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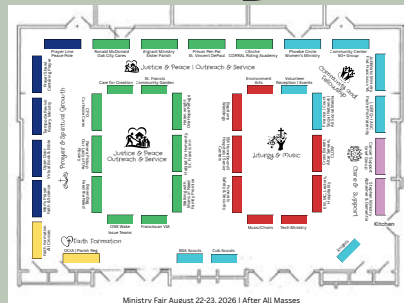
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Next Weekend:

The St. Francis Ministry Fair



The Ministry Fair is next weekend.
See pages 7 and 8 for Ministry Fair map
and list of ministries that will be present.
We hope to see you there!



Faith Formation Cross Step Cross Walk Cross Train Cross Road OCA	Justice & Peace Outreach & Service Brown Bag Care for Creation Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) CORRAL Riding Academy Catholic Cares Family Promise Feed The Need Franciscan VIA Habitat for Humanity Helen Wright Center for Women Litchie Migrant Ministry Oak City Cares Overhope Refugee One Wake Our Lady of the Resary Parity Drive Panera's Pick-up Prison For Peace Ronald McDonald House Sister Parish St. Francis Community Garden St. Francis Inn - Philadelphia St. Vincent De Paul Walking with Mounts in Need	Community and Fellowship Athletics & Community Center BSA and Cub Scouts Count Team / Finance Council East Franciscan Young Adult Group JobWorks Career Ministry Knights of Columbus LGBTQ+ Always Gods Children Paula's Pro Fraternity - Sacraments Phoenix Circle Social Media & Social Networks Volunteer Recruitants Women's Ministry 50+ Adult Circle
Prayer & Spiritual Growth Centering Prayer Faith & Science Men's Prayer Group Open Door Peace Pole Prayer Line Prayer Shawl Rosary Ministry Timpore de Revivre Virtual Book & Bible Studies	Care & Support Alzheimer & Dementia Caregiver Support Group Cancer Support Group Grief Group Stephen Ministry	Liturgy & Music Altar Servers Baptism Prep / Baptism team Children's Liturgy of the Word Cross Bearers Environment Arts Eucharistic Ministers (EM) EM Homebound / Senior Center Funeral Ministers Hospitality Ministry Lectors Mass Coordinator (MC) Music & Choir Ministry Safety & Security Tech Ministry Wedding Prep / Marriage Prep



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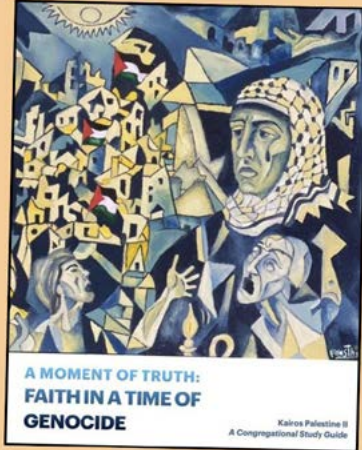


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Permanent Deacon

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.

Aug 16-30 | Prayer Shawl Ministry

If a shawl, lap robe or childrens' blanket is needed for someone in need of comfort, it is available through the Prayer Shawl Ministry. These are prayed over, a cross sewn on, blessed, and a card inserted. It could be for a serious illness, homebound, hospital, nursing homes, etc. Many who have received one said to feel the love of God in it when they put one on. Contact Cindy Cardello at cjcardello@yahoo.com or Diane Rotuno at dlmrotunno@gmail.com.

August 18 | Interfaith Service & Vigil - Against the Death Penalty

6:30-8:30pm. Join Catholics for Abolition in NC and other Coalition members as we come together at NCCADP's commemoration of 20 years since the last execution on NC's death row. [Click here to learn more, register](#), and then make a stand for the dignity of all life! God bless you. Contact Liv, Director of Communications & Development, info@nccadp.org.

September 19 | Housing for All Assembly

1:00-3:00pm. Are you concerned about the cost of housing in Wake County? Come, be present with SFA parishioners and other churches in this ONE Wake interfaith effort to share our concern with county and city leaders. Scripture teaches that care for the poor is an essential part of Christian discipleship. RSVP link: www.onewake.org/september_2026_event. Contact Nancy Dilger, ndilger3@gmail.com.

