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**BACK TO
SCHOOL DRIVE**

JULY 18-26

We will be collecting school supply
donations in the Welcome Center.

[Supplies List](#)

**800th
Anniversary**
2026 FRANCISCAN
PILGRIMAGE

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This Weekend!



Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

JOIN OUR TEAM

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.

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

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Fr. Chris Koehn,
Pastor



Fr. James Singarayar, HGN
Parochial Vicar

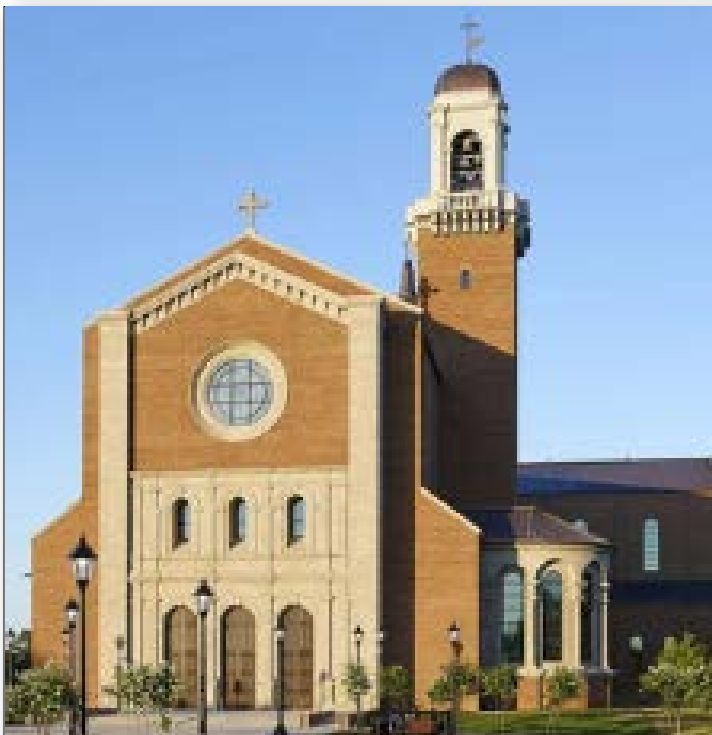


Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

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.

**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 11-September 8 | Kairos Palestine II -
A moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide** 7:15-8:15pm.

Join us as we study this powerful document from Christian leaders in Palestine to the global Church. They describe the reality of their profound suffering, profess their steadfast hope, reaffirm their commitment to follow the Holy Spirit as they advocate for justice and peace, and call us to join them. [Registration link](#). Contact Jim Rice, jrice0313@gmail.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.](#)

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.

September 14 | Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

7:00-8:30pm. Interested in making a big difference to one person on your own schedule? Join the Pen Pal Ministry on Sept 14th at 7p in the Founders Room to learn about our ministry and how our ministers write or text their pen pals on NC's Death Row using a secure app. Contact Catherine Maher, sfapenpal@gmail.com.

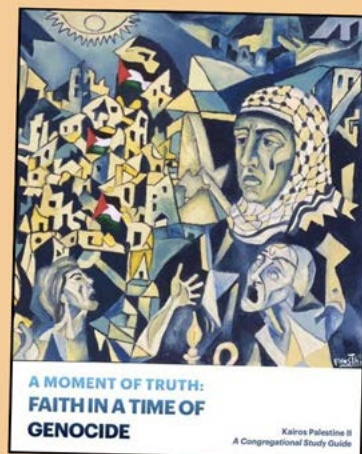
The St Francis Inn Philadelphia Ministry trips for 2026

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.

**A MOMENT OF TRUTH:
FAITH IN A TIME OF GENOCIDE**

Tuesdays,
Aug 11- Sept 8
7:15 - 8:15 PM

Realm
link below



Join this five-session study of Kairos Palestine II, a plea written by Christian leaders in Palestine to Christians worldwide.

