



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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October 7-8, 2017 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgies for the Coming Week:
 Thursday, October 12—12 noon—Mass
 Friday, October 13—12 noon—Mass
 Saturday, October 14—4:30 pm—28th Sunday Ordinary
 Sunday, October 15—8:00 am—28th Sunday Ordinary

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Pastoral Council: Lynore Arrington, Gilberto Ayala, Gloria Clift, Albert Galvan (co-chair), Martha Graf, Temple Guler, David King, Manuel Ortiz, Dan Shanahan (co-chair), Jack Shanahan (youth).

Finance Council: Donna Allgauer, Mary Lou Denis, Brenda Maus, John McKenna, Cindy Turpin

Please contact the parish office if anyone you know is ill and would like to receive communion.

If there is a death in your family or in the parish family, please contact the parish office or pastoral emergency contact number as soon as possible. We want to be of service.

Liturgies and Events

Oct 7	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass—Ordinary 27
		5:30 pm	St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic
Oct 8	Sun	8:00 am	Mass—Ordinary 27
		9:10 am	Religious Education
Oct 9,	Mon	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/LOH
10, 11	Tue	9:30 am	Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Wed		<i>This schedule is for all three days.</i>
Oct 12	Thu	11:30 am	Rosary for Life
		12:00 pm	Mass
		6:30 pm	Casa de Oracion
Oct 13	Fri	12:00 pm	Mass
Oct 14	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass—Ordinary 28
Oct 15	Sun	8:00 am	Mass—Ordinary 28
		9:10 am	Religious Education
Oct 16,	Mon	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/LOH
17, 18	Tue	9:30 am	Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Wed		<i>This schedule is for all three days.</i>
Oct 16	Tue	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Oct 19	Thu	11:30 am	Rosary for Life
		12:00 pm	Mass
		6:30 pm	Casa de Oracion
Oct 20	Fri	12:00 pm	Mass
Oct 21	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass—Ordinary 29
Oct 22	Sun	8:00 am	Mass—Ordinary 29
		9:10 am	Religious Education

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in English or Spanish on Thursday and Friday at 11:30am or on Saturday at 3:45pm. For any other time an appointment is necessary.

Readings, October 14-15, 2017

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-10a
Second Reading	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel.....	Matthew 22:1-14

Ministries, Oct. 14-15, 2017

	4:30 pm	8:00 am
Lectors:	N. Goehring L. Bezy	E. Kennedy J. Cruz
Ushers:	R. Long B. Schmachtenberg	J. Dansby B. Fandel
Greeters:	W. Manning	V. Cruz N. Vasquez
Linens:	D. Allgauer	

St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers

Altar server Coordinator: Jack Shanahan

Captains: Andrew Long, Mickey Shanahan, Christian Escobar, and Zach Harpin.

Servers: Eduardo Escobar, Jose & Omar Lozano, Tommy Nguyen, Tony Nguyen, Jonathan Castaneda, Paul Garcia, Eduardo Cruz, Arturo Garcia, Allen Castaneda, Venesa Tamona, Alex & Josh Harpin.



Altar Flowers

Flowers by Bill Chase

Mass Intentions

Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 12:00 pm

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Friday, October 13, 2017 at 12:00 pm

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 4:30 pm

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 8:00 am

For the repose of the soul of Romeo Huard.

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

Barbara Beckwith	Baby Jose Andres González
Bishop Francis DiLorenzo	Ananastacio Salazar
Teresa Domkowski	Shannon Ward

In Need of Prayer

Catie Altice	Ashley Bena Hoffman
Kay Bailey	Steve Judge
Al Bober	David William Latchford
Fr. Louis Canino	Bud & Jacquie Meyer
Frank Dombkowski	Janice Murray
Leigh Doninger	Tony Patriarco
Claudia Fisher	Mary Reynolds
Joyce Franklin	Robert
Albert Galvan	Salazar Castro Family
Bernie Galvin	Buck Shepherd
Bud & Nancy Goehring	Kari Slusser
Ana L. Gonzalez Martinez	Ward Family
Gonzalez-Torres Family	Jason Whitlow
Josephine Graf	Joe Williams
Steve Greer	Anne Wilson
Harpin Family	

Home Bound

Terry Coates (Home)	Ann Syminink (Home)
Leigh Doninger (Red Oak Manor)	Dorothy Weiss (Home)

US Military

Lt. Col. Timothy Carey	Joseph Lyons
Noah Davis	James Manning
Brennan Dopp	Capt. K Raine Maus
Brandon Furrow	Francheska J. Remmert
John J. Griffio III	Jason Presley

**27th Sunday
of Ordinary
Time**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday's Gospel reading is another parable and a continuous reading from where the parable of last Sunday's Gospel left off. The landowner and the vineyard in the parable

provide obvious parallels with the First Reading; the servants the landowner sends represent the prophet's whose message the people often did not heed. The son whom the tenants kill foreshadows Jesus' Death at the hands of the authorities. Jesus' citation of Psalm 118 reveals that his Death is not the end. Through His Resurrection he lays the cornerstone for the Kingdom of God, a kingdom for those disciples willing to produce the fruit.

2017-2018 Religious Education: Class times will be from 9:10am to 10:10am. Students will be dismissed from Mass following the Prayer after Communion. They will meet their teachers in the Commons and proceed to their classrooms. Students attending Mass on Saturdays at 4:30 pm must be in their classrooms by 9:05 am. Registration will be in the Religious Education office.

RCIA will be in the pastor's office immediately following the Sunday 8:00 am Mass.

Collection for Hurricane Irma Victims: Once again the Diocese has asked for our continued generosity and help for the victims of Hurricane Irma. We will have a second collection the weekend of October 8th. If you prefer you can always make donations to Catholic Charities USA for Hurricane Disaster Relief at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org>. Please continue to pray for everyone affected Hurricane's Harvey, Irma, and Maria, for all those effected by the recent earthquakes in Mexico, those dealing with the wild fires in the west and for all the emergency workers and volunteers.



Public Square Rosary Rally: Come join us in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14th at 12noon here at St Francis of Assisi. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on this day. Please join

us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Please join us and other Catholics on this very important day.

Save the Date: October 28th and 29th we are planning a pilgrimage to visit the new Cathedral in Raleigh North Carolina. Must be 17 or older to participate. More information to follow.



*Feast of
St. Francis*

St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Picnic: Join us for this year's Feast of St. Francis Picnic, Saturday, October 7th immediately after the 4:30pm Mass. There

will be food, fun, fellowship and dancing. This year's Picnic is sponsored by the Parish Pastoral Council. St. Francis will provide chicken and hot dogs, we are asking for everyone else to bring a dish to share. We need items like side dishes, salads, fruit, desserts, drinks, chips, or whatever your heart desires.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Help will be needed with set-up and clean-up, if you are able to help out in any way it is always greatly appreciated.

So don't miss out on this evening of good food and great fun. See you there!!

All are encouraged & welcome to join in Daily Prayer! Mon, Tue, & Wed. Morning Prayer using the Liturgy of the Hours begins at 9am with devotions of the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 9:30am. Then on Thursday a Rosary 4 Life is prayed at 11:30am. Weeks that Father Mark is away for whatever reason there will be Liturgy of the Hours on Thursday and/or Friday at 12 noon.

"Joy is one of the best safeguards against temptation. The devil is a carrier of dust and dirt and he uses every opportunity to throw what he has at us. But a joyful heart protects us from this dirt. That is because Jesus is there in our joy. Jesus takes full possession of our soul when we surrender to him joyfully. St. Francis de Sales said, 'A sad saint is a bad saint'. St. Teresa of Avila worried about her sisters only when she saw them lose their joy. Joy is a source of power for us."
— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Youth Group

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal	\$3,500
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2017	\$2973
Weekly shortfall	\$527
October total	\$2973
Major Repairs & Replacements.....	\$839



Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. ~ Deuteronomy 15:10

Local and Regional News

Commonwealth Catholic Charities

#GivingTuesday: Celebrated around the world on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season. Since it's inaugural year in 2012, #GivingTuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy. Learn more on CCC's Facebook page.

Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church Annual Crafts Fair at Cave Spring Lions Club, 4801 Merriman Rd., Roanoke, VA (up the hill from Bojangles). The fair will take place on Friday, October 20 from 9 am to 4 pm. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items will be available as well as gifts for children and adults. All proceeds will go to the church outreach programs.

Diocese of Richmond

2017 Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, November 04, 2017 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
(Eastern Time)

Greater Richmond Convention Center
804-783-7300

403 North 3rd Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
United States

For the 5th year the diocese is hosting a diocesan-wide Catholic Women's Conference! This is a one-day conference for all women over 18 years old to come together for a day of fellowship, prayer, and learning. Offered in English or Spanish.

Registration Cost: The \$40 early bird registration is now available through midnight on October 1, 2017. Registration after that will be \$55. After October 15, 2017, registration will only be available at the door for \$60. A boxed lunch will be provided. Parking will not be covered in the registration fee.

Registration: To register or for more information find the link at Center for Marriage, Family, & Life website or through the Diocese of Richmond website. You can also email cmfl@richmonddiocese.org and ask for a link or call 804-622-5109.

Español

2017-2018 Educación Religiosa: Los horarios de clase serán de 9:10 am a 10:10 am. Los estudiantes serán despedidos de la misa después de la oración después de la comunión. Se reunirán con sus maestros en la Cámara de los Comunes y procederán a sus aulas. Los estudiantes que asisten a misa los sábados a las 4:30 pm deben estar en sus salones a las 9:05 am. La inscripción será en la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

RCIA estará en la oficina del pastor inmediatamente después de la Misa del domingo a las 8:00 am.

Colecta para las víctimas del huracán Irma: Una vez más, la Diócesis ha pedido nuestra generosidad y ayuda para las víctimas del huracán Irma. Tendremos una segunda colección el fin de semana del 8 de octubre. Si lo prefieres, siempre puedes hacer donaciones a Catholic Charities USA para Hurricane Disaster Relief en <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org>. Por favor continúen orando por todos los afectados Harvey, Irma y María por todos los afectados por los recientes terremotos en México, los que se ocupan de los incendios forestales en el oeste y para todos los trabajadores de emergencia y voluntarios.

Rally del Rosario de la Plaza del Público: Acompañenos en un Rally del Rosario de la Plaza Pública el sábado 14 de octubre a las 12 de la mañana en San Francisco de Asís. Este Rosario de Plaza Pública, patrocinado por America Needs Fátima, será uno de los más de 20,000 rallyes que tendrán lugar en todo Estados Unidos en este día. Únete a nosotros para ofrecer la reparación de los pecados y ofensas cometidos contra el Inmaculado Corazón de María y orar fervientemente por la conversión de los Estados Unidos. Por favor únase a nosotros ya otros católicos en este día tan importante.

Día de fiesta de San Francisco de Asís: Únase a nosotros para la fiesta de este año de St. Francis Picnic, el sábado 7 de octubre inmediatamente después de la Misa de 4:30 pm Habrá comida, diversión, compañerismo y baile. Este año Picnic es patrocinado por el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial. San Francisco proporcionará pollo y perritos calientes, estamos pidiendo a todos los demás a traer un plato para compartir. Necesitamos artículos como platos de acompañamiento, ensaladas, fruta, postres, bebidas, papas fritas, o cualquier cosa que desee su corazón. Hay hojas de inscripción en el pasillo de la mesa y el próximo fin de semana (con suerte) que estarán sobre la mesa en los comunes. Por favor inscribese con lo que va a traer y cuántos miembros de la familia asistirán. Todo el mundo está invitado y animado a asistir. También habrá hojas de inscripción para ayudar con la puesta en marcha y limpieza, si usted es capaz de ayudar de cualquier manera es siempre muy apreciada. Así que no te pierdas esta noche de buena comida y gran diversión. ¡¡Te veo allí!!