



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

PRAYER & VIRTUES

What are we asking God in our Prayer for Compassionate Leaders?

Thursday, May 28
 12:30-1:15 pm
 Online Lunch and Learn



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 OF OUR GOAL
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INTERFAITH UNITED FOR IMMIGRANTS

A WAKE INTERFAITH IMMIGRATION EVENT

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

at Edenton Street United Methodist Church
 228 West Edenton Street Raleigh, NC 27603



RESPECT FOR IMMIGRANTS BRINGS US TOGETHER

Join people of many faiths to affirm the dignity of our immigrant neighbors – welcoming, protecting and standing with them. Through song, Word, learning and witness, we turn respect into action.

Light overcomes darkness
 Dignity over fear


wakeinterfaithimmigration.org
 All are welcome. No registration required.



care for God's creation

We show respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. The environment is God's gift to everyone.

[Click here for more information.](#)
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GET CONNECTED

Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities



May 28 | Discussion - Mary Ellen McGuire will host a discussion on how and why we pray for compassion in our leaders. How can the virtues modeled in sacred scripture help us create a vision for compassionate leadership and help us intercede more intentionally to bring about the kingdom of God? Contact casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org. Event link <https://this-is-who-we-are.org/events/>.

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.

May 31 | Altar Server Training 1:00-2:00pm

is available for Rising 5th graders through High School, who have received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
Contact shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 7 | Baccalaureate Mass

11:30am-12:30pm - Sunday June 7th. 11:45am Mass.
All graduates from high school, college, and graduate school welcome. Meet in the gathering space to join the procession wearing your cap and gown. Contact tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 7 | Interfaith United for Immigrants

3:00-5:00pm. Join people of many faiths at Edenton United Methodist Church to affirm the dignity of our immigrant neighbors - welcoming, protecting and standing with them. Through song, Word, learning and witness, we turn respect into action. All are welcome. No registration needed. Information: <https://wakeinterfaithimmigration.org/>. Contact maryellen.mcguire@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.

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.

June 13-14 | Celebrating Fr. Joseph | Fellowship Hall

Join us as we gather to thank Fr. Joseph for his years of faithful service and to wish him well on his next chapter as the Assistant to the Bishop for Liturgy. We will deeply miss his presence, leadership, and pastoral care.

Reception Times:

- Saturday, June 13: After the 5:30pm Mass
- Sunday, June 14: After the 7:15am Mass
- Sunday, June 14: Between the 9:00am & 11:45am Masses (No reception after the 11:45am Mass.)

Beginning June 1, a message book will be available on the large oak table for parishioners to share their thanks, prayers, and personal notes to Fr. Joseph. All are welcome !

Volunteers Needed:

If you would like to volunteer to bring food [please sign up here](#)

If you would like to volunteer with hospitality [please sign up here](#)

June 13 | 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, & anonymous. Arrive with unloaded guns stored in trunk or back of vehicle, and forge into garden tools. Vigil of Remembrance at 4:00 pm. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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 24 | Online Prayer for Compassionate Leaders

7:00-8:00pm. We will pray for our leaders to encounter God and lift up our collected prayer intentions. Our leaders are human and they need our help. Submit your prayer intentions for leaders to encourage compassionate leadership and join us in prayer! We are God's coworkers. More information <https://this-is-who-we-are.org/events/>. Contact casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank the person who left the beautiful blue fabric in our mailbox. We will put it to good use. Thanks for your help. Lisa

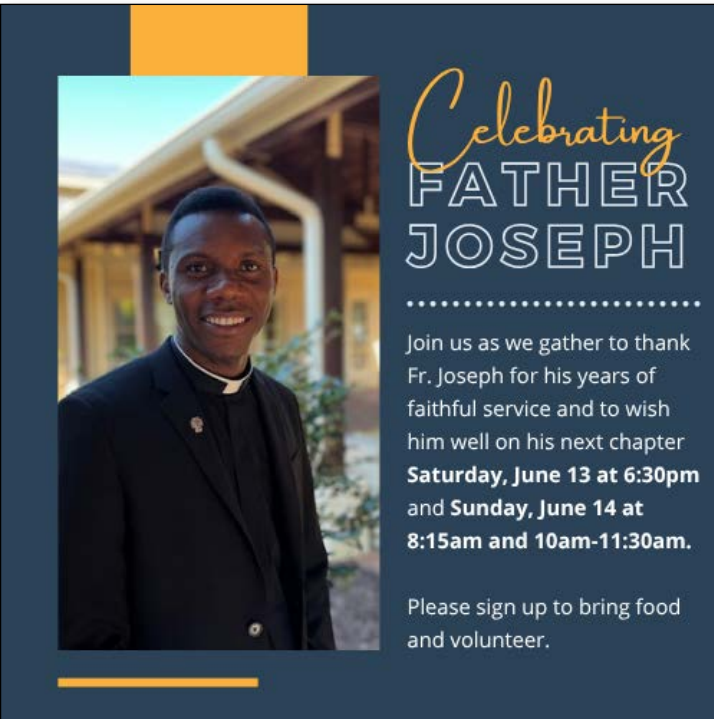
June-July | Men's 18+ Summer Basketball League Registration
League play during June and July on weekends only. Teams will have no practice time. Registration is TEAM BASED only. Players will form their own teams and submit registration and fee as a team. Each player must also complete an Individual Player Registration. Teams will provide their own jerseys. [Register Here!](#) Contact Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.



