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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 1/2 | 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 Zwerneeman, alysonzwerneeman@gmail.com.

**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 9 | 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 13 | JobWorks Career Ministry Presents: The Job Market Is Tough, But Your Role Still Exists

8:30-10:30am in Founders Room. Join us in the Founders Room with Dr. Chris Sauls for a 45-minute Thinking Thursday keynote workshop focused on resilience, AI, connection, and self-leadership. Discover practical ways to navigate career uncertainty, define your goals, build meaningful connections, and take your next step with confidence. RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/bdd59ut6> or email vpauldean@gmail.com.

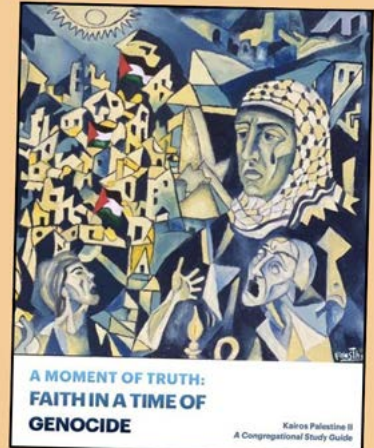
August 14-16 | Single, Single Again Retreat

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.](#)

**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.

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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 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.

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](#).



September 9 | St Vincent de Paul Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic is in formation and in need of a Web Developer to set up its website and a Treasurer to manage the conferences finances. If you are interested in either of these positions, contact Deacon Steve at 732-213-0104 or StephenWAndrews@outlook.com.

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. 15-Oct 27 | 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.

October 16 | NC State Fair Peace Booth

9:00am-3:00pm. The Peace Booth is a visible presence at the North Carolina State Fair that lets fairgoers know that there are viable alternatives to the militarism and violence that are so pervasive in the world. If you would like to represent our parish during this time slot, free tix! Contact Mary Ellen McGuire maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Oct 19 - 23 | The St Francis Inn Philadelphia Ministry Trips for 2026

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.

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 Detteline, nedett@gmail.com.



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.



On July 26th, 2026, Msgr. Staib celebrated the sacrament of baptism for Roman James Huu Nguyen, son of Peter and Aimee Nguyen.

May he walk always as a child of the light.

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



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When in doubt, throw it out!

								
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"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

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to Dave and Melissa
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Back to School Drive Highlights



We are still accepting donations for our annual Back to School Drive! If you are able to donate, please drop off your supplies to the Welcome Center by Saturday, August 1st!

List of needed supplies
<https://ow.ly/SSCq50ZuvJq>

Financial Donations
<https://ow.ly/CFNI50ZuvJp>

Congratulations to our Brown Bag Ministry on receiving an award in recognition of its extraordinary commitment to serving our neighbors in need!



For more than 15 years, our St. Francis of Assisi volunteers have faithfully prepared and delivered more than 55,000 brown bag lunches to senior citizens in Durham, providing not only nourishing meals but also hope, dignity, and compassion.

This recognition is part of an incredible milestone for the Brown Bag Ministry, which has now delivered more than 2.3 million lunches through five partnering parishes across the Triangle during its 21+ years of service.

We are deeply grateful to every parishioner, family, and volunteer who has generously given their time, talents, and hearts to this ministry. Your faithful service is a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action.

Volunteers are critically needed over the next two months to help continue this life-giving ministry. Whether you serve as an individual, family, or group, your time can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Sign up to help us continue sharing meals, hope, and Christ's love with those who need it most! <https://ow.ly/fFMq50ZtFku>



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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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!

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