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Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities



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Deacon In Residence



Deacon Thomas Costello
Deacon In Residence



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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 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 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 | Coffee with Clergy

9:45am after Daily Mass. Come join Deacon Steve after Daily Mass for Coffee and Conversation. Contact Shannon Hoffman shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

September 20 | 2026 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

2:00-4:00pm. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 are invited to compete at the local level. Competitors will demonstrate their skill at penalty kicks, and winners will have the opportunity to progress through future higher-level contests. Parents and guardians, please [Click here to Sign up!](#) Contact James Hoose, jameshoose02@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.

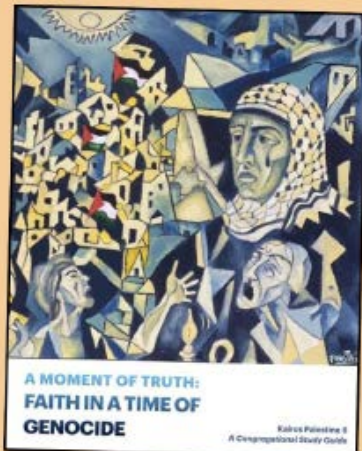
August and September - Brown Bag Ministry

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.](#)

**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 13 | Bread of Life

11:00am-2:00pm. Come bake bread with adults with seniors and people with disabilities! Join us at the L'Arche House for breadmaking and fellowship. [Register here.](#) Contact Tim Hetzel, tim.hetzel@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.

September 1 | EM New and Refresher Training

6:00-8:00pm. At this training you will learn the process of becoming a Eucharistic Minister. Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister must be: Members of St Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Confirmed, 16 years of age or older.



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. 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 4 | FrancisFest

FrancisFest Committee Team Members Needed

We are looking for volunteers to be join the event planning team. If you love planning events and having a good time with our community this is for you. Volunteer opportunities include: Logistics, Preschool & Youth Activities, Volunteer Management, Entertainment, Food Trucks etc. Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@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.

Employment Opportunities:

- Instructional Teaching Assistant Grade 5 (Full-time)
- School Nurse (Full-time)
- After School Care Staff (Part-time)
- Assistant Principal (Full-time)

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

Saint Francis of Assisi Preschool



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The Legacy of Love

The St. Francis Preschool has been serving the families of the Catholic Community of St. Francis since 1991, providing a loving learning environment for our youngest parishioners. As the Preschool celebrates its 35th anniversary, it is in a unique position to welcome the 2nd generation of students from some of our families. Preschool Director Heidi Hobler is very excited about it: "I just met with another parent today whose husband was a student here, and now their two-year-old is starting with us. I think we are up to six parents now who went here and now have their own kids here." [More](#)



Walking With Moms In Need

Janine Costello, co-coordinator of the 'Walking With Moms in Need' ministry at St. Francis, describes how this ministry came into being at our parish. "The USCCB created this ministry, following the Dobbs Supreme Court decision in 2020, so that we could serve in a similar way to what pregnancy resource centers do, but in a more personal way," explains Janine. They created a very thorough guide on how to create this ministry. Other parishes in the Raleigh area have served in this ministry for several years, particularly ... [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.

Ladies Night Out

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



August 20
6:00 - 8:00 pm

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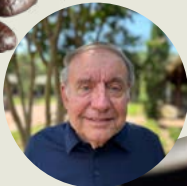
Call on the U.S. Senate to Protect Our Haitian Neighbors



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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

COFFEE WITH CLERGY

Hosted By: Deacon Steve Andrews

Thursday, August 20th
9:45am | after Daily Mass

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Join us for the

Ministry Fair

August 22-23 AFTER ALL MASSES

FELLOWSHIP HALL

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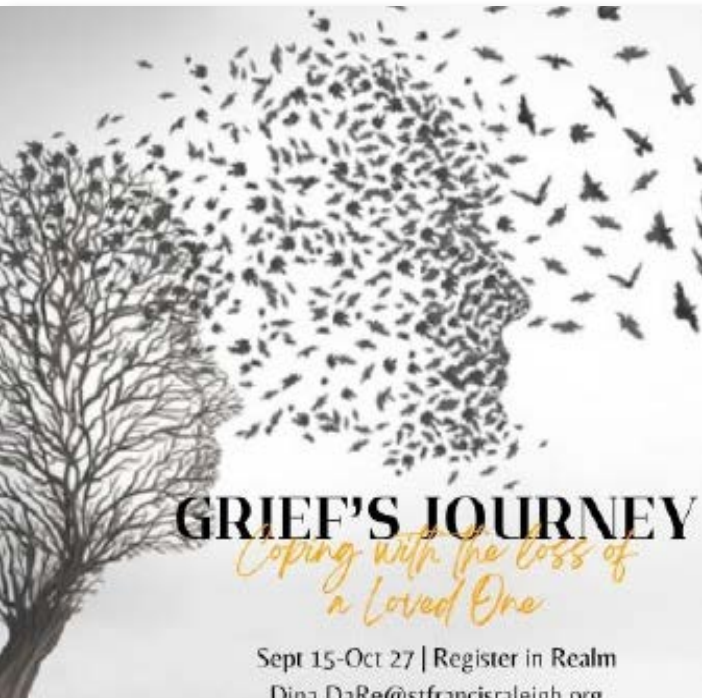


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TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

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CONTACT: John.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org



GRIEF'S JOURNEY

Coping with the loss of a Loved One

Sept 15-Oct 27 | Register in Realm
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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.



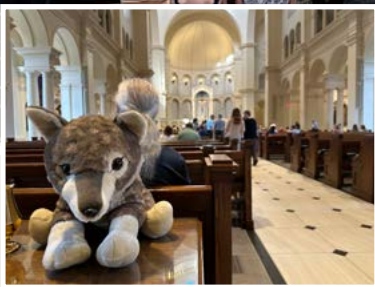
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ST. FRANCIS JUBILEE MASS HIGHLIGHTS







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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If you have questions, please contact diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org



2001: A Space Odyssey Revisited

Posted by Robert O. Hall on July 29, 2026 at 5:47pm



Several years ago, my wife did something completely out of character. She bought herself an expensive present—a Roomba, a computerized robot floor cleaner that used the latest mapping and navigation technology. My practical, bride had spent serious money on an electronic toy. I couldn't wait for the day she would discover it was an expensive mistake. To my surprise, the robot—whom we promptly named Woodie—performed brilliantly. It cleaned every square inch of our hardwood floors, gliding effortlessly beneath beds, chests, tables, and chairs. For a while, Woodie was the perfect household servant. Until

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