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 | 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.

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 26 | 50+ Adult Group Potluck

11:30am. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall: If last name starts with, then bring A thru D = Main Dish, E thru L = Salad/Side Dish, M thru Z = Dessert/Bread. Coffee, soda, and water will be provided. Contact Pat Spencer, spencer1334@bellsouth.net.

**August 27 | Music Ministry Evening Concert:
The Dark Night of the Soul**

7:00-8:30pm. Join us in the Chapel for this contemplative program exploring the writings of St. John of the Cross, featuring chorus, piano, flute, and percussion. The concert highlights performances by Jim Wahl, Matthew Barbee, and many other talented musicians. The event is free and open to everyone. Hope to see you there! Contact James Wahl, jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 29-30 | You Can Vote

A representative from You Can Vote will be available in the Welcome Center following Mass with voter registration and information. "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a civilization of truth and love." (USC-CB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship). Contact Mary Ellen McGuire, Maryellen.McGuire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 30 | 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.

September 1 | EM New and Refresher Training

6:30-8:00pm. 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. Contact John.Hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org.



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 | St Francis Youth Basketball League

Registration Deadline 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.](#)

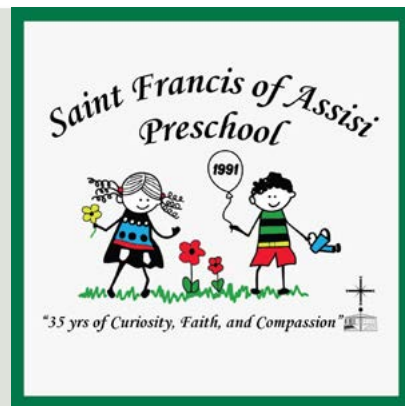
September 14 | Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

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.

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/>.



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.

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.

Virtual Bible Study - Paul's Letter to the Romans

Join us for 7 weeks as we break open the rich treasury of Paul's letters and come to a fuller understanding of the life-changing reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus. In this study, discover what Paul has to say about the themes that are most essential to Christian life: faith, salvation, relationships, and community. Registration closes on September 14 or when at capacity of 25 participants. This study is on Zoom and the Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the first meeting. Please purchase the book from Liturgical Press when you register. Facilitators: Barbara Efird, Cindy Cardello and Diane Rosendahl.

Tuesday September 22nd at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday September 23rd at 10:00 am.

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.

October 25-27 | Elevated Parish Mission | What Are You Searching For?

6:30-8:30m - Everyone is searching for something—purpose, peace, hope, healing, or a deeper relationship with God. Join us October 25-27 for the Elevated Parish Mission, a three-night parish-wide experience designed to help you encounter the transforming love of Jesus Christ and discover the joy of living as His disciple. [Click here to learn more and register](#).

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](#).

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



COFFEE WITH CLERGY

Hosted By: Deacon Steve Andrews

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

JOIN US IN PADUA

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



**REGISTRATION VIA REALM
IS NOW OPEN!**

*May their lives always bear
witness to Christ's love.*



Congratulations to Kiersten Kronschnabel and Justin Pictor who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on 8/8/2026 with Rev. Jorge Reyes officiating.

M Walking with
ams in Need

Supporting pregnant and
parenting mothers in our
community.



Join our Realm group to
learn more
and receive requests for
baby items and basic needs.

✦ JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server

→ Training

Sunday, August 30th at 1pm
in the Church

Altar Server Training is available for Rising
5th graders through High School, who have
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Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

2026

Knights of Columbus

Soccer Challenge

SUNDAY 9/20@ 2PM-4PM

Sign-up!



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 appli-
cation. Contact Colette Dziadul,
Colette.Dziadul@stfrancisraleigh.org.