2026
ALL GRADUATES FROM
HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE,
AND GRADUATE SCHOOL
WELCOME.
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
11:45 AM MASS
MEET IN THE GATHERING SPACE
TO JOIN THE PROCESSION
WEARING YOUR CAP AND GOWN



Celebrating
FATHER JOSEPH
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Join us as we gather to thank Fr. Joseph for his years of faithful service and to wish him well on his next chapter
Saturday, June 13 at 6:30pm
and Sunday, June 14 at 8:15am and 10am-11:30am.
Please sign up to bring food and volunteer.



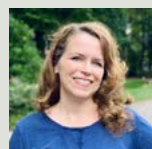
Marc Kielty: A Life of Service

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.

❖ JOIN OUR TEAM



Altar Server

→ Training

*Sunday, May 31st at 1pm
in the Church*

Altar Server Training is available for Rising 5th graders through High School, who have received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

Employment Opportunities:

- Principal, The Franciscan School Full Time
- Math Teacher, Grade 6, Full-time, 40 hours
- Instructional Teaching Assistant, Full-time, 40 hours
- Facility Maintenance Technician – Full Time (40 hours – some nights and weekends may be required)

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.

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.

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



REGISTRATION VIA REALM
IS NOW OPEN!

Church Keeping

We are currently looking for volunteers to help wash and iron linens.

Volunteer times for Church Keeping can be adapted to fit in your schedule.

For more information please contact:
Shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org



JUSTICE & PEACE Grant Recipients! - 2026 -



- Alliance Medical Ministry
- Catholic Parish Outreach
- Community Empowerment Fund
- Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School
- Diaper Bank of NC
- Durham Center for Senior Life
- Family Promise
- Healing Transitions
- HopeLine, Inc.
- InterAct
- Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
- JusticeMatters Inc.
- NAMI Wake County
- North Raleigh Ministries
- Oak City Cares
- Resources for Seniors Inc.
- Senior PharmAssist
- Sound Rivers
- St. Joseph Primary Care Clinic
- StepUp Ministry
- The Center for Volunteer Caregiving
- The Green Chair Project
- The Hope Center at Pullen
- Transitions LifeCare



A Cleaner Home Starts Here

Simple tip to create your own cleaning agent.

Make your own house cleaner using these simple steps.

- ✓ Cuts grease & grime
- ✓ Disinfects surfaces*
- ✓ Stain-free shine
- ✓ Great for countertops, disinfects, floors, appliances & more!

HOW TO MAKE IT: In a spray bottle, add 1/2 cup of Dawn dishwashing detergent and 1/2 cup of 70% rubbing alcohol. Shake well to mix. Spray & wipe clean!

*Always use with caution. Do not use on natural stone, waxed wood, or other sensitive surfaces.

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.

FORMATION SUMMER CAMPS

MEN'S 18+ SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

SEASON RUNS JUNE-JULY WITH GAMES ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

REGISTER NOW!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

ACTING FOR JUSTICE

A JUSTFAITH EVENT

WAR, NONVIOLENCE, AND POPE LEO'S LEADERSHIP

MARIE DENNIS
Director, Catholic Nonviolence Initiative

MAY 28 • 7PM ET/4PM PT

Join us as Marie Dennis leads us in exploring nonviolence, a spirituality, a way of life and a method for social change—rooted in the Gospel, lived in communities, and expressed through courageous action. Don't miss this powerful presentation!
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

THE LAUDATO SI' GOALS

MAY 24

Responsible use of our Earth includes addressing Ecological Economics and Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles and
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

Spring Walk at Umstead Park



Blood Drive Saves 15,000 Lives Over 30 Years
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Blood Drive - Knights of Columbus

As you likely know, the parish has held Red Cross Blood drives for many years, sponsored and organized by the Knights of Columbus council at St. Francis. These efforts came to the attention of the National Organization as part of the reporting we do of our service projects. They contacted us and wanted more information. Consequently, they sent a camera crew to Raleigh from the National K of C headquarters to video our Council's most recent blood drive event. They have posted their video on the National K of C YouTube Channel and Facebook page. [Click here to watch.](#)



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](#)

CAMP FRANCIS

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/>

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.



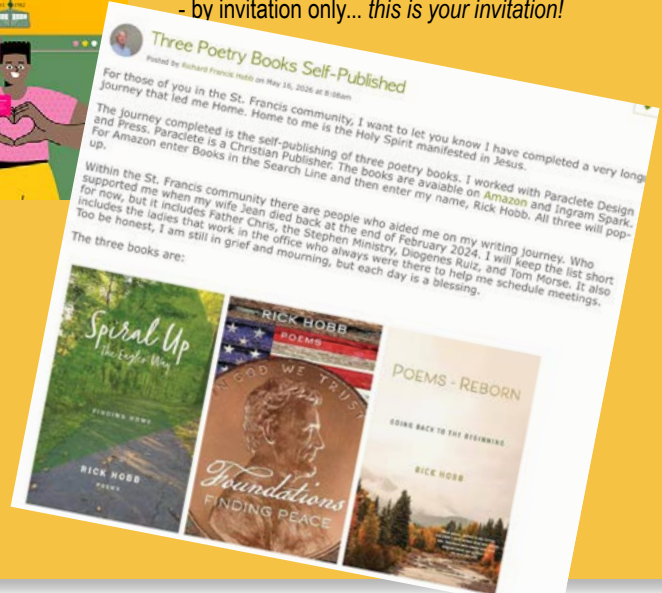
CONTACT: john.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org

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