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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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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 25 to October 6 | St Francis Youth Basketball League

Registration St. Francis Youth Basketball League Registration Join us for the 36th season of the St Francis Youth Basketball League. This program is open to girls and boys grades 1 thru 8. Registration is NOW! Regular Registration ends Sept. 14 and late registration runs thru Oct 6. Contact Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org. [Register here.](#)

**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 13 | Next JobWorks Ministry

Thursday 8:30am-10:30am, Founders Room. Topic: The Job Market Is Tough, But Your Role Still Exists. A 45-Minute Thinking Thursday Keynote Workshop on Resilience, AI, Connection, and Self-Leadership Speaker: Dr. Chris Sauls. [RSVP here.](#) Contact Paul Dean, vpauldean@gmail.com.

August and September - Brown Bag Ministry

Help Feed Durham Seniors – Volunteer with Brown Bag Ministry! We need volunteers to prepare bag lunches for seniors in two Durham apartment complexes on 8 Saturdays in August and September. These meals—sandwiches, fruit, snacks, and dessert—are delivered every other week and make a real difference. [Sign up here.](#)

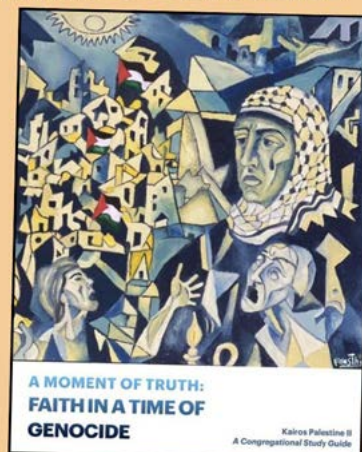
August 14-16 | Single, Single Again Retreat

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.](#)

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.

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 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 | Volunteers Needed for the Ministry Fair!

Help make our Parish Ministry Fair a welcoming and engaging experience! We are looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Hospitality – Serve coffee and donuts
 - Kids Zone – Help with the children's service project
 - Welcome Desk - Welcome parishioners and hand out bags.
- Multiple volunteer shifts are available throughout the weekend. Help make our Parish Ministry Fair a welcoming and engaging experience! We are looking for volunteers to assist with:
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[Register Here on St. Francis Serves.](#)

Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.

Sept. 15th-Oct 27th-Grief's Journey-Coping with Loss

10:30am-12:00pm. A Seven week series offering hope following the loss of a loved one through death. A safe place to share your journey and to learn from others. Intended for those who are three months or more after a death of their loved one. Meet in Anthony Hall Conference Room. [Register here](#). Contact Dina DaRe, dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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
- Part Time After School staff (flexible hours M-F)
- Kindergarten Teacher

See more details here: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>.

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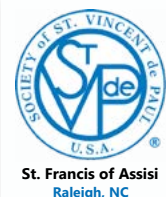
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The St. Francis Who Led Us Here

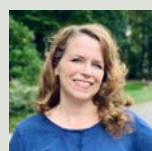
"Francis changed the church by refusing to give in to the prevalent view of the time that all creation was riddled with sin and ugliness. He helped remind the Church of God's goodness inherent in all creation; it is this goodness that is more powerful and always victorious over sin, darkness, and death. The Church still needs to remember this powerful goodness, and, hopefully, the continued presence of the Franciscan movement in the world today can help to cultivate it."

These words, spoken by an expert on Francis, are certainly true, but what do we really know about our patron saint as we commemorate the 800th anniversary of his... [More](#)



Wedding Coordinators

The Wedding Planning Ministry is, as you might guess from the name, those ministers from the parish who make sure "getting hitched" comes off without a hitch. As Laura Cirone, one of the ministry volunteers, says, "The St. Francis Wedding Coordinator ministry assists engaged couples as they prepare for the sacrament of matrimony. Our ministry assists couples and their families at wedding rehearsals to answer any questions they have about the ceremony." It doesn't stop there... [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 for the people 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



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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



Fr. Chris attending a McGrath Institute Priestly Seminar at Notre Dame University with 12 other selected pastors from around the country.



Congratulations Howard and Dorothy McKinley who celebrated 60 years of marriage and received a special blessing at Thursday's morning Mass



Fr. James and Heralds Confreres get together for recollection, conference and fraternity last week in Monroe, New York.



Calling Creative Members of our Parish

You are invited to participate in this unique exhibit of parishioner created art in celebration of St. Francis' 800th Anniversary. It's easy:

1. Sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/SFa11401z/800Jubilee>
2. Submit your work by the **Monday August 31** deadline.
3. Transmit electronically or deliver your work to Diogenes Ruiz's office in Clare Hall (If you are submitting electronically put "800 Jubilee Art" in the subject line.)

Questions and submission: diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org.

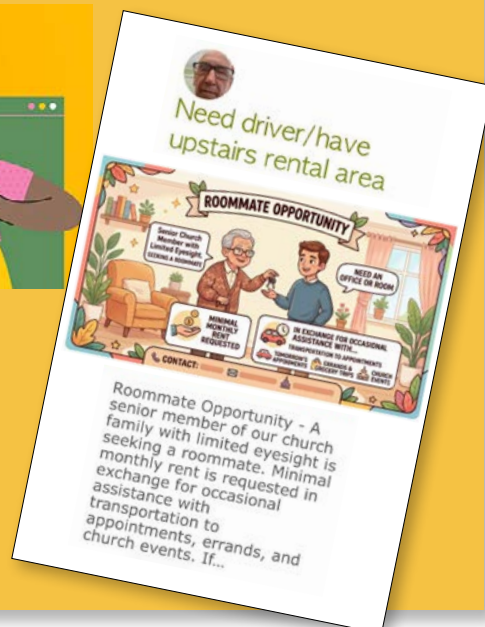
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Put "JOIN SOCIAL"
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You will then receive the link.

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