TFS Kindergarten Admissions-Spots Available

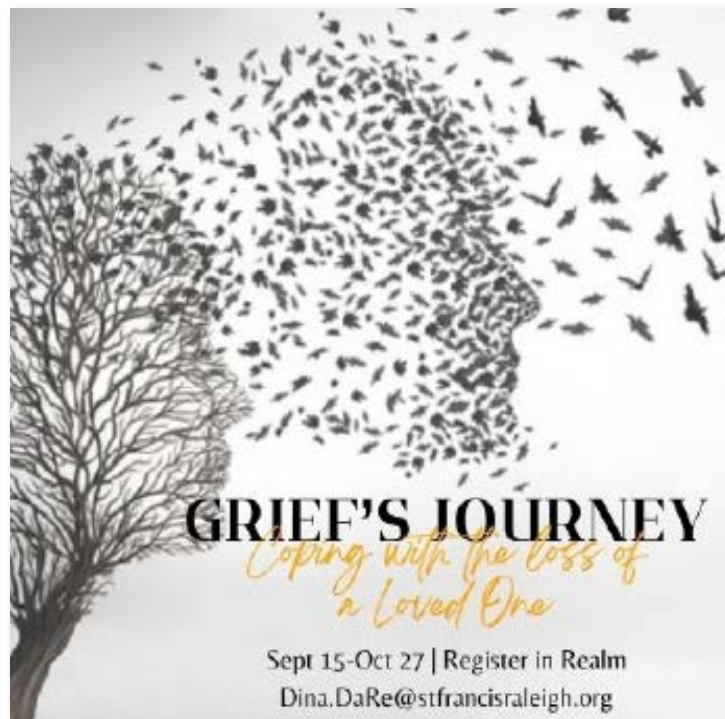
Clergy and staff will NEVER ask you for favors or money.

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.

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



GRIEF'S JOURNEY

Coping with the loss of a Loved One

Sept 15-Oct 27 | Register in Realm
Dina.DaRe@stfrancisraleigh.org

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Eucharistic Minister Training (For New Candidates or as a Refresher)

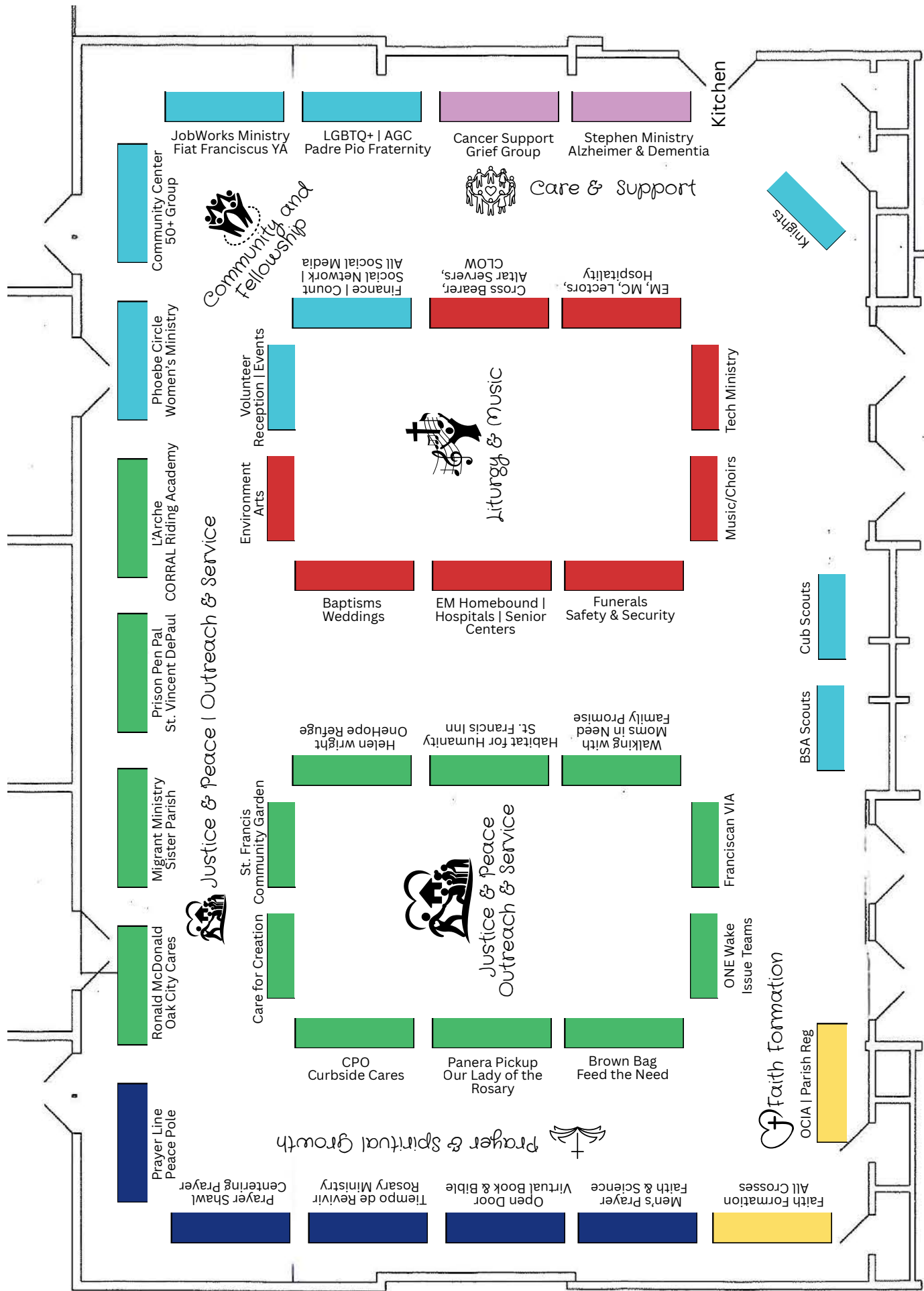
Tuesday, September 1st, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Training will take place in the church.
Please sign up to attend on Realm.

