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SATURDAY, APRIL 5 | 6:30PM TO 7:30PM
 SUNDAY, APRIL 6 | 8AM TO 11:45AM











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 [Click here to visit the parish website for all Lent activities](https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/lent-2025/)
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Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

March 19-May 7: Spring Parent Child Classes

These classes are a fun ways to connect with your child. Join us for these fun, low pressure, hands on classes (0-5 years of age). Join us Wednesdays for Making Music Praying Twice and/ or Sign Language at the Community Center. [Click here for more Information and to register.](#) Contact Jess Kelly, info@signsoflearning.com.

March 22- 23 - Catholic Relief Services

Come to the Welcome Center after Mass to learn about CRS, whose goal is to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people. Learn how YOU can work in the spirit of Catholic Social Teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person around the globe. Contact Colleen Yopp, colleenyopp@gmail.com.

March 23 - Solidarity Sunday: Sole Hope 10:10-11:30pm. Together we will trace, cut and organize denim kits to be made into shoes for our brothers and sisters in Christ being treated for jiggers, a debilitating parasite. Sole Hope's mission is "equipping the vulnerable to walk in freedom from life-threatening diseases and exploitation; through education, empowerment, and medical relief." [Information and Registration.](#) Contact Casey Slock casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

March 23, April 6, April 13 - Co-Ed Spring Youth Basketball Skills Clinic This clinic is designed for players to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph 1st Grade-4th Grade 1:15-2:15pm / 5th-8th Grade: 2:30-3:30pm Each Session is \$20 or \$75.00 for all 4 sessions. [Info/Register Here.](#) Contact Mary Arleth, mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org.

March 26: 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

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

March 29 - American Red Cross Spring 2025 Blood Drive

8:00am-2:00pm. This drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. There will be drinks, snacks & lunch (after 11:30 am) after you give blood. Please sign up for an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. Search by Zip code 27613 for events on 3/29/25. Contact Bryan Kozak, bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com.

March 29/30 & April 5/6 - Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive Volunteers

On March 29/30 weekend we need volunteers (families, adults & youth) after each Mass to handout bags with the Our Lady of the Rosary food donation list. On April 5/6 weekend we need volunteers (families, adults, youth) to collect and load a truck with the OLR food donations. Please bring your filled bags with you to Mass on the weekend of April 5/6. [Click here to sign up](#) to assist at one of the weekends and to see the list of food needs for OLR Food Drive. Contact Tess Ferrer-Turner, tessferrer89@yahoo.com.

March 29 - Habitat for Humanity Wall Build

8:00am-3:30pm. Come swing a hammer and help build new homes! We need your hearts, hands, enthusiasm and energy to build a community where everyone feels valued. Join us as we work to build safe and affordable homes in the Old Poole Place neighborhood in southeast Raleigh. [Click here.](#) Contact Will Connelly, st.francis.h4h@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunities:

The Franciscan School is seeking a 4th grade teacher for the 2025-26 academic year. Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

March 30 - Come and See: An Invitation to Spiritual Direction

1:00-2:00pm. Spiritual Direction is an ancient Christian tradition of holy listening, where a trained director journeys with you as you reflect on your faith, vocation, and relationships. Join us for a Come and See session to learn more about this meaningful practice and how it might support your spiritual growth. All are welcome! Contact Nancy Jones, prayerfulheart3@gmail.com.

March 30 - Altar Server Training: Sunday, 1pm in the Church. Contact Shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org for more information.

April 1 - June 15 - Recovering Our Soul Connections: A Retreat for Women Who Have Been Sexually Abused Begins online April 1 and culminates in an in-person retreat June 12-15, at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville, NC. Applications accepted until March 1. Email soulconnection366@gmail.com. [Click here for the flyer.](#)

April 3 - May 15: Women's Ministry Bible Study: Living in the Father's Love 7-8:30pm "Living in the Father's Love" is a Women's Catholic Bible Study that guides us to discover God's unconditional love and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God. Share your Faith Journey with other women in this 6-week study beginning Thursday, April 3rd at 7pm in Anthony Hall- Room 403. [Register here.](#) Contact Julia Snyder, snyderjules5720@gmail.com.

April 5-6 Join Us for Our Volunteer Celebration!

We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated volunteers and want to celebrate all that you do! Join us on Saturday, April 5, at 6:30 PM, or on Sunday, April 6, 8:00-9:00 AM or 10:00-11:45 AM These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to express our appreciation and celebrate together after Mass. We look forward to honoring you! In Fellowship Hall. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

April 6-12 - Family Promise Family Promise of the Triangle: 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, April 6 - April 12. Contact Jim Packard, stfa.fp@gmail.com.

April 29 - Gospel of John, Part 2 Virtual Study

The Gospel of John is a testament to the divine nature of Jesus, the Light of the World. Part Two of our study begins with the final "sign" of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, takes readers to the hour of Jesus' glorification in his passion, death, resurrection.

Contact barbaraefirdlpc@gmail.com.

