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Fr. Joseph Says Thanks!



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SCAN HERE

Yoga & breakfast
with Women's Ministry

Saturday, July 11
9 - 11 am

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



July 4/5 | 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.

July 9 | JCM Presents: Speak Different: Tell Powerful Career Stories that Open Doors 8:30-10:30am. Whether you're a job seeker or a professional looking to expand your network, this event will help you meet more people, gain career insights, and boost your confidence—all in a supportive and engaging environment! It will take place at St. Andrew's 3008 Old Raleigh Rd, Apex, NC. To attend, please RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/38eztren>. Contact Paul Dean, vpauldean@gmail.com.

July 11 | Women's Ministry Yoga and Breakfast morning 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 sfawomens-ministry@gmail.com.

July 12 | Join L'Arche North Carolina for BBQ & Bingo in Raleigh Enjoy BBQ, accessible Picture Bingo, prizes, and community while supporting programs of belonging for adults with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tickets include dinner and a bingo card. Learn more and purchase tickets at <https://givebutter.com/BBQBingo>.

July 12 | 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.

August 5 | Jubilee Mass | Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral 6:30-7:30pm. Join us for a special Jubilee Mass in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite our entire parish community to come together in prayer and celebration as we give thanks for the witness of St. Francis and his enduring spirit of peace, humility, and service. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@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](#).

August 22-23 | Parish Ministry Fair | After All Masses Celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis by discovering ways to serve, grow in faith, and build community. Join us for the Parish Ministry Fair after all Masses August 22-23. Meet ministry representatives, explore opportunities, and find your purpose in our Franciscan parish family! Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 23 - 29 Family Promise Family Promise. Small Commitment. Big Impact. Make a difference by helping support the lives of families experiencing temporary homelessness. We provide meals and groceries for one week while families work towards permanent housing. Be part of our next hosting. Contact Jim Packard, stfa.fp@gmail.com, 910-389-8936.

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.



800TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
AT 6:30PM,

AT HOLY NAME OF
JESUS CATHEDRAL

*May their lives always
bear witness to Christ's love*



Congratulations to Belén Rogers and David Tan who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on 6/27/2026.

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 (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/>.

EM to the Homebound

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to join our EM to the Homebound. If you are interested or would like to learn more please contact Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.



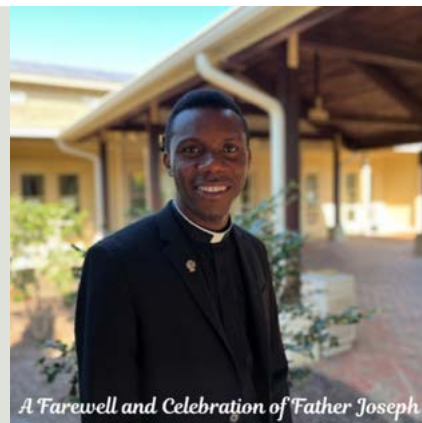
Celebrate the Jubilee Year with an Audio Walking Tour

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.

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

July 6-10
July 13-17
July 20-24

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



A Farewell and Celebration of Father Joseph

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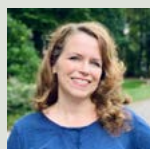
In every family, every group of friends, every business, and in every other kind of community, there are welcoming and parting commemorations. We have embraced different priests as they joined our community with celebration and joy, and have said goodbye to them when they were called away with appreciation and best wishes. We do so again as Father Joseph moves to a new position in the Diocese of Raleigh. After his time in the parish, Father Joseph expressed his desire to stay in the diocese. He has recently accepted a new position as the bishop's special assistant for liturgy, in which he will travel with the bishop to various liturgical events. [More](#)



Tech Ministry

Technology plays a huge role in our lives, and it is not just in the secular world. Ever since the COVID pandemic, technology has played an even greater role in our faith lives, too. Like many things at St. Francis of Assisi, we have a ministry for that!

"The Call to Family, Community, and Participation is the theme in Catholic Social Teaching that the ministry emphasizes most," says Sharon Winzeler, one of the coordinators of the Tech Ministry. She adds... [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.

Tom Costello Ordination Highlights



Lord, continue to sustain those You have called to this ministry so they remain ardent servants with gentle hearts, proclaiming the Gospel and service at Your Holy table.



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

ADVOCACY



CORNER

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis urged us to care for our common home, saying;

... scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and ... products which depend on its use. Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur ... unless urgent action is taken.

Click below to find the water restrictions for Durham and Raleigh.

<https://raleighnc.gov/alerts/stage-1-water-restrictions-place-drought-continues>

<https://www.durhamnc.gov/1061/Durham-Saves-Water>

TFS Kindergarten Admissions-Spots Available



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.

let your
light
SHINE
MATTHEW 5:16

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**FORMATION
SUMMER CAMPS**

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



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St. Francis of Assisi
Preschool



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

Happy Birthday Lannon!



Parishioners were treated to birthday cake last Thursday after morning Mass in celebration of Lannon's 56 birthday. Lannon was born on July 4. He sported his favorite red white and blue shirt for the occasion.

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