Sign up on Realm or for more information.

Contact: John.Hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org





Ministry Fair August 22-23, 2026 | After All Masses



Faith Formation

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Justice & Peace Outreach & Service

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Family Promise
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Franciscan VIA
Habitat for Humanity
Helen Wright Center for Women
L'Arche
Migrant Ministry
Oak City Cares
OneHope Refuge
One Wake
Our Lady of the Rosary Pantry Drive
Panera Pick-Up
Prison Pen Pals
Ronald McDonald House
Sister Parish
St. Francis Community Garden
St. Francis Inn - Philadelphia
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Walking with Moms in Need



Prayer & Spiritual Growth

Centering Prayer
Faith & Science
Men's Prayer Group
Open Door
Peace Pole
Prayer Line
Prayer Shawl
Rosary Ministry
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Virtual Book & Bible Studies



Care & Support

Alzheimer & Dementia CareGiver
Support Group
Cancer Support Group
Grief Group
Stephen Ministry



Community and Fellowship

Athletics & Community Center
BSA and Cub Scouts
Count Team | Finance Council
Fiat Franciscus Young Adult Group
JobWorks Career Ministry
Knights of Columbus
LGBTQ+ | Always Gods Children
Padre Pio Fraternity - Seculars
Phoebe Circle
Social Media & Social Network
Volunteer Receptionists
Women's Ministry
50+ Adult Group



Liturgy & Music

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Funeral Ministries
Hospitality Ministry
Lectors
Mass Coordinator (MCs)
Music & Choir Ministry
Safety & Security
Tech Ministry
Wedding Prep | Marriage Prep



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.

Join the online SFA Social Network



CLICK HERE
to Send a request to join.
Put "JOIN SOCIAL"
in the subject line.
You will then receive the link.

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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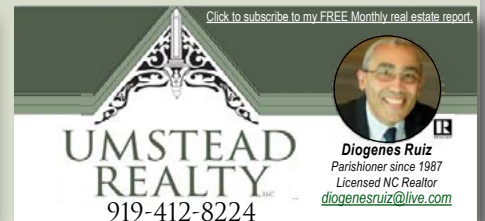
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