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Altar Server

→ **Training**

*Sunday, July 19th 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

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Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities



Fr. Chris Koehn,
Pastor



Fr. James Singarayar, HGN
Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

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.

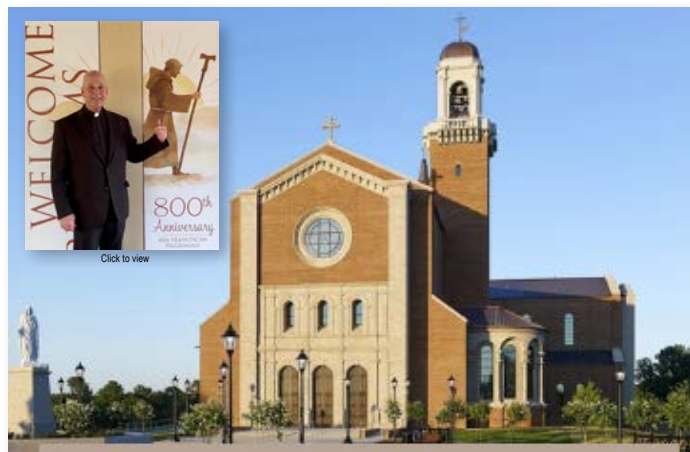
**July 18-26 | Back to School Drive Donations Needed!**

Help local students start the school year ready to learn! We are collecting school supplies for children and families in need. Donations may be dropped off in the Welcome Center. We are also collecting Financial Donations to help supplement items not collected. Contact Heidi Hobler, Heidi.Hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org. [Click here to view supplies needed.](#) [Click here to make a financial donation.](#) (please be sure to select Back to School Drive in the One Time Gift Drop Down)

July 19 | Altar Server Training 1:00-2:30pm. Altar Server Training is available for Rising 5th graders through High School, who have received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Contact Shannon Hoffman, shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

July 29 and August 2 | Back to School Drive Volunteers Needed

Please join us in supporting the annual Back to School Supply Drive. There are opportunities to help collect, transfer, sort and pack backpacks with supplies to be distributed to students through Our Lady of the Rosary, Passage Home, the Hispanic Family Center, and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. [Click to Volunteer.](#)

**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 20 | Ladies Night Out - ZincHouse Brewery & Winery

6:00-8:00pm. Women's Ministry Summer Happy Hour Thursday at ZincHouse Winery & Brewery (6225 Wake Forest Hwy, Durham). We'll provide light fare, fellowship and fun! Beverages and an on site food truck for purchase. We'll scope a spot, weather and space dependent; find us at the balloons for our location on site. [Register here.](#) Contact sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

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.

Employment Opportunities:

- Principal, The Franciscan School Full Time
- Assistant Principal
- Math Teacher, Grade 6, 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? If so, please contact Joan Port at joankport@gmail.com and include "Funeral Notices" in the subject line.



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

July 13-17
July 20-24

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



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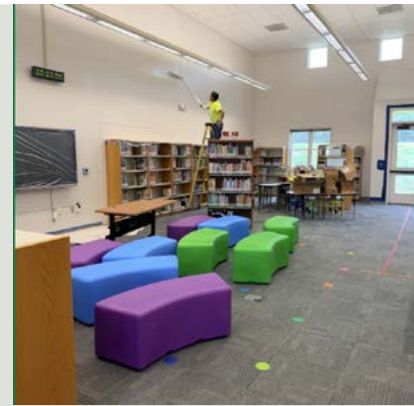


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It Takes A Village

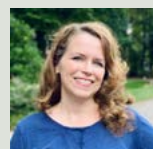
Have you ever wondered what keeps The Franciscan School campus functioning and beautiful? The answer isn't fancy equipment or curated systems, although those do help. The answer is the people.