[Weds AM Session / Tues PM Session](#)

May 17 - A Silver Soiree - A Night to Celebrate The Franciscan School

7:30-10:00pm. Join us for a special dessert reception on Saturday, May 17, as we celebrate 25 years of excellence at The Franciscan School. This adults-only reception will bring together fellow parents, alumni, and staff, honoring our rich history, incredible journey, and exciting future. Enjoy delicious desserts, great company, and a memorable night of celebration. Before the Soiree, there will be a Mass at 5:30 pm honoring the 25th Anniversary. All families are welcome to join us as we reflect on the school's history and the many blessings we've shared over the years! Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

June 2-July 24 - Youth Summer Volleyball League Registration

Registration is open for Coed League for children of all skill levels - rising 3rd graders through rising 9th graders. Teams have an hour practice on Mon. or Wed. Games are held on Thurs. nights. [Click here for more Information and to Register](#)

Raleigh Deanery 2025 Lenten Penance Services

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| Mon. March 24 | 7:00– 9:00pm | St. Eugene |
| Wed. March 26 | 11:00am – 12:00pm 7:00– 9:00pm | St. Catherine of Siena St. Michael the Archangel and Mother Teresa (At St. Michael) |
| Thur., March 27 | 11:00am – 12:30pm 6:30– 8:30pm | St. Mary Magdalene Our Lady of La Vang |
| Tue. April 1 | 11:00am – 12:00pm 7:00– 9:00pm | Our Lady of Lourdes St. Catherine of Siena |
| Wed. April 2 | 7:00– 9:00pm | St. Raphael the Archangel |
| Fri. April 4 | 10:00– 11:30am | St. Michael the Archangel |
| Tue. April 8 | 7:00 – 9:00pm | Holy Name of Jesus, St. Joe, St. Mary and NC State (At HNOJ Cathedral) |

Dates for Lent Dinners, Stations and Evening Prayer.

Lenten Potluck Dinners - Fellowship Hall - 6:30pm - Friday nights
April 11 - 6:30pm after stations. [Register in Realm.](#)

Stations of the Cross - Church 6:00pm - Friday nights
March 28
April 4
April 11
April 18 (7:00pm Outside)

Evening Prayer - Church - 6:30pm Wednesday nights
March 26
April 2
April 9

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, April 12 & 13
Regular Mass Schedule.
We will begin all Masses outside in the Memorial Garden

WEDNESDAY, April 16
6:30pm - Evening Prayer Service

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Reposition in Fellowship Hall until Midnight
11:45pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18
9:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Passion of the Lord
7:00pm Outside Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19
9:00am Morning Prayer
10:00am Easter Food Blessing
8:30pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20
6:00am Sunrise Mass (Memorial Garden)
7:15am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church & Fellowship Hall)
11:45am Mass (Church & Fellowship Hall)



Serving the Mission of the Diocese of Raleigh

Every year at this time, the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) is shared through the local parishes in the Diocese and on the Diocesan website. This year's BAA campaign theme is 'Open Your Heart | Open a Door!' and reflects the BAA's impact on all aspects of our faith in the Diocese of Raleigh and the services it provides. Bishop Zarama says of the Appeal, "The BAA helps me to help the Diocese serve our people. Each parish has its own needs, but we are a family. Through your prayers, by your volunteer service in your parish, and through your resources...you can help this Diocese serve for 100 years more." [More](#)



The Emmaus Ministry

We have all shared in the loss of a loved one, much as the disciples did when they suffered the loss of Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke, we read of two disciples walking home from Jerusalem to their village of Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, after experiencing the death of Jesus. While they were walking, the resurrected Jesus came upon them and began to walk with them. [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."

Book Studies at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Interested in joining other parishioners in growing your faith through book studies? Check out the Book Studies currently being run at our parish. We have Bible studies and book studies, both virtual and in person. [Click here](#) to learn more about our amazing God through book studies! Contact Deacon Steve Anderson stephenwandrews@outlook.com.

Camp Francis - Registration is Open via Realm

June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25
Our popular summer camp, has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, science, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half-day or full-day based on age for the 2025-2026 school year. (Rising K-Rising 6th grade) Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

The St. Francis Prison Pen Pal Ministry has a long legacy of writing, sharing and praying with the men on NC's Death Row and practicing this important corporal act of mercy. The friendships that have resulted are spiritually enriching and life changing, but we still have several inmate requests for pen pals unfilled. If interested, please email Catherine at sfapenpal@gmail.com and [click here to read our story](#).

Brown Bag Ministry - Help needed as a Brown Bag Ministry coordinator. Great way to meet the wonderful community of St. Francis and serve the senior citizens of Durham. You would be part of a 4 person team with a very flexible schedule of once a month. If interested contact Karina Miranda at karinamiranda86@yahoo.com.

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministers offer prayerful and emotional support by listening with their ears and hearts to your concerns. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister email stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org or stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org. or call 919-847-8205x234



Serving With Heart, Offering Hope

A mother with a sick son was saved from eviction this month when the St. Vincent de Paul Society, stepped in to help. Learn more at...

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