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This Weekend!

2026

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 SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
 11:45 AM MASS

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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.

This Weekend!

wakeinterfaithimmigration.org
 All are welcome. No registration required.



Congratulations to Victoria LeDonne and Malik Barksdale who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on 5/23/2026. May their lives always bear witness to Christ's love.

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



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 Pastor



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 Parochial Vicar



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
 Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
 Deacon In Residence

June 6/7 | 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.

June 7 | Baccalaureate Mass

11:30am-12:30pm - Sunday June 7. 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.

July 11 | Women's Ministry Yoga and Breakfast

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

June 11 | End of Season Music Concert 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Church. Join Jim Wahl and the choir for a fun end-of-season music concert in the church as we celebrate the end of spring and the beginning of summer together! Enjoy an evening of uplifting music, community, and joy as we welcome the summer season. All are invited to attend this special evening of music and celebration.

June 11 | JobWorks Career Ministry: Turning Experience into New Career Opportunities

8:30-10:30am. Join Matt Swanson at St. Michael's for a practical and inspiring session on turning past experience into new career opportunities. Learn how to identify your strengths, highlight transferable skills, and communicate your value effectively in today's job market. Location: St. Michael Conference Center, 830 High House Rd, Cary, NC, US, 27513 [Register Here](#). Contact Paul Dean, vpauldean@gmail.com.

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.



Celebrating FATHER JOSEPH

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.

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 | CORRAL Riding Academy 9:30am-12:00pm
A faith-motivated nonprofit 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! [Click here](#). Contact Donna Schwede Donna.schwede@gmail.com.

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.

June 14 | 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.

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 18 Affordable Housing Listening Session

7:00pm. Do you have housing concerns for yourself or others? Are you seeking ways to stand in solidarity with those who struggle to afford local housing? We would love to hear from you! Come share your concerns, learn more about the housing crisis and our call to respect the human dignity of all at a listening session on June 18, 7:00 pm, Founders Room, St. Francis of Assisi. [RSVP Here](#). Contact [Nancy Dilger](mailto:Nancy.Dilger).

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.



June 27 | St Vincent de Paul Medical Clinic:

10:00am-12:00pm. A new St. Vincent de Paul Conference is being formed to provide medical care for people experiencing homelessness and the working poor. **Our first focus will be dental care.** If you may be interested in participating, please join us for an Information Session on Saturday, June 27, from 10:00am to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, so please invite any who may be interested. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 732-213-0104 or stephenwandrews@outlook.com.

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.

Catholic Parish Outreach Donation Bins

As a reminder, CPO donation bins are permanently located in Clare Hall to receive nonperishable food and gently used young children's clothing (sizes Newborn to 6T/6X), children's shoes (up to size 12), children's books, and maternity clothing. They are currently in need of newborn-6T clothing. Contact Person Nora Dettlerline, nedett@gmail.com.



TFS CONGRATULATIONS!
Class of 2026

Milestone Moments for TFS 8th Graders

Eighth grade at TFS is marked by meaningful traditions, such as Prayer Buddies, completing a capstone project, attending a special Mass with the Bishop, and enjoying privileges like outdoor lunch. May is a month filled with milestones. Some of the most significant ones for our 8th graders are the Washington, D.C. trip and graduation. Graduation marks the end of their time at TFS and in middle school, paving the way for them to fly their wings in high school. We get the chance to celebrate this special group of students and empower them to go out and change the world. [More](#)



Medical Presence & Safety At Mass

Bill Logallo, coordinator of the 'Medical Presence and Safety at Mass ministry', says, "The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi is well known in the local community as being a place open to all, as emphasized through its pastoral care ministries. The 'Medical Presence and Safety at Mass' ministry strives to respond to any issue with compassion through de-escalation, when necessary, mental health awareness, and seeing every person with inherent dignity." [More](#)



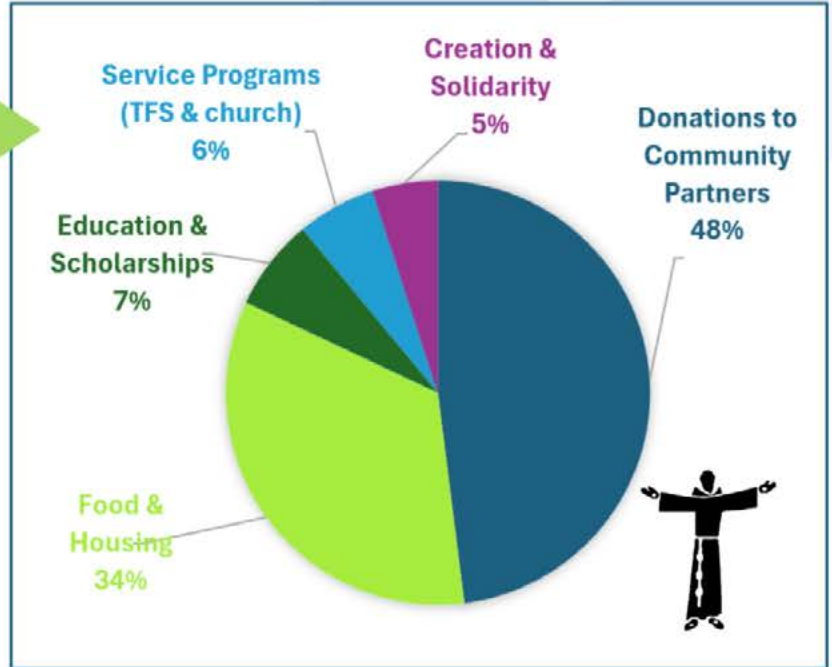
Are you New to St. Francis? We warmly welcome you to our community! If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Stacey Shine](#). We look forward to connecting with you and helping you feel right at home.

