

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



20
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A year of
HOPE
FAITH & LIGHT

Join us on the road
as we grow in Faith
together and bring
Hope to our community.

————— A LOOK AHEAD —————

As St. Francis of Assisi
celebrates it's 40th year, we are
looking forward to bringing

the community together.
We have many exciting
opportunities to grow in faith.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Merry Christmas! As we conclude 21 months of "not normal," I rejoice for the blessings that have been in our midst throughout 2021. The awesome staff and volunteers at The Catholic Community of St. Francis (church, preschool, and The Franciscan School) have been exemplary and heroic in bringing the grace of God faithfully to countless numbers of people.

You, the parishioners of St. Francis, have also been amazing in supporting us and those we serve throughout the year. I pray God will bless you, your families, and those you love today and always. Remember that Emmanuel (God-with-us) is always with us.

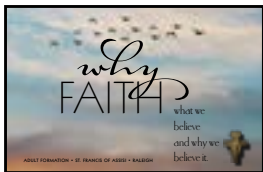
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2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

What is God's Plan for My Life:

A Call to Discernment, Saturday, March 12, 10:00 -11:30am in Church. Wondering about God's great plan for you? We've got answers! Questions? Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org

Spiritual Gifts Inventory: Discover your gifts given to you by God at your Baptism. Via virtual small groups beginning March 2022 Questions? Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org



Why Faith: What we believe and why we believe it

Jan 9: How do I pray?

Jan 23: Children and Faith: How to evangelize our children?

Feb 6: Conscience Development

Feb 27: LGBTQ+ & the Catholic Church

Mar 27: Redemptive suffering | **April 3:** Women in the Church

April 24: What is Catholic Social teaching? | **May 1:** Pro-Life & Abortion

May 15: Eucharist and Service



Mercy Camp: June 13 - June 17, 2022

Vacation Bible School: June 20 - June 24, 2022

St. Francis Inn, PA: June 20 - June 24, 2022

Mission Mercy: July 11 - July 15, 2022

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/formation-camps/>

LITURGY & MUSIC

Hospitality Ministers Training: **February 6, 2022 at 2 pm** in the church. For all hospitality ministers, current and prospective, including ushers, greeters, parking lot ministers, etc, learn the importance and powerful witness of those who stand at the "front lines" of our faith.

Altar Server Training: **March 6, 2022 at 2 pm** in the church. For all altar servers, current and prospective, join us as we explore the ministry of the altar and ways that we can grow closer to Christ in service.

Cantor Training: **Saturday, January 29 at 10:00 am** in the church. For all current and prospective cantors, join us as we explore the rich role of the cantor in the church's liturgy, and go deeper into the prayer and skills of our ministry.

ST. FRANCIS TV

St. Francis TV is produced by The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi and features topics of interest for our parishioners.

You can watch current and past episodes by visiting <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/st-francis-tv/>



CAMP FRANCIS

Registration will be available late January. We have lots of really cool opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts, and various enrichment areas! Kids can join us for half day or full day. All camps have min and max number of students so camp availability is based on enrollment.

For questions contact: Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org
For more information: <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Parish High School basketball league registration will open late January! This parish league is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners of the community. The boys league is for grades 9-12

For questions contact: Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org
For more information and registration, please see: <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/high-school-basketball-leagues-2/>

JUSTICE & PEACE

We are planning in 2022 a series of **justice formation opportunities** around topics such as depolarization, racial justice, creation care, and justice spirituality. If you are interested in these topics and want to be part of a small group study, contact trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org

We are excited about many 2022 **charitable service opportunities and mission trips**: serving at food pantries, soup kitchens, and outreach centers for those experiencing homelessness including a mission trip to Philadelphia; a civil rights pilgrimage; working in our community garden; accompanying migrants and refugees; building homes with Habitat; befriending prisoners through pen pal relationships and experiencing solidarity with our Sister Parish in Guatemala. If you are interested in ministry beyond the walls of the church, contact becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org

OUR SCHOOLS



Preschool Registration for 2022-2023

January 5 - Current students and siblings of current students

January 12 - Alumni, TFS siblings and parish

January 19 - Community

Shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org

<https://www.preschoolatstfrancis.com/registration-information/>

2022-23 Admissions at The Franciscan School

The Franciscan School wants to collaborate with you to achieve the goals you have for your child and their educational experience. We have already seen great interest from families for the 2022-2023 school year, and we encourage those families who are interested in an excellent Catholic education to consider TFS.

Join us for one of our upcoming virtual information sessions to learn more on how we support our families' goals for their children. More information can be found on our website at www.franciscanschool.org or contact Principal Mike Watson at michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org. **If you are ready to apply, [click here to create an admissions account](#).**