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Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday | March 28 & 29
 Regular Mass schedule
 We will begin all Masses outside in the Memorial Garden

Wednesday | April 1
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer Service (Church)

Holy Thursday | April 2
 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Reposition in Fellowship Hall until Midnight
 11:30 pm - Night Prayer

Good Friday | April 3
 9:00 am Morning Prayer
 3:00 pm Passion of the Lord
 7:00 pm Outside Stations of the Cross (Begin TFS Courtyard, conclude Memorial Garden)

Holy Saturday | April 4
 9:00 am Morning Prayer
 10:00 am Blessing of the Food
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Easter

Sunday | April 5
 6:00 am Sunrise Mass (Memorial Garden)
 7:15 am Mass (Church)
 9:00 am Mass (Church and Fellowship Hall)
 11:45 am Mass (Church and Fellowship Hall)

No evening Mass

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FIAT FRANCISCUS
 SIGN UP INFORMATION COMING SOON!

PRAY, DECIDE, DON'T WORRY
 DISCERNMENT FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS

MAY 2ND 9AM-2:30PM \$20 FEE


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PK-12 FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREP 2026-2027



REGISTRATION VIA REALM
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Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities

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



March 31 | Medical Presence and Safety at Mass

7:00-8:00pm. Orientation for healthcare professionals, current/retired first responders, current/former military, corporate security, risk management, mental health professionals and anyone else interested in helping to make our parish a safer place to gather and pray. [Click here to register](#). Contact john.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org.

April 5 | Sensory Room for Easter Sunday 9am Mass

9:00-10:00am. A sensory room will be available during the 9:00am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5 for individuals who identify with sensory differences. The Mass will be live-streamed in the room and communion will be provided. **Due to limited space, registration is required** in Realm and is **limited to the individual and one accompanying adult**. All children must remain with an adult at all times. [Register](#). Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org

April 9 - May 28 | Women's Ministry: Walking with Purpose

Bible Study 7:00-8:30pm. Ordering Your Priorities is a practical Bible study designed to help you focus on what truly matters. By seeking God's guidance, learn to align your schedule with your values, love your family intentionally, and build a fulfilling life. Join us to create a life that you don't need to escape. [Register here](#). Contact Julia Snyder, snyderjules5720@gmail.com.

April 9 - May 7 | Book Study: Life Everlasting

7:00-8:00pm. Join Rich Zemonek for a virtual and in-person study of Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment is a five-session mini-study designed for today's busy lives. Each session combines clear teaching, meaningful reflection, and practical application. Learn why these truths are meant to fill you with hope. [Click to register](#). Contact Rich Zemonek, rzemonek@yahoo.com.

April 9 | Apostolic Exhortation DILEXI TE See page 4.

6:30-8:00pm. Contact maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org or Deacon Steve, stephenWAndrews@outlook.com.

April 11 - Corral Riding Academy Saturday on the Farm

9:30am-12:00pm. CORRAL Riding Academy is a faith-motivated non-profit 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 in St Francis Serves](#). Contact Donna Schwede, Donna.schwede@gmail.com.

April 11 | Pig Pickin' at Catholic Parish Outreach

3:30-7:00pm. Please plan to come to CPO for our 14th Annual Pig Pickin' to be held on Saturday April 11th from 3:30 pm – 7 pm (or until the pig runs out). We will have a 50/50 raffle, live music, bake goods sale, and NEW this year - beer & White Claw sales. Let's Pig Out to Feed More Families! Contact Kelly Rapp, Kelly.Rappl@ccharities-dor.org.

April 12, April 19, April 26 | Co-Ed Spring Youth Basketball Skills

This clinic is designed for players to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph 1st Grade-4th Grade 3:30-4:20pm / 5th-8th Grade: 4:30-5:30pm Each Session is \$23 or \$100.00 for all 5 sessions. [Info/Register Here](#). Contact Mary Arleth, mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org.

The St Francis Inn Philadelphia Ministry trips for 2026

April 13 - 17 - Open / **Oct 19 - 23** - Open

Join a delegation to serve the Kensington community of Philadelphia, providing aid in the form of food, clothing, and so much more to anyone in need. Contact Diana Melo, Melo.diana@gmail.com.

April 15 - Prayer Shawl continues to have the every other Thursday early afternoon meeting but are trying to make the ministry available for those who are not available during the day. Prayer Shawl Wednesday meeting dates – 4:15 to 5:30pm. Apr. 15, May 13, June 10. Contact Lisa Miller, lisaorb1@gmail.com.

April 16, 17, 18 | All Day Breakthrough Healing Workshop

LORD OF THE HARVEST HEALING MINISTRY Experience healing and spiritual freedom at the Breakthrough Healing Workshop with Patrick and Joy Campbell. Through testimony, teaching, and prayer, participants learn how to overcome spiritual obstacles, heal past wounds, and grow in God's love. St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Monica's Hall in Raleigh. [Click here to register](#). Contact Maureen Costello, sentout72@gmail.com. Diocesan approved event - there is a \$25 registration fee for the entire event.

April 16 | Oak City Cares Gift of Home Celebration

6:00-9:00pm. Join us for [Oak City Cares](#) Gift of Home Celebration at Raleigh's Union Hall on April 16 at 6:00 pm. [Purchase Tickets](#). Contact David Bashier, development.director@oakcitycares.org.

