

# Happy 4th of July and Happy Birthday to Lannon




Lannon receives Birthday wishes



A celebration of Our Lady with members of the Filipino community in attendance.

At morning Mass on Wednesday, Fr Chris talked about the importance of a village and how we make up a special villiage at St. Francis. He highlighted the beauty of the Filipino culture in prayer for those who have passed and the power of the Rosary. As the priest began processing from the altar at the end of Mass, everyone sang Happy Birthday to Lannon. Outside we were treated to cupcakes and drinks by the Pias family in celebration of Lannon's birthday.

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Fr. Chris Koehn,  
Pastor



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Parochial Vicar



Fr. Jim Sabak, O.F.M.  
In Residence



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM  
Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews  
Deacon In Residence

### July 5/6 - 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 Alyson Zwerneman, [alysonzwerneman@gmail.com](mailto:alysonzwerneman@gmail.com).

### Help Feed Durham Seniors! BROWN BAG MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/28, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23

9:00-11:30am. We need volunteers to prepare bag lunches for seniors in two Durham apartment complexes on 8 Saturdays in July and August. These meals—sandwiches, fruit, snacks, and dessert—are delivered every other week and make a real difference. [Sign up via St. Francis Serves](#) or contact Pam Peroutky at [pperoutky@gmail.com](mailto:pperoutky@gmail.com).

### July 7 and 18 VBS: Supplies Needed! (See page 3)

Kayak, Hiking stick/hiking backpack, Christmas Tree (we need many!) Target practice deer, Wildlife taxidermy (full body/no mounts) Deck-style wood pallets (little-to-no space between slats – we need 2-4) Contact Marisa Ferrara, [marisa.ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:marisa.ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### Camp Francis - Registration is Open via Realm 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/>

### July 10 - JobWorks Career Ministry Presents: Jobseekers Edge - SWOT & the Secret Tool You've Not Heard Of 8:30-10:30am

Whether you're a job seeker or a professional looking to expand your network, this event will help you meet more people, gain career insights, and boost your confidence—all in a supportive and engaging environment! Takes place at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church 625 Magdala PI, Apex, NC 27502. [Register here](#). Contact Paul Dean, [vpauldean@gmail.com](mailto:vpauldean@gmail.com).

### July 12 Women's Ministry Yoga and Breakfast

9:00-11:00am. Ladies, join us for yoga & breakfast on Saturday July 12 from 9-11am in Fellowship Hall. No experience necessary! We will be guided in a 45 minute beginner yoga class, followed by food and fellowship. [Register in Realm](#). Contact Kathy Eick, [sfawomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:sfawomensministry@gmail.com).

### July 12 - ONE Wake Affordable Housing Accountability Assembly

12:00-2:00pm. Join parishioners and our fellow ONE Wake members for a powerful public assembly to hold local and state elected officials accountable for the commitments they made to expand affordable housing across Wake County. [RSVP at ONEWake.org](#).

### July 13 - Always God's Children 3:30-5:00pm

A confidential setting for all 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](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### Employment Opportunities:

-TFS Elementary Instructional Teaching Assistant (Full-time)

-Preschool Teaching Assistant, Part Time.

Please see our website for more information

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>.

### July 16 - Alzheimer's | Dementia Caregiver Support Group |

**VIRTUAL** 7:00-8:30pm. Are you caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia? Join us for support, understanding, and shared resources at our next VIRTUAL meeting on Wednesday, July 16 at 7 PM Connect with others who understand your journey. Contact Lynne for link. All are welcome! Contact Lynne Carpenter, [lynnekapperman@aol.com](mailto:lynnekapperman@aol.com).

**July 18-20 Marriage Help – Retrouvaille** has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. Retrouvaille is hosting a weekend in Spanish for married couples in Raleigh July 18-20, 2025. Please visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) - call 248-789-0276 for more information (Spanish spoken), or please email [retrouvaille@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:retrouvaille@stfrancisraleigh.org) in English or in Spanish.

Ayuda Matrimonial - Retrouvaille ha ayudado a decenas de miles de parejas en todas las etapas de desilusión o miseria en su matrimonio. Este programa también puede ayudarte a ti. Para obtener información confidencial o inscribirse en el programa de verano en español que comienza con un fin de semana del 18-20 de julio, llame al 248-789-0276 (español e inglés) o envíe un correo electrónico a: [retrouvaille@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:retrouvaille@stfrancisraleigh.org) o visite el sitio web en HelpOurMarriage.com.

### August 6 - Interested in Becoming Catholic?

6:30-9:00pm Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Let the Order of Christian Adults walk with you on your journey of faith. A new cohort will begin as soon as August 6! [Complete the interest form for more info](#). Contact Charlee Halphen, [charleehalphen@gmail.com](mailto:charleehalphen@gmail.com).

### Now - 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](mailto:tcarlson28@gmail.com).

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# EQUIPMENT NEEDED

We're creating an unforgettable Alaskan adventure for our kids, leading them to Jesus – OUR TRUE NORTH! You can help by letting us BORROW the following items to bring the wilderness to life! They won't be used/touched – just set up as environment. They'd be in use from July 7 - July 18.



Kayak

Hiking stick/hiking backpack  
Christmas Tree (we need many!)

Target practice deer

Wildlife taxidermy (full body/no mounts)

Deck-style wood pallets (little-to-no space between slats – we need 2-4)



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## A Strong Beginning

The St. Francis Preschool will begin its 34th year of service to the parents of St. Francis of Assisi parish in September, 34 years of providing foundational education in the faith. It all started with our first Franciscan Friar Pastor. "When Fr. David McBriar was the pastor at St. Francis," says current Director Heidi Hobler, "he asked Nancy Bourke to lead a new ministry of the church, a St. Francis preschool." This effort was the first foray into education for the parish, followed nine years later by the founding of The Franciscan School. "It is my understanding," says Heidi, "that..." [More](#)



## Ministry Spotlight: Corral Riding Academy

Almost everyone loves horses, and teenage girls even more so. That's where CORRAL Riding Academy, an equine therapy-focused nonprofit, comes into play for adolescent girls in high-risk situations. CORRAL offers a long-term, holistic program of equine therapy and education for individuals referred by their school counselor, a therapist, the court system, or those who self-refer after becoming aware of the program; there are various pathways to access the program. [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."

He gives  
**POWER**  
to the weak and  
**STRENGTH**  
to the powerless

ISAIAH 40:29

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to join our EM to Rex Hospital. If you are interested or would like to learn more please contact,  
[Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org)



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Love Indian food? Fr. James shares his top 3 pics for best Indian restaurant in our area.

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light  
**SHINE**  
MATTHEW 5:16

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to join our EM to the Homebound. If you are interested or would like to learn more please contact Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

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**Book Studies at St. Francis of Assisi Church**  
Interested in joining other parishioners in growing your faith through book studies? Check out the Book Studies currently being run at our parish. We have Bible studies and book studies, both virtual and in person. [Click here](#) to learn more about our amazing God through book studies! Contact Deacon Steve Anderson [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com).

**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.

**Serving With Heart, Offering Hope**  
Several neighbors in need found themselves teetering on the edge of crisis. SVdP was able to help restore stability in their lives.  
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# A BENEDICTION CELEBRATION



Last week we celebrated the Benediction of Camilia and Alfredo. Members of their families were on hand for this wonderful celebration and blessing.

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