

**What payment options are available to you in order to fulfill your pledge to this year's *Offertory Pledge Appeal*?**

There are several options available to you when making donations to St. Francis of Assisi. Please review the choices below and select the method that best suits you.

- A donation of cash or checks on a weekly or monthly basis has been the more traditional method, but you may prefer one of our other options.
- Online Banking: An increasing number of parishioners are making arrangements through online banking opportunities with their own bank to make donations to the Parish. This giving method is arranged by the parishioner with their bank. The Parish receives a check mailed by your bank, usually on a weekly or monthly basis.
- Direct Debit: This is a service offered by the Parish in which your donations are withdrawn electronically from the financial institution of your choice on a monthly basis. Many parishioners use this method for making donations to St. Francis, similar to the way utility bills are paid. This is a very convenient and secure way to fulfill your pledge.
- Donation of Securities: Gifts of appreciated stock or mutual funds are a great way to make donations and may offer a greater tax advantage than other methods of giving. In general, a donor receives an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of securities owned more than one year, subject to the usual limitations, and capital gains tax will be avoided. Stocks may be donated by electronic transfer or by stock certificates.

If you would like to explore any of these giving methods, please contact Pat Kowite at [pat.kowite@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:pat.kowite@stfrancisraleigh.org) or at 847-8205, extension 229 for any additional questions.