



"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20




At Thursday's morning Mass, Fr. Chris spoke about our wonderful preschool teachers and their great work with our preschoolers.

"Pre-K doesn't mean pre-life... the best time to be a four-year-old is right now... Everything they do at school is not pre-life, it's of life... We are people of the Ascension."

- Fr. Chris



A printed copy is also available for those who prefer to fill it out on paper.

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June 1 - Caring for Our Common Home Prayer Service

You are invited to Gather at the Globe, Sunday, June 1 at 3:00. NC Catholics Caring for Our Common Home is hosting a prayer service for our planet on June 1, 3:00-4:00. We will meet by the globe at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh (11 W. Jones St.) You are invited to bring a sign sharing how you are praying and working to protect Our Common Home. For more information, contact socialconcern@hnojnc.org.

June 1 and 3 - Eucharist Minister Training - See page 4

June 2-July 24 - Youth Summer Volleyball League Registration

Registration is open for Coed League for children of all skill levels - rising 3rd graders through rising 9th graders. Teams have an hour practice on Mon. or Wed. Games are held on Thurs. nights. [Click here for more Information and to Register](#)

June 4 - Alzheimer's | Dementia Caregiver support Group

1:00pm Are you caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia? Join us for support, understanding, and shared resources at our next meeting on Wednesday, June 4, at 1 PM in Padua. Connect with others who understand your journey. All are welcome! Contact Kathleen Boate, kboate@msn.com.

June 6-8 Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 6-8, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldi-oc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The website is: rachelinc.org. Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. **Discount of \$50 if you register before May 9**, Spanish and English speakers are welcome. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available.

June 8 - Sept 7 Migrant Ministry volunteers needed

Please consider helping the Migrant Ministry this summer. We are currently looking for volunteers either driving migrant workers to mass on Sunday or providing food donations on select Sundays. This is an excellent opportunity to serve our Migrant brothers. Please learn more and [sign up](#) using St Francis Serves. Contact Tom Carlson, tcarlson28@gmail.com.

June 8 - Always God's Children

3:30-5:00pm. A confidential setting for members of the LGBTQ+ community, plus their parents and grandparents. This meeting provides a safe place to pray and share our experiences together in relation to our Catholic faith. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 8 - Baccalaureate Mass 5:30-6:30pm. All recent high school and college graduates are invited to participate in the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 8 at 5:30pm. Please gather in the gathering space prior to the service and come dressed in your cap and gown to join the procession and be honored for your achievement. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 12 - JCM Presents: Tell Me About a Time: Story telling in

Interviews 8:30-10:30am. Join JobWorks Career Ministry as we welcome Stephanie Newstrom, Founder of Peak Potential Talent Solutions. Stephanie, a SHRM-CP and aPHR-certified HR leader with 20+ years of experience, will share how to craft stories that make you stand out in interviews. Register Via LinkedIn at: <https://tinyurl.com/3a8k5yfk> or email vpauldean@gmail.com.

June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25 Camp Francis Explorers Counselors in Training

An opportunity for teens (rising 9th-12th grade) interested in developing leadership skills and working with children. They will work with other C.I.T.s and Camp Staff. They are to look at themselves as role models for the campers they will be working with. For information and to apply Contact Ashley Watson, ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 14 - Corral Riding Academy Saturday on the Farm

9:30am-12:00pm 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.

June-July Men's 18+ Summer Basketball League Registration

League play during June and July on weekends only. Teams will have no practice time. Registration is TEAM BASED only. Players will form their own teams and submit their registration and fee as a team. Each player must also complete an Individual Player Registration. Teams will provide their own jerseys. [Register here](#). Contact Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org

June 21 - Habitat for Humanity Beloved Build in Clayton, NC

8:10am-3:30pm. Can you join our team to build homes in the Habitat neighborhood of Stone Creek? No construction experience is necessary. Habitat has site supervisors skilled at teaching people how to build. You must be 16 years old to volunteer with Habitat. [Sign up](#). **Need 25-30 lunches.** Contact Will Connelly, st.francis.h4h@gmail.com.

Camp Francis - Registration is Open via Realm

June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25
Our popular summer camp, has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, science, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half-day or full-day based on age for the 2025-2026 school year. (Rising K-Rising 6th grade)
Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>



August 23-24 Ministry Fair

Join us after all Masses the weekend of August 23-24 for our Parish Ministry Fair! Representatives from all of our ministries will be available to share information, answer questions, and help you discover ways to get involved. Whether you're looking to serve, grow in faith, or connect with others, there's a place for you. Come explore the many opportunities to share your time and talents! Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

MEMORIAL DAY HIGHLIGHTS



"For all of those who have served our country, many blessings to you and your families. To all of us, let us remember on this day, that our life belongs to God. And in that, we belong to goodness, love and truth, which will light the world. Amen." - Fr. Chris



We gathered after Mass and the names of fallen heroes were read aloud.



The American flag was awarded to Bill Horne in honor of his father's service to our country.



