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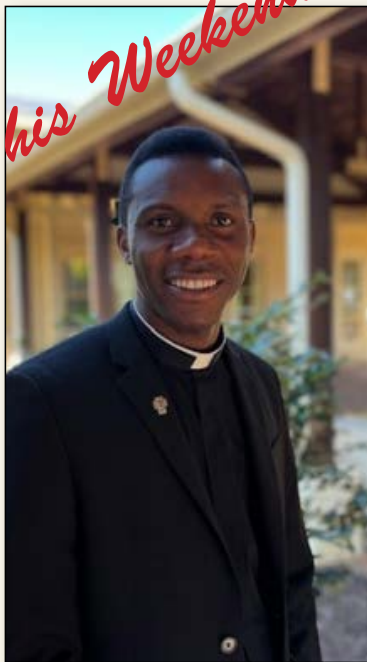
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Celebrate the Jubilee Year with an Audio Walking Tour

Celebrate the 800th Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi by experiencing our new Audio Walking Tour. Explore the history, sacred spaces, artwork, ministries, and Franciscan heritage of our parish at your own pace. [Visit the Jubilee Year page on our website](#) for tour details and access information. Click for the [Audio Walking Tour](#). Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

This Weekend!



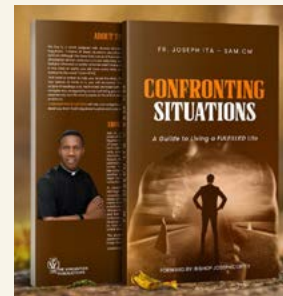
June 13-14 | Celebrating Fr. Joseph

Join us in Fellowship Hall 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 and 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!



Purchase a copy of Fr. Joseph's book *Confronting Situations* and have it personally signed by him.

Discover hope and encouragement through inspiring stories, scripture, and prayer. Each chapter combines inspiration with practical therapeutic approaches, including short prayers for solace. **Books are \$20 each.** Payment may be made by cash or check.

Make checks payable to Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam

To donate to Fr. Joseph's car fund, make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi and put "Fr. Joseph car fund" in the memo line. If using Parish Soft, select "One Time" donation and put "Fr Joseph car fund" in the memo line.

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

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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.



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.

June 27-Ordination of Tom Costello to the Permanent Diaconate

10:00am to 1:00pm. Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Raleigh, NC. Tom Costello will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on 6/27 at the Cathedral. The Mass is open to the public. All are welcome.

June 28 | Altar Server Training

1:00pm in the church. Contact Shannon.Hoffman@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.



JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server

→ **Training**

Sunday, June 28th 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
- 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/>.

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 Detterline, nedett@gmail.com.

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Care for Creation Committee

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**FORMATION
SUMMER CAMPS**

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.



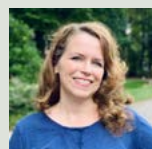
Papal Jubilee Decree: A Special Year of St. Francis

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of our patron saint's death. This Franciscan Jubilee Year, running from January 10th, 2026, to January 10th, 2027, is a gift for all in the Church and was inaugurated with a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See. This Jubilee Year holds special significance for our parish, as it offers the faithful here and worldwide the opportunity to reflect on the enduring legacy of St. Francis and to renew their commitment to living the Gospel through peace, humility, service, and care for creation. [More](#)



Knights of Columbus

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a community of service and ministry. No one exemplifies this mission more than the Knights of Columbus. In a ministry profile that appeared in the August 10, 2025, bulletin, former Grand Knight Bryan Kozak provided the history of the Knights of Columbus as an order and the Council at St. Francis (All Saints Council 9709) as a vital ministry within the faith community of St. Francis of Assisi since 1988. [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.

Congratulations Joe and Zita

Joe and Zita Pietrus received a special blessing at morning Mass on Wednesday as they celebrated 60 years of marriage



St. Francis of Assisi
Preschool



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Openings Available for the 2026-2027 School Year

Classes Offered

Toddler Class (18 to 23 months)

Two Year Old

Three Year Old

Four Year Old

Transitional Class

Housing Concerns Listening Session

We want to hear from you.

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TFS Kindergarten Admissions-Spots Available

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THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL
— FAITH - ACADEMICS - SERVICE —

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.

End-of-Season Concert Highlights





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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