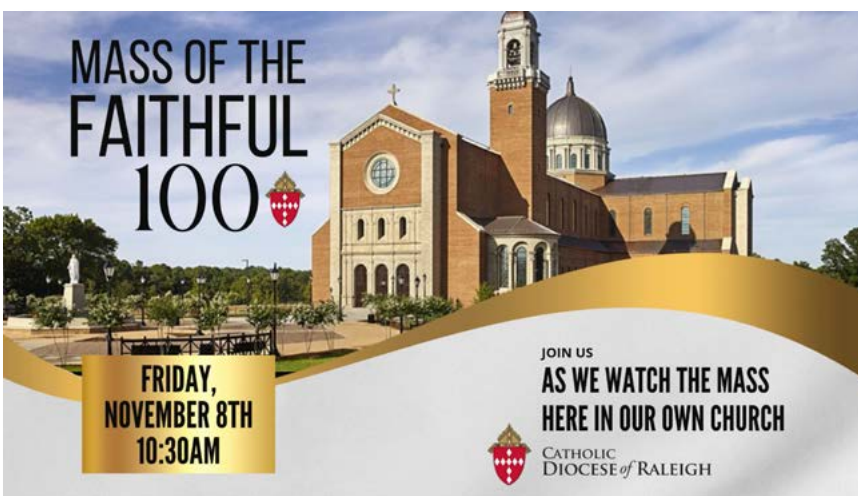




Fr. Wally and Fr. Chris after daily Mass

The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi extends a special thank you to Fr. Wally for being with us this past week and delivering some wonderful homilies!



Please see page 2 for details



Human Life and Dignity Ministry Lunch, with Bishop Luis.
St. Francis parishioners Carol and Bob Murphy are on the right.



WELCOME OUR RCIA
CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES
THROUGH A RITE OF
ACCEPTANCE OR WELCOME.

Adult Catechumens

**Rachael Baker
Alec Artze**

Adult Baptized Candidates

**Elijah Embry
Trevor Westbrook**

Child Catechumens

Aegis, Abby, Noah, Cameron and Jake

*Catechumens are in formation for full initiation
and candidates for Full Communion.*



Get to Know Father James and Father Joseph

When many parishioners think about the priests in their parish, they often have only a superficial view of them. They see them in their 'day jobs' and 'Sunday best,' but what do they know about them beyond their official roles? They may learn details from polite discussions after Mass and even learn more when those few parishioners have them over for dinner. They know, maybe, a little about their lives and hobbies, but how many... [More](#)

Ministry Spotlight: The Franciscan Garden

November Book of Remembrance

Throughout the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the gathering space. You may add the names of your deceased loved ones directly into the book during this time.

Contact kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 2-3 Curbside Care Ministry Care Packages

Our Curbside Care Ministry provides care packages you can keep in your car to hand out when needed. Pickup from the Welcome Center the first full weekend each month. Donate supplies or volunteer with this ministry at St. Francis Serves. Contact alysonzuerneman@gmail.com.

November 3 - Cardinal Gibbons High School Open House

1-3pm. View details and register at cghsnc.org/openhouse.

November 3 - Harvest Moon Festival

1-3pm in Clare Fellowship Hall. See page 3.

November 4, Monday, 7pm - Remembering our Beloved Dead

During this liturgy we remember and pray for all parishioners who have died during the past year with a reading of names. In addition, all parishioners are encouraged to bring photos (framed, maximum of 5X7) to the Welcome center or in the church offices from October 15-29, to be displayed near the altar steps throughout this day and then displayed in the parish gathering space throughout the month of November. Please include your name and contact information on the back of the photos so you may pick them up when the month is completed. Contact kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 6 - Fall Session II Parent Child Classes

These classes are a fun ways to connect with your child. Join us for these fun, low pressure, hands on classes (0-5 years of age). Join us Wednesdays for Making Music Praying Twice and/ or Sign Language at the Community Center. [Click here for more information and to register.](#) Contact Jess Kelly, info@signsoflearning.com.

New Ministry! - November 6 - Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry

7:00-8:30pm. Difficult problems? WE ENCOURAGE you to experience the love of God to be healed and heal others through the power of the Holy Spirit. WE INSPIRE you to use your God-given authority. WE TEAM UP, like the 72, to strengthen each other and act on His commands. Contact Maureen Costello - register at sentout72@gmail.com.

