


CHURCH MAINTENANCE



For the next several weeks, the windows and acoustic panels over the altar will be in the process of being replaced. Due to the overhead work, the equipment that will be in place, and the inherent danger involved, the church will be closed to visitors Monday – Friday. During this time, please feel free to visit the chapel for personal prayer. Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound may also pick up the blessed sacrament from the tabernacle in the chapel. The weekend church schedule will not be affected.

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

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Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

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.

Camp Francis - Registration is Open via Realm
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 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.

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 - call 248-789-0276 for more information (Spanish spoken), or please email retrouvailเลอร์aleigh@gmail.com 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: retrouvailเลอร์aleigh@gmail.com o visite el sitio web en HelpOurMarriage.com.

Help Feed Durham Seniors! BROWN BAG MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! 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.

July 30 and August 4: Back to School Drive Volunteers Needed

Please join us in supporting the annual Back to School Supply Drive. There are opportunities to help collect, transfer, sort and pack backpacks with supplies to be distributed to students through Our Lady of the Rosary, Passage Home, the Hispanic Family Center, and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. [Click to Volunteer](#).

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/>.

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, charleelhalphen@gmail.com.

August 20 - Women's Ministry: Summer Craft Night 6:30-8:30pm

Ladies, join us for a Paint & Decoupage craft night hosted by Women's Ministry on August 20th from 6:30-8:30PM. We'll learn how to make some gorgeous DIY seashells using paint and paper designs in our easy step by step class. Perfect for gifts or ornaments. [Register in Realm](#). Rosemary Czejkowski, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

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.

October 24-26: Richard Rohr Conference

Join Richard Rohr and other teachers from the Center for Action & Contemplation to explore how to reimagine the faith, stories and traditions that have shaped our Christian lives. Dive into Christianity as a living evolving path rooted in love. Join other parishioners in Albuquerque, NM this fall! Contact Pam Peroutky, pperoutky@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.



An Offer, Not a Threat by Jacob House

Read Jacob's post
on the SFA Social Network.
Click the red circle to join.



"I embraced the image of an endlessly merciful and unconditionally loving God long ago, but old ideas seem to die very slowly..."



Disaster Relief

To give to disaster relief efforts for victims of the recent flooding, please [click here to use Faith Direct for your one-time gift.](#)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Each year from July 15th to September 15th it is time for safe Environment Training renewal. If you have taken the INITIAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COURSE – you will get an email reminding you to renew (check your email folders). If you did not receive an e-mail inviting you to renew your safe environment training, and you feel you should have gotten one, please e-mail a message to SET.support@raldioc.org or call 1-866-535-7233. Someone will provide the support needed.

If this is your first time taking the Diocese of Raleigh Safe Environment Training. Go to <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/calendar?office=2249> to choose a session for Initial Safe Environment Training (parish based or via live webinar).



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."



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

JULY 19-27

We will be collecting school supply donations in the Welcome Center.



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Volunteer Opportunities



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Mercy Camp Highlights



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Contact stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org, 919-847-8205x234

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.

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.



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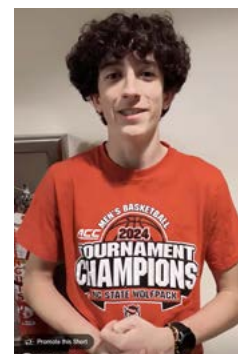
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