Employment Opportunities:

- Principal, The Franciscan School Full Time
- Assistant Principal
- Part Time After School staff (flexible hours M-F)
- Kindergarten Teacher

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 joanport@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 20-24

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

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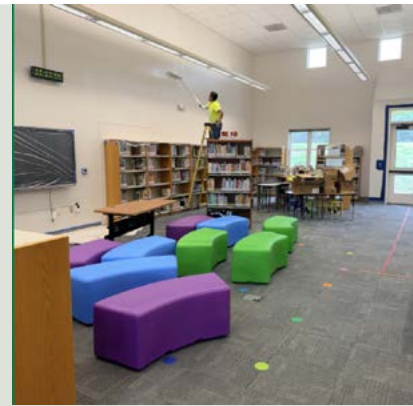


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It Takes A Village

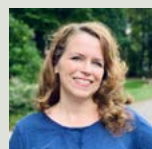
Have you ever wondered what keeps The Franciscan School campus functioning and beautiful? The answer isn't fancy equipment or curated systems, although those do help. The answer is the people.

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.

do ONE THING
Join us on the path to find your purpose!

Join us for the

Ministry Fair

August 22-23 **AFTER ALL MASSES**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Contact Stacey.Shine@stfrancisraleigh.org

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



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



REGISTRATION VIA REALM
IS NOW OPEN!

ADVOCACY

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Call on the U.S. Senate to Protect Our Haitian Neighbors

 UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Action Center

"While the bishops have recognized TPS is a temporary measure, forcibly returning thousands of families to Haiti at this moment would not only endanger their lives but would further destabilize Haiti itself, plunging it further into crisis. Now is the time to urge senators to support S. 4814 in order to prevent this injustice from occurring." -USCCB

Contact NC Senators here

TFS Kindergarten Admissions-Spots Available

TFS
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.

Clergy and staff will NEVER ask you for favors or money.

This includes email, text messages, and voice mail. ALWAYS check with the parish office when in doubt. NEVER click on a link, or respond to any request unless you have checked the validity of the message. If you receive scam email please forward them to Ryan.Edwards@stfrancisraleigh.org. He will block them.

St. Francis of Assisi
Preschool



"Over 30 yrs of Curiosity, Faith, and Compassion"

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



Calling Creative Members of our Parish

As part of our celebration of St. Francis Parish's 800th Anniversary Jubilee, we invite parishioners of all ages to share their creativity by submitting original works of art in a variety of media.

Whether you express your faith through painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, writing, music, or another artistic medium, we hope you will consider being part of this special celebration of our parish's rich history and vibrant community.

Stay tuned for additional details about submission guidelines, deadlines, and exhibition opportunities. We look forward to celebrating the many gifts and talents God has bestowed upon our parish family.

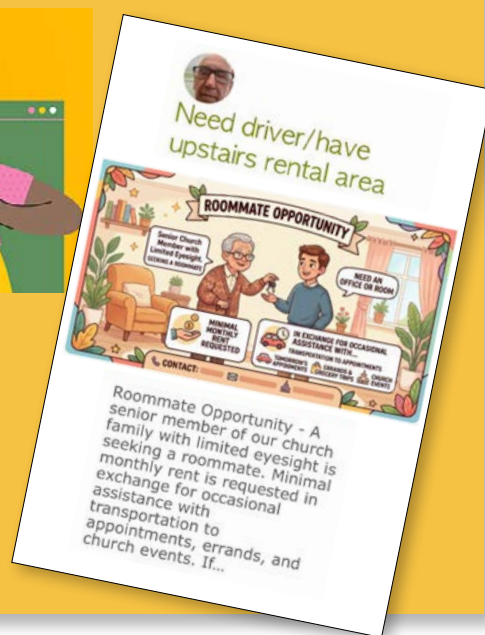
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Put "JOIN SOCIAL"
in the subject line.
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Connect with fellow parishioners - a safe place to interact. No spam, or annoying advertisements. All are welcome. Share your interest such as writing, photos, books, music, art, etc with like-minded individuals. Contribute to the Faith blog and/or the General blog - tell us about yourself. Join us!

If you have questions, please contact
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