November 7, Daily Mass Coffee Connections! Join us in Padua, Thursday, November 7 at 9:45am for Coffee after daily Mass. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 9 - Knights of Columbus Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast

Join us at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 12333 Bayleaf Road, Raleigh, NC 27614. All men and women who currently serve, or have served, in the military are welcome to attend. Family members are also invited. Enjoy a hot breakfast (eggs, sausage, pancakes, baked goods, juice and coffee/tea). [Register here.](#)

Contact Mike Wrzesien, wrzesien1963@gmail.com.

Support our Local Parishioner-Owned Businesses

Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page

To advertise email: diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org

Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parishioner-businesses/>

November 8 - Diocese of Raleigh Centennial Mass – "Mass of the Faithful: Honoring a Century of our People Through Worship"

This commemorative Mass will mark the centennial of the Diocese of Raleigh and celebrate the ideas of servant leadership and life-giving love, which have been present throughout our 100-year history. Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama will celebrate the Mass, with His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory offering the homily. Please note, this is a ticketed event. **We will be livestreaming the event in the Church beginning at 9:45am to encompass pre-Mass activities.**

The Mass is scheduled from 10:30am – 12:30pm. See page 1.

November 9 - L'Arche Ministry: Brunch & Belonging Event

10:30am-12:30pm. Join our ministry leaders at L'Arche's next event, to celebrate a community of belonging for people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. This event highlights the beauty of inclusion, where everyone is welcome, valued, and embraced just as they are. Tickets are purchasable online. See you there! Event Info and Registration: <https://larchenc.org/event/brunch/>. Contact Gladys Whitehouse, gladys.whitehouse@gmail.com.

November 9 - Corral Riding Academy Saturday on the Farm

1:00-3:00pm. CORRAL Riding Academy is a faith-motivated nonprofit that serves adolescent girls in high-risk situations through a long-term, holistic program of equine therapy and education. Join us as we do hands-on projects to support the NEUSE RIVER (Raleigh) campus and learn more about CORRAL's mission and programs! Families welcome! [Register here.](#) Contact donna.schwede@gmail.com.

November 10 - Always God's Children

3:30-5:00pm. A confidential setting for those who identify as LGBTQ+, along with family and friends. This gathering provides a safe place to pray together, share our experiences, and talk over our concerns. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 11 - Salute to Veterans at TFS 8:00-10:00am.

TFS is looking for Veterans to speak from 9:00-9:55 a.m. to two different classes. [Click HERE to sign up.](#) In the comment section, please put the grade you would be comfortable speaking with or if you have a specific classroom, you'd like to speak in. Contact grace.gates@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 12 - Women's Ministry Craft Night - Ornament

Painting 630pm-8:30pm. Join Women's Ministry for a night of fun, fellowship and crafts! We will be painting two ornaments, one to keep and one to give away. Drinks and supplies will be provided, a Sign Up Genius will go out to participants to bring snacks/appetizers. Cost is \$12. Register in Realm. Contact Jess Kelly, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

November 14, Career Networking Ministry 10:00am at St. Michaels

in Cary. 830 High House Rd, Cary. Conference Center CNM Presents: Clearing the Way for Calling-Maximize your Career Crossroad. [CNM is a group of working professionals](#) and job seekers committed to proactive career management through continuous learning and relationship building pursuant to the expansion of opportunities for immediate or future employment. Contact Paul Dean, vpauldean@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunities:

Afterschool Staff

See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

November 15-17 Annual Fair Trade Market!

Come shop at our annual Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Market! This event provides an opportunity to purchase fair trade products and art from a variety of vendors that ensure fair wages and dignity for vulnerable people around the world. Explore and join our 11 vendor tables in Fellowship Hall! Contact javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 15 - Prayer Service for Peace in the Holy Land Friday, 7:00-8:00pm. Christians, Jews, and Muslims look to the Holy Land as a place of sacred events, holy sites, and profound hopes. Yet the prevailing image of Israel and Palestine today is one of violence, injustice, and deep suffering. In response, Catholics in the United States are joining with people of other faiths to pray, and to work for a just peace in the region; one in which human dignity is protected, peoples are reconciled, and peace prevails. Web link: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/event/prayer-service-peace-holy-land>

November 16-17 Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive

Please Drop your Bags of Donations to the Truck before and after masses! We need: rice and maseca flour, dried beans, canned tomatoes/vegetables, canned fruit (no fruit cocktail), macaroni & cheese, canned meat, peanut butter & jelly, dry soup packages, juice, oatmeal or dry cereal, diapers (all sizes). Contact tessferrer89@yahoo.com.

Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers after each Mass on Sat. November 16 and Sun. November 17 to collect donation bags with the OLR food donation. [Click to sign up to volunteer!](#) Contact tessferrer89@yahoo.com.

November 16 - Catholic Scouting Mass of Thanksgiving

10:30am-12:30pm. We'll give thanks for the gift of Catholic Scouting in our Diocese via Mass (celebrant: Bishop Luis Zarama) and lunch. All current and former scouts (Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, etc.), and parents and friends are welcome! Location: St. Andrew the Apostle, Apex, NC Cost: FREE (please RSVP) [Click here to RSVP](#). Contact Mike Nemecek, mikenemecek1@gmail.com

November 17 - Young Adult Bonfire Social Join peers in their 20s and 30s for a cozy, fall bonfire social! Partake in hot chocolate and sweet and savory s'mores, as well as an introduction to the Rosary as a group. Located at the Labyrinth behind the Community Center.

[Register on Instagram](#). Contact Michelle Kaiser, mmk4894@yahoo.com.

November 21 - Frozen Turkey Drive 7:30-12:00pm. We will be collecting frozen turkeys to benefit Passage Home. Please bring your turkey to the Community Center parking lot, where a volunteer dressed in silly Turkey hats will pick it up right from your car! Thank you for your generous donations. Contact ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 21 - Coffee with Chris 9:40am. Join us Thursday, for Coffee with Fr. Chris in Padua. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and Fr. Chris to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 24 - Coffee and Donuts 10:00am

Join us for coffee and donuts in Fellowship Hall after the 9am Mass. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

December 1, Advent Retreat: What Am I Longing For?

Advent is a time to listen to the longings planted by God in our hearts, inspiring us to build the Reign of God today, preparing for the Second Coming of Christ. Join us for an Advent Retreat on Sunday, Dec. 1 (1-5PM, Founders Room) led by Jay Landry. [Register Here](#).

December 9 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the church - Holy day of obligation, 9:00am, 11:45am, 7:00pm, also streamed.



**BUY IN BULK AND
REUSE YOUR OWN
BAGS/BOXES**

CARE FOR CREATION CORNER

WE'VE
AVOIDED

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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."



Scan the QR code to give

**There are many ways
to give to St. Francis.**

Text-to-Give: From your smartphone screen, create a new message. Click the "To:" field and enter 919-629-1199. Enter the dollar amount then tap the link to complete your gift. Register your credit/debit card.

To learn about all our giving options, [click here](#).



**HARVEST MOON
FESTIVAL**

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool

November 3, 1:00-3:00pm

Food, Games, Basket Raffle and Silent Auction

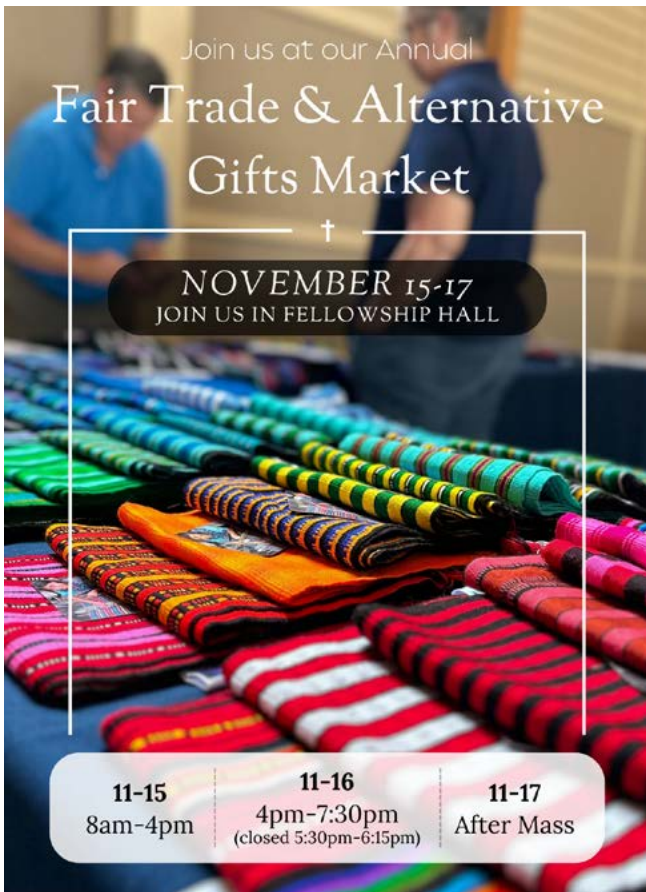
Contact shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Join us at our Annual