April 18 | Women's Ministry Spring Retreat: Live in the Joy of the Lord

8:30am-2:00pm. You are invited to catch your breath and lean into the steady joy that Christ promises us. Led by Sr. Helen Santamaria, S.L., this retreat is an opportunity to step away from the noise of daily life and reconnect with the deep, sustaining peace found in Christ's presence. [Register in Realm](#). Contact Rosemary Czejkowski, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

April 21-May 26 and April 22-May 27 | Gospel of Luke, Part 2 Virtual Study

The Gospel of Luke demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission. In Part Two (Luke 12:1-24:53), readers travel with Jesus from the region of Galilee to the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus will enter into his passion and resurrection. Luke's focus on God's faithfulness will encourage you to trust. Contact Barbara Efir, barbaraefirdlpc@gmail.com.

[Tuesday evenings - April 21 - May 26](#) 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[Wednesday mornings- April 22 to May 27](#) 10:00 am - 11:30 am

April 25-26 | Join Us for Our Volunteer Celebration!

We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated volunteers and want to celebrate all that you do! Join us on Saturday, April 25, at 6:30pm, or on Sunday, April 26, 8:00-9:00am or 10:00-11:30am These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to express our appreciation and celebrate together after Mass. We look forward to honoring you! In Fellowship Hall. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

May 1 | World Wide Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter is a weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores & phones and focus on each other. [Register here](#). Or call 919-740-7435 Experience will be held at Cathedral School, Raleigh, NC. Contact Diana Forehand, Applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org.

May 2 | Fiat Franciscus Young Adults Retreat: Pray, Decide, Don't Worry: Discernment for Everyday Life 9:00am-2:30pm.

Searching for clarity in your life? Join other young adults to learn how to slow down, tune out the noise and learn to listen to the voice of God. Explore the rich Catholic tradition of discernment, learn practical tools for how to discern both large and small decisions in daily life. [Register here](#). Contact Michelle Kaiser, mmk4894@yahoo.com.

May 11 - Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

7:00-8:00pm. Current and potential pen pals with those serving time on NC's death row, please join us on Monday, May 11th at 7p in the Founders room to share, support, and learn. Our goal is to provide a match for each person who has requested a pen pal. Email questions to sfapenpal@gmail.com.

Camp Francis Counselors in Training | June 15-19, June 22-26, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24

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.

TFS Kindergarten Admissions-Spots Available



We invite all parish families to apply for the 26/27 school year. Please visit franciscanschool.org to begin an application. Contact Dawn Smith, dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org.

PROJECTION MINISTERS NEEDED

We need help at all Masses with projecting slide on the screens and monitors. Anyone high school age or older is eligible for weekend masses. **TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.**

CONTACT: john.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org

Ways to help the Earth

- Grow your own veggies in pots or a raised bed.
- Buy locally grown food at farmers' markets
- Join a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).



First Eucharist: Preparing as a Body of Christ

At the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi, preparation for First Eucharist has always been an important milestone in the life of our parish. Each spring, children come forward for the first time to receive Holy Communion, surrounded by their families and the wider community. Over the years, however, our parish began to reflect on how we prepare children for that moment and how the journey leading up to it could better reflect the life of the Church itself. [More](#)



Volunteer Receptionists

Will Rogers, the American humorist, entertainer, and social commentator, famously said, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." That is certainly true, and first impressions are very important for those looking to find a Parish Church. Your parish is where you receive sacraments, find your community, and share faith experiences throughout your life. First impressions are very important, and we fortunately have some fine ambassadors of our parish always at the ready. [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.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
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(I Have Loved You)

POPE LEO XIV



ON LOVE FOR THE POOR



**THURSDAY
APRIL 9
6:30-8PM**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

If you chose to read Pope Leo's Exhortation *Dilexi Te* during Lent, you are cordially invited to join us for a post-Easter gathering on **Thursday, April 9th, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM**, where we will share our insights and experiences from reading the document.

REGISTER IN REALM



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Deacon Steve

StevenWAndrews@outlook.com

Celesta Carlson and the Friday morning bible study



Our Bible study group recently participated in a Seder meal, commemorating the Jewish people's exodus from Egypt after their time in slavery. We were guided by Bob Goldman, a member of Beth Shalom Or, who explained the traditions and the significance of each of the foods involved.

We prepared the traditional dishes, listened to the prayers in Hebrew along with their English translations, and concluded with the Lord's Prayer, as Bob shared that he often welcomes Christians to his Seder table. - *Celesta Carlson*

**MEDICAL PRESENCE AND
SAFETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



- **Healthcare professionals**
- **Current/retired first responders**
- **Current/former military**
- **Corporate security**
- **Risk management**
- **Mental health professionals**
- **Anyone else interested in helping to make our parish a safer place to gather and pray.**

Register in Realm



To learn more attend an information session
March 31st - 7:00pm, Founders Room
April 22nd - 7:00pm, Anthony Hall room 403



CELEBRATING
VOLUNTEERS
WE THANK YOU ALL!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 6:30PM TO 7:30PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 26 | 8AM TO 11:30AM



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- June 15-19
- June 22-26
- July 6-10
- July 13-17
- July 20-24

For more information & to register:
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FORMATION
SUMMER CAMPS

Catholic Charities 9th Annual Drive Out Hunger Golf Outing August 10



Calling all GOLFERS! Join Catholic Charities on August 10 for the 9th Annual Drive Out Hunger Golf Outing at Prestonwood Country Club, Cary, NC. Register as a golfer or sponsor! Entry includes Captain's Choice Tournament, Light Breakfast, Boxed Lunch & Cocktail Reception. Your participation in this event will help support our 7 food pantries which distribute over 3 million pounds of food each year. REGISTER NOW. <https://www.catholic-charitiesraleigh.org/event/golf-2026/>. For questions, please contact Katey Fithian, Chief Development Officer, at Katey.Fithian@ccharitiesdor.org or by phone at 984-900-3119.



St. Francis Pet Adoption Event

We had a blast caring for God's creation at our first Pet Adoption day!
Thank you to all who attended and those who organized the event.



St. Francis Blood Drive



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