CONGRATULATIONS!
Class of 2025



From Buddies to Leaders: Honoring the Class of 2025

The 2025 8th-grade graduating class is a remarkable group of kind, intelligent, and ambitious young students.

"They've shown compassion, curiosity, and determination throughout their years at The Franciscan School, especially over the past year," shares 8th-grade teacher Kristen Dellasega. "Each of them is stepping into the future with incredible potential, and as a community, we couldn't be prouder of the bright paths that lie ahead for them."

Principal Dawn Smith shares that the current graduating class is smaller than average, and many of these students have been a part of the TFS community for many years. [More](#)



Centering Prayer Ministry

The Centering Prayer Ministry practices the monastic tradition of Christian meditation, and Flo and Robert Hardy established the ministry at St. Francis in 1990 at Father David McBriar's request. The group gathers on Thursday mornings to practice the contemplative prayer revised by American Trappist priests, Father William Meninger, Father M. Basil Pennington, and Father Thomas Keating, that emerged from St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts, in the mid-1970s. [More](#)

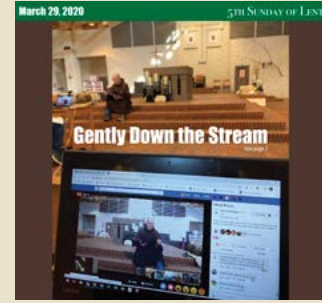


Are you New to St. Francis? We warmly welcome you to our community! If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Stacey Shine](#). We look forward to connecting with you and helping you feel right at home."



Please welcome our newest bulletin advertiser, My Pro Photographer - Owner, Phil Thalheimer.

Those of you who were here during Covid may remember Phil as he was one of the volunteers who helped us stream our Masses when the pandemic hit. Phil was kind enough to loan his streaming gear to St. Francis in order to get us going. To the right is the cover of the March 29, 2020 bulletin featuring Fr. Steve Patti, who was our pastor at the time, presiding in an empty church building as parishioners watched the stream on Facebook. See Phil's ad on page 5.



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions can be requested for Birthdays, Anniversaries or In Remembrance. If you would like to request a Mass there are plenty available dates for 2025.

Sign up with Shannon Hoffman or online <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mass-intentions-and-prayer-requests/>



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Eucharist Minister Training

Sunday, June 1st at 1pm in the Church
Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church

If you're interested in attending this training, please sign up on Realm using this QR Code.

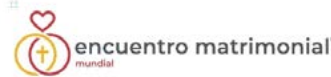


For more information contact Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org



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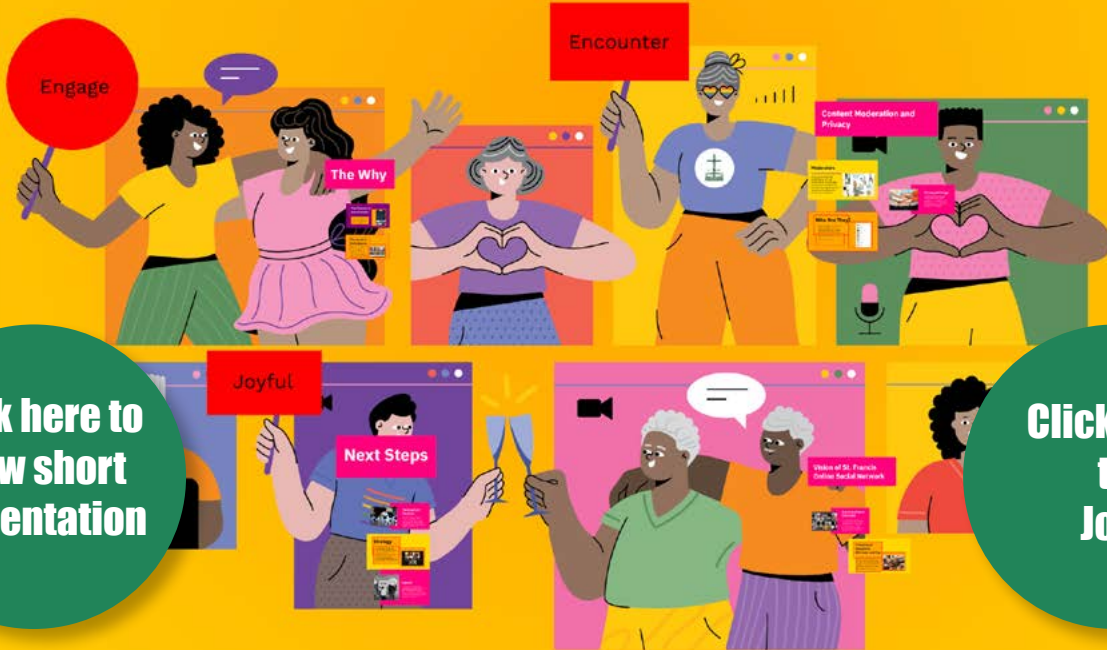
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