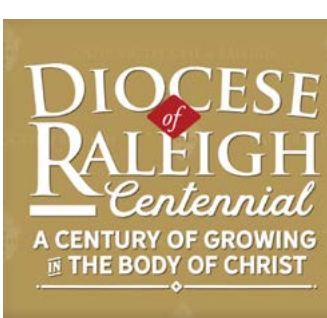

Fair Trade & Alternative Gifts Market

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NOVEMBER 15-17
JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



11-15 8am-4pm	11-16 4pm-7:30pm (closed 5:30pm-6:15pm)	11-17 After Mass
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DIOCESE of RALEIGH Centennial
A CENTURY OF GROWING IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Our History

[Click here](#) to read about the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Raleigh, let us briefly walk through the rich history of our mission diocese



FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
7:30AM-12PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
PARKING LOT



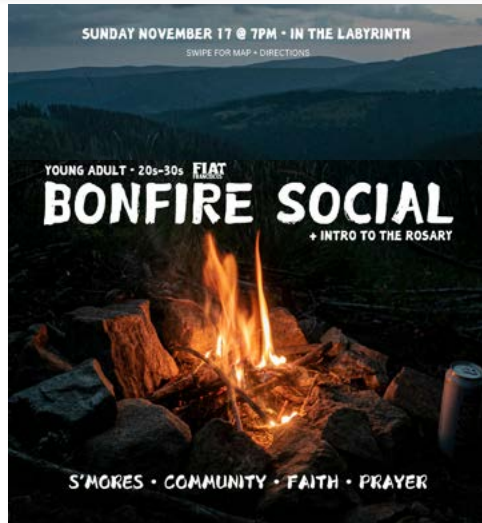

PARENT CHILD CLASSES:
MAKING MUSIC & SIGN LANGUAGE
Wednesdays, November 6-December 18th (No Class Nov. 27)

Music: 9:30-10:30am
Sing Sign: 10:45-11:15am



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 @ 7PM • IN THE LABYRINTH
SWIPE FOR MAP • DIRECTIONS


YOUNG ADULT • 20s-30s **FIAT**
BONFIRE SOCIAL
+ INTRO TO THE ROSARY



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Due to the overwhelming outpouring of support from our communities, warehouses are full of donated supplies for Western North Carolina and Catholic Charities will be pausing collection of additional supplies as of Friday November 1st.
[Please click here to see the attached.](#)

SCAM ALERT
Please be aware that a staff member of the parish, including the pastor, will never contact you via text message requesting assistance from you.

A click away  If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org.

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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi - 11401 Leesville Rd - NC 27613 - Tel: 919-847-8205

If you can't access information through the hyperlink because you do not use the internet, please call the office to get information. (919) 847-8205

GET CONNECTED
Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities





ADVENT RETREAT

What am I LONGING FOR?

Advent is a time to listen to the longings planted by God in our hearts,
inspiring us to build the Reign of God today, preparing for the Second
Coming of Christ.

Presented by Jay Landry

Sunday, December 1
1:00 - 5:00 PM, Founders Room
Register in Realm



Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

Our parishioner business advertisement is moving to a page in the bulletin! If you are a registered parishioner and have a business that you would like to advertise in the parish bulletin, contact Diogenes Ruiz at diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org for a schedule of ad rates and to reserve your spot. There are a limited number of ad slots available. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your business in front of our many parishioners who could use your product or service.

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