



Community WELLNESS FAIR
 Saturday, May 30, 2026
 8:30am - 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



Get Free Screenings & Information

- Pulse
- Blood pressure
- Balance
- Home Improvements
- Long Term Care
- Tech Information
- Fitness



This Weekend!
**Sunday, May 17
 Spring Walk at
 Umstead Park**

2:00pm | Route 40 entrance Harrison Avenue. Join St. Francis' Care for Creation ministry, NC Catholics Caring for Our Common Home (N4CH), and Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle (ICCT) for a Spring Nature Walk on Sunday, May 17 at 2:00. Experience the wonders of creation on this first day of Laudato Si Week. Meet at Umstead Park, route 40 entrance at Harrison Avenue. Contact Pat & Paul Kelly mpmkelly@me.com.
[Register here.](#)



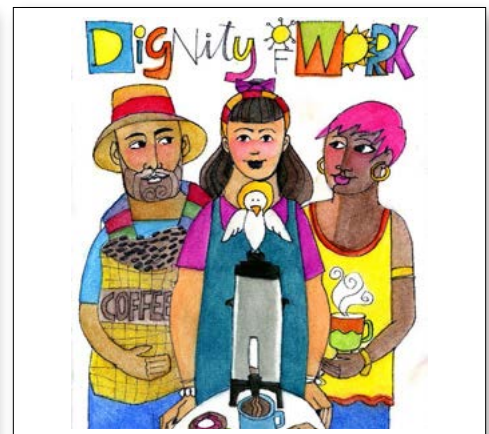
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GET CONNECTED
 Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities



Knights of Columbus Memorial Day Mass

The Knights of Columbus will be recognizing deceased family members of parishioners who served in the military. Please share the name of your loved ones who served our nation with the Knights before and after Mass the weekends of May 10th-11th and May 17th-18th.

Please contact David Van Nett if you have any questions (sk.d.vannett@gmail.com).

[Click here to register](#)

Sunday, May 17 | Spring Walk at Umstead Park

2:00pm | Route 40 entrance Harrison Avenue. (See page 1)

May 17 | Always God's Children 3:30-5:00pm

A warm and 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 support one another on our journey of faith and life. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

May 18 and May 27 | Info Session:

Prayer for Compassionate Leaders 7:00-8:00pm

Learn how you can take part in efforts to collect prayer intentions for leaders at all levels, pray over them, bring them to the altar, and then deliver them so leaders know we are praying for them and how we see them living out their vocation for God. [Registration](#). Contact casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.



May 21 | Java with Jim

9:40-10:30am. Join us for Java with Jim on Wednesday, May 21, following daily Mass at 9:45am. Jim Wahl will share stories and reflections from his recent pilgrimage to Italy with parishioners, including their visit to Assisi, the home of St. Francis. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

May 30 | Community Wellness Fair Saturday,

8:30am-12:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Take part in our first Community Wellness Fair and discover resources to support your mind, body, and spirit. With more than 40 local vendors, this event offers practical tools, expert guidance, and supportive services for all ages. <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/wellnessfair/>
Featured Activities & Screenings:

- Pulse Screenings
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Balance Assessments
- Long-Term Care Resources
- Technology Assistance
- Home Improvement Guidance
- Fitness Information

Join us for a morning of learning, connection, and healthy living. All are welcome! Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

May 30 | Wellness Fair Volunteers needed

We are seeking volunteers to assist with our upcoming Wellness Fair.

Morning Hospitality & Set-Up:

Assist with welcoming vendors and helping with event set-up.
Arrival time: 7:00a.m.-8:30am

Event Breakdown & Reset:

Help with breaking down tables and resetting the space in preparation for faith formation the following day.
Arrival time: 12:00 pm

If you are able to volunteer, [please sign here](#) or contact Stacey Shine at stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 9 | EM New and Refresher Training 6:30-8:00pm. Training for parishioners who desire to become a Eucharistic Minister and a refresher for existing EMs! Must be 16 years of age and confirmed.

[Click here to register](#). Contact john.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Scam Alert - Fr. Chris, and those on the SFA staff, **NEVER** request, money, favors, cell phone numbers, etc. via email. Always check the sender's email address to verify that the domain name appears after our name exactly like this (stfrancisraleigh.org).



St. Francis Jubilee

Welcome to a sacred year of reflection, renewal, and joyful celebration as we honor the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi. Rooted in the spirit of humility, peace, and deep reverence for all creation, this Jubilee invites our community to rediscover the timeless wisdom of St. Francis and live more intentionally in harmony with God, one another, and the world around us.

Throughout this year, we will come together as a community in prayer, service, and celebration, embracing the Franciscan call to simplicity, compassion, and care for all living things.

[Information & Events](#)

June 12-14 | 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 in the Raleigh area. It 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 contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The website is: rachel-nc.org Cost is \$350 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 if you register before May, 12. Spanish and English speakers are welcome. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available.

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.

June 16 - Guns to Gardens event 11:00am-4:00pm.

We are co-sponsoring an event for safe gun disposal at Umstead Park United Church of Christ at 8208 Brownleigh Dr in Raleigh. Free, safe, and anonymous. Arrive with unloaded guns stored in trunk or back of vehicle, and forge into garden tools. Vigil of Remembrance at 4:00pm. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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 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.