PARISH TITHE

Every year the parish tithes 10% to the Office of Justice and Peace. Last year this amounted to \$437,625. These funds pay for all activities related to service, peace, and justice at the church and TFS. Net of staffing, here is the breakdown of how funds were used. We made substantial contributions to Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, Habitat for Humanity, San Damiano house, and ONE Wake. Also, this was the second year that we invited applications for grants of up to \$5,000. There were 51 applicants, and the Justice and Peace Grant Committee awarded grants to 24 local organizations.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE & PEACE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



LIVED DISCIPLESHIP: TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

\$71,000

Special collections

180

Backpacks with school supplies

12 TONS

of food

1,200

Christmas gifts

1,276

Prayer Shawl ministry donations

3,100+

Volunteer hours

Projects with TFS and Faith Formation



Pet Adoption Sunday

We are a parish that seeks to live the gospel of charity, life, justice, and peace in our wider world. We provide opportunities that help us live out the corporal works of mercy, go on missions in solidarity and service, and advocate for the most vulnerable.

The Office of Justice & Peace
 Mary Ellen McGuire, Director
 Casey Slock, Coordinator
 Dina DaRe, Admin Assistant
 919-847-8205



Service

Employment Opportunities:

- Principal, The Franciscan School Full Time
- Assistant Principal
- 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)
- Preschool Teacher Assistant – Part Time, (days and hours vary)

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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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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CONTACT: john.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org



Pilgrimage to Prague and Poland Oct. 8-19 2026

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

Group Leader Needed

For Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group

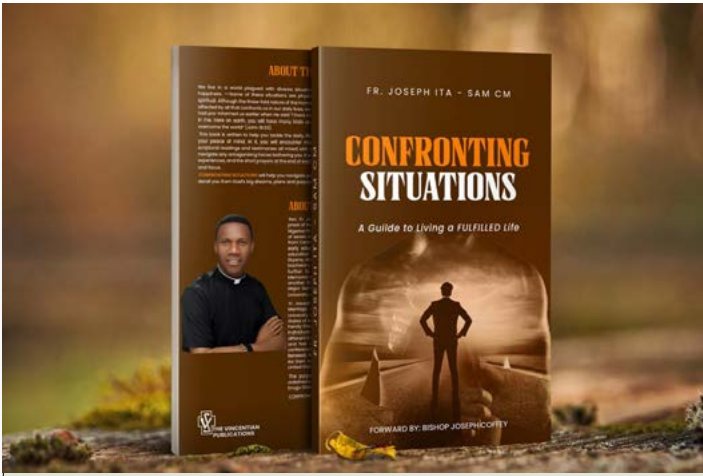
We are seeking a leader to start a second monthly daytime group. Ideal candidates have a background in nursing or social work with relevant experience. Training and collaboration will be provided.

CONTACT STACEY.SHINE@STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG

Wellness Fair Highlights

A special thanks to our organizer, Stacey Shine, and all the volunteers, vendors, and attendees who made our Wellness Fair such a huge success.





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Pope Leo XIV's New Encyclical: Magnifica Humanitas



Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity) is Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical. All Catholics and people of good will are invited to join Pope Leo in discerning together the profound impacts of technological advancement and how to always place human dignity at the center of any new technology.

Learn more here



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

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/>



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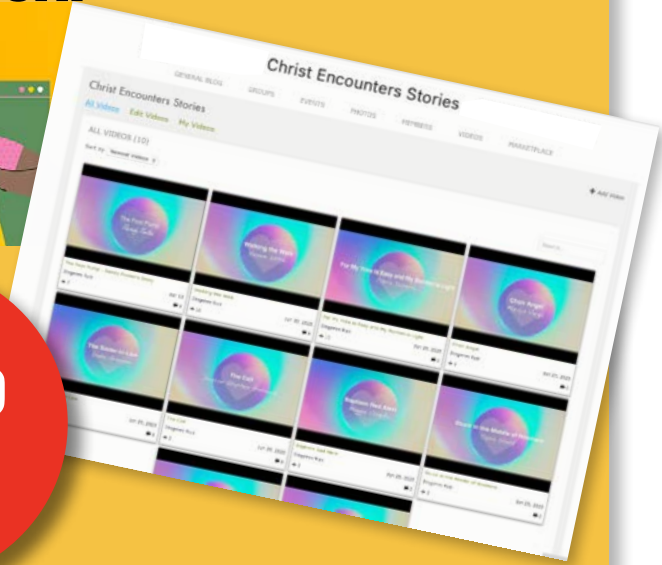
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