Director of Facility Operations Joseph Leone leads the team and shares about who makes the engine run. "At the heart of our facilities team are some truly dedicated people: John Pietrzak, Lead Maintenance Technician, who brings incredible skill and reliability to everything he touches; Kyle Petersen, who works alongside John in Maintenance and never shies away from a challenge; Marc Kielty, who keeps so much..." [More](#)



Family Promise

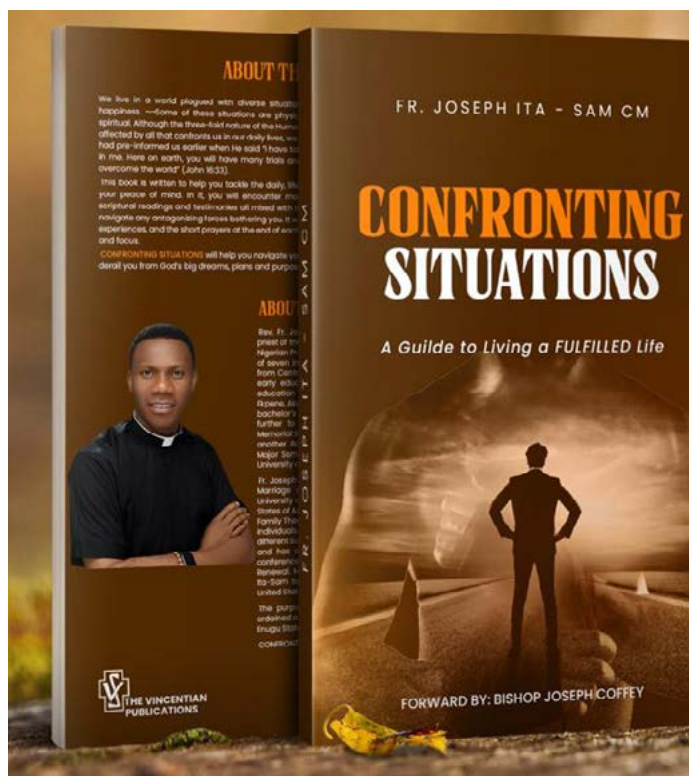
In the Gospel of Mark, the Sadducees are questioning Jesus as a test. One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor..." [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.



It was a pleasure to host clergy and staff of St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday as they gathered for a day of retreat. We caught up with a few of them as they ordered lunch from the Savor food truck. It was a joy to have them on our campus for their retreat!



Confronting Situations - Book order

Missed getting a copy of Fr. Joseph's book? You can still order it on Amazon and bring it to the parish for his signature. A form will be available when you drop off your book so arrangements can be made for signing. [Click here to order your copy.](#)

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.

Ladies Night Out

Join us at **ZincHouse** for an evening of fellowship and fun!



August 20
6:00 - 8:00 pm

HOSTED
BY
WOMEN'S
MINISTRY



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

let your
light
SHINE
MATTHEW 5:16

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



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

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Contact stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org, 919-847-8205x234

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.

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



John and Kyle, two of our maintenance superheroes stopped to chat with Fr. Chris about work in progress around our campus. Our maintenance team does a great job!

Dressed in her liturgical green alongside Fr. Chris, Blossom, one of our morning Mass regulars and EM extraordinary celebrated her birthday on Wednesday. Happy Birthday, Blossom!



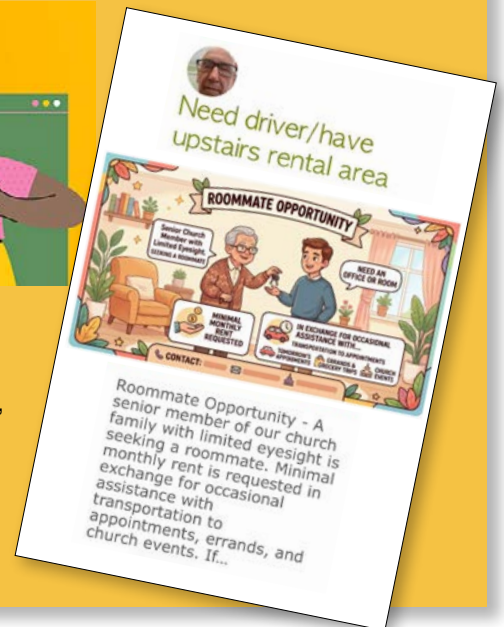
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