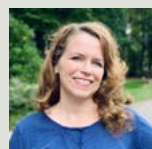
Marc Kielty: A Life of Service

Marc Kielty has been a presence at St. Francis of Assisi Parish for many years as both a parishioner and a member of the Parish Staff. Marc has meant a lot to so many people in the parish, but nothing better summarizes what Marc has meant to the Parish than Joe Leone's perspective. Joe has worked many years with Marc and says, "It's honestly hard to put into words just how much Marc has meant to this place and to those of us who've had the chance to work alongside him. He's been such a steady, reliable presence here, and his impact on both the parish and school community goes far beyond his job. He takes pride in what he does, but more importantly, in the people around him." [More](#)



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Faith is an important part of family life, and parents want to pass on an understanding of the Catholic faith to their children, especially by attending weekly Mass. For younger children, however, the experience can sometimes feel challenging. Being asked to sit still, stay quiet, and listen to unfamiliar words can make it difficult for them to fully engage. At the same time, parents often find themselves tending to their children rather than [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.

August 14-16 | Single, Single Again Retreat

6:00-12:00pm. Come enjoy a beach weekend of spiritual enrichment, friendship and relaxation. Our theme is "Ebb and Flow: From Challenges to Change". Location is the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores. Contact GingerlaBelle@gmail.com. [Click here for flyer](#). [Click here for the registration form](#).

The St Francis Inn Philadelphia Ministry trips for 2026

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.

Pilgrimage to Prague and Poland Oct. 8-19 2026



under the spiritual direction of Fr. Daniel Oschwald. Deadline for registration is rapidly approaching so if you are interested. For pricing and information please contact the tour director at praguepolandpilgrimage@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunities:

Maintenance Tech (FT/40 hrs) Responsible for ensuring all areas of the campus are in good repair, maintaining a safe environment and professional appearance of all campus buildings. See more details here: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>.

Wondering about Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction supports you while deepening your life with Christ. Our SFA directors will listen, hold your story, encourage, and help you find God in your daily life. Click here to learn how this accompaniment may be what you've been looking for! [Click here to learn more](#). or email Nancy at prayerfulheart3@gmail.com

Funeral Notifications

Would you like to be notified by email of upcoming funerals at St. Francis, as they are scheduled? If so, please contact Joan Port at joankport@gmail.com and include "Funeral Notices" in the subject line.



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Dental Professionals - Assisting SVdP

SVdP is looking into the possibility of initiating a Dental Care ministry for the homeless and working poor. If you are a Dentist or Dental Hygienist, working or retired and interested in helping out, contact Deacon Steve at (732) 213-0104 / StephenWAndrews@outlook.com.

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



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Feed the Need The Caring Cuisine fridge is nearly empty and desperately in need of side dishes, (rice, potato, vegetable) and main dishes (meatloaf, soups, pastas) gluten free options are particularly needed. For more info on Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles links below.

Feed the Need

https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydigital.com/need/?s=1&need_init_id=8135

Caring Cuisine

<https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydigital.com/ministries/caring-casseroles/>

Contact Celesta Carlson, feedtheneedsfa@gmail.com.



Join us for an unforgettable summer where friendships bloom, laughter echoes, and memories are made.

Camps Offered the weeks of:

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

For more Information & to Register:
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>



Plant dill or butterfly weed to attract and feed butterflies.

Group Leader Needed

For Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group

We are seeking a leader to start a second monthly daytime group. Ideal candidates have a background in nursing or social work with relevant experience. Training and collaboration will be provided.

CONTACT STACEY.SHINE@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 Colette Dziadul, Colette.Dziadul@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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Laudato Si urges us to address our planet's health by Responding to the Cry of the Earth and The Cry of the Poor

laudatosiactionplatform.org/laudato-si-goals/

Eucharistic Minister Training (For New Candidates or as a Refresher)

Tuesday, June 9th, 6:30pm-7:45pm

Training will take place in the church. Please sign up to attend on Realm.

Sign up on Realm or for more information.

Contact: John.Hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org



Congratulations Liam and Olivia



This past Thursday, we joyfully welcomed Liam Franchi into the fullness of the Catholic faith as he received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Eucharist. We also celebrate his sister, Olivia Franchi, who received her First Holy Communion, and we congratulate the Franchi family on these beautiful milestones of faith.



Open to children of all skill levels
in rising 3rd-9th grades.
For questions, please contact
Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org

St. Francis of Assisi Columbarium Committee Guidelines for Flower Placement



To honor our loved ones, a live flower may be placed by using one of our approved flower holders. Flowers will be removed at the discretion of the committee. Flower holders are available in the hallway closet near the parish office reception desk.

Join the online SFA Social Network

News by parishioners, for parishioners
There is no cost to join. Must be 18+ years of age.
A safe 100% spam-free, toxic free environment
- by invitation only... *this is your invitation!*



A Miracle of Comfort
Posted by Robert C. Hall on May 13, 2026 at 1:03pm

I have a neighbor, who is agnostic or maybe even atheist. She is a sweet, loving person but very critical towards Christians. Sometimes that makes it hard for us to be friends but, friends we are. She has told me many times her prayers were never answered so she gave up on God. A few months ago, she...

Click to Join

St Agnes Outside the Walls (Rome)
Posted by Robert C. Hall on May 13, 2026 at 1:03pm

One of my favorite books is a compelling and pleasurable read about a fourth century church just outside of Rome. It is Margaret Visser's book, *The Geometry of Love: Space, Time, Mystery, and Meaning in an Ordinary Church, St Agnes Outside the Walls*. She describes it in exhaustive detail and discusses related subjects of Christianity, history, theology, architecture,...

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.
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