna Quirk	847-2084
Rosary Ministry	Judy Newell	977-9058

Justice and Peace**Education and Advocacy Ministries**

Advocacy Task Force	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
JustFaith	Trevor Thompson	847-8205x270
Justice Theater Project	Deb Royals-Mizerk	272-1551

Service Ministries

AIDS Care Team	Tom Zimmerman	870-1379
Blood Drive	Tom & Elaine Dupree	577-6901
Brown Bag Ministry	Nanette Kirsch	stfrancisbbm@gmail.com
	Tricia Downs	stfrancisbbm@gmail.com
Catholic Parish Outreach (873-0245)	Sue Hand	846-7954
Community Garden	Pat & Paul Kelly	413-8833
Curbside Care	Andrew Rinderer	559-2733
Duke Children's Hospitality	Danielle Howe	daniellehowe@gmail.com
Gabriel Project	Kip Moffett	kiplyne.moffett@gmail.com
Gay & Lesbian Ministry	Jane Paris	847-7431
	Chris O'Neill	210-5319
Gay & Lesbian Parent Support	Kathryn Cox	618-2178
Habitat for Humanity	Diane & Bob Steinbeiser	846-8026
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle (250-0043)	Suzanne Szymendera	845-4885
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Passage Home (834-0666)	Peg Cavender	985-5950
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St. Francis Feeds	Donna Mariani	326-3768
St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia	John Budway	305-205-5104
St. Vincent de Paul	Voice Mailbox	919-534-4842
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Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network	Ron Smith	455-7786

Formation

Returning Catholics	Fr. David McBriar	847-8205x261
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AAMEN Ministry	Leon Cooke	740-7515
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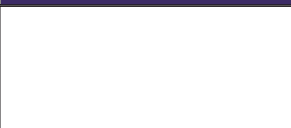
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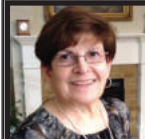
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August 21

Young Adults Mass and Dinner

Join other adults in their 20's and 30's for Mass followed by dinner at Brier Creek Beer Garden! We'll gather at the fireplace before the 5:30pm mass to sit together, then head over to Brier Creek to enjoy a great meal. Visit stfrancisraleigh.org/youngadults for more details!

August 22

St Vincent de Paul

Next meeting is at 6:45pm in the Padua Room. We responded to a call for help from a 74 year old Marine veteran with two tours in Viet Nam. He needed help with an electric bill - the first time he has ever requested help. His air conditioning bill was higher due to his need to breathe easier in this excessive heat. He has multiple health issues. In spite of his own needs he invited a homeless friend to live with him in his rented trail-

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August 24

St. Francis 55 + Adult Group

Pot Luck Luncheon: All those 55 years and older are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 24 at 12:00 noon for our monthly Pot Luck Luncheon. Come and share a tasty meal and friendly conversations. Potluck Menu #1
A thru D - Main Dish
E thru M - Dessert / Bread / Rolls
N thru Z - Salad/Side Dish

September 1

Youth Confirmation Preparation Information/Registration Meeting 2016-18 - Final Opportunity!

Thursday, 7:00pm in Anthony Hall Founders Room. Interested youth who are currently in 8th grade through high school and at least one parent must attend the last offered information/registration meeting. Confirmation preparation is a two year long journey, can start as early as 8th grade, and will culminate with the celebration of Confirmation in the fall of 2018. If your family is planning on participating in the 2016-18 Confirmation preparation process, this is your last chance to register. RSVP online at <http://stfrancisraleigh.org/ff-confirmation/> Please contact either: Martina

Dumberger at 919-847-8205x264 or martina.dumberger@stfrancisraleigh.org. or Jenn Fiduccia 919-847-8205x238 or jennifer.fiduccia@stfrancisraleigh.org.

September 7

An Introduction to the 12-Steps As A Gateway to Elderhood

If you are 55 or older, you are invited to go on retreat to discern what God's will is for you as you enter or continue your senior years of life. The retreat, like aging, is not for sissies! It requires a commitment to attend eight 2-hour sessions weekly in September and October beginning Wednesday, September 7. The retreat will combine Contemplative Prayer, Lectio Divina, Journaling, and Christian Fellowship in the context of a 12-Step program. The retreat will be limited to 15 participants, will be held Wednesdays after 9:00am Mass, will include light refreshments, and will be held in the LaVerna Center (log cabin across from the chapel parking lot). Guiding the retreat will be Charlie Felix. To sign on, call 919-323-1139 or email charlief29@aol.com.

September 9-11

Cross Road Freshman Retreat

Participants: HS freshmen; Peer leaders: 10-12th graders
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September 11

Job Connections Ministry

If you are looking for a new career or would like to volunteer with this ministry, join us for a reception in Anthony Hall Founders Room after 11:30 Mass on Sept. 11 or contact Mary Horner at 610-755-5392.

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September 12/13

Seeing God in Your Cancer Journey

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September 13

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you're going through. Join us starting Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00pm in Padua Room of the Assisi Community Center. To register, visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org/divorcecare.

September 14

Finding Your Purpose: Living Your Peace. Starts Wednesday Sept. 14, at 7:00 pm in Padua Room. Still uncertain as to your purpose in life? Join us. Facilitated by Ben and Gladys Whitehouse. Register by calling 919-847-8205x241 or kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org

September 22 - October 20

Assisi Adult Scripture Study

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Nov 4-6

Young Adults Fall Retreat

"What Next? Finding Answers with Faith." Save the date for our fall retreat about navigating the transitions that we go through in life in light of our faith. This year's retreat will be held at Montreat Conference Center just outside Asheville. Visit stfrancisraleigh.org/charis for more details!

Fall

Transformational Adult Formation

Program: Feeling called to learn more about the social justice tradition of the Church? Be part of this fall's new cohort of the JustFaith program. This transformational adult formation program has touched the lives of over 100 parishioners at St. Francis. Maybe you are next. Contact Trevor Thompson at trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 4-6

St. Francis of Assisi GLBT Ministry Fall Retreat

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- Plastic or paper grocery bags

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We are looking for loving and reliable caregivers to staff our Sunday Morning Play and Pray nursery for children who are 12-35 months old. Consistent care giving is very important to the comfort of these little ones. If you are passionate about your faith and want to radiate the love of Christ with these young people, please answer the call. In addition to serving young children, you would be providing a great service to their parents who would then have the opportunity to attend Mass as a couple and be spiritually refilled. The hours are from 9:00am - 1:00pm every Sunday (except major holidays). Candidates should have experience working with young children and have or be willing to obtain Diocese of Raleigh Level C Certification for Safe Environment.