



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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The office will be closed Monday, December 25-Wednesday, December 27.

**December 23-24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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Parish Registration—Contact the Parish Office

Parish Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112238392199573/>

Knights of Columbus Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/kofcrockymountva/>

Youth Group Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168563686553669/>

Pastoral Council: Lynore Arrington, Gilberto Ayala, Gloria Clift, Albert Galvan (co-chair), Martha Graf, 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 of anyone you know is ill and would like communion or anointing of the sick.

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

Dec 23	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Fourth Sunday of Advent
		5:30 pm	Posada
Dec 24	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Fourth Sunday of Advent
			NO NO Religious Education
		5:00 pm	Mass at St. Joseph's (English)
		6:00 pm	Posada
		11:00 pm	Mass at St. Francis- (English)
Dec 25	Mon	9:00 am	Mass- Christmas at St. Francis- (Bilingual)
		11:15 am	Mass-Christmas at St. Joseph's- (Bilingual)
Dec 26,	Tue,	NO	No Morning Prayer/Rosary
Dec 27	Wed		
Dec 28,	Thu,	NO	No Noon Mass
Dec 29	Fri		
Dec 30	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Feast of the Holy Family
Dec 31	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Feast of the Holy Family
			NO NO Religious Education
Jan 1	Mon	NO	No Morning Prayer/Rosary
Jan 2,	Tue,	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Jan 3	Wed		
Jan 4	Thu	12:00 pm	Mass
Jan 5	Fri	10-11:50	1st Friday Adoration
		12:00 pm	Mass
		6-8 pm	1st Friday Adoration
Jan 6	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 7	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-The Epiphany of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Readings, December 30-31, 2017

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

First Reading.....	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/17
Second Reading	Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40

Ministries, December 30-31, 2017

4:30 pm

8:00 am

Lectors:	C. Forbes B. Galvin	E. Kennedy N. Shanahan
Ushers:	C. Gaubatz B. Schmachtenberg	C. Gaubatz J. Dansby
Greeters:	M. McGuire	J. Gonzalez M. Guadalupe
Linens:	L. Arrington	

St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers

Altar server Coordinator: Jack Shanahan

Captains: Andrew Long, Mickey Shanahan, Christian Escobar, 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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25, 2017 at 9:00 am
For the repose of the soul of Charles Turpin

Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 4:30 pm
For Lucy Kern

Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 8:00 am
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	Timothy Wade
Paul Eames	Bobby Young
Raymond Kloos	Frank Young
Helen Scarfe	

In Need of Prayer

Catie Altice	Josephine Graf
Jeanne Banks	Bernadette Hussey
Tom Ciappa	Dolly LeMond
Albert Galvan	Joanne Patterson
Bernie Galvin	Janet Vadase & Family
Bud & Nancy Goehring	

Home Bound

Jeanne Banks	Dolly LeMond (Hospital)
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. Raine Maus
Brandon Furrow	Jason Presley
John J. Griffio III	Francheska J. Remmert



Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Luke's account of the Annunciation brings us to the threshold of the celebration of the Nativity of the word made flesh. Luke is careful to

note that the event is part of the great plan of God; the house of David is represented by Joseph. The promise made to David is to be realized in a simple setting in Galilee, but its import will be to bring forth a kingdom that will have no end. Mary's response, first of fear and then of complete acceptance, helps us to identify with her as a model of a servant of the Lord.

Virginia State Flag: The VA State Flag, flagpole & stand are still missing from the Social Hall. If you know where it is please return it. Thank you.

Adult Faith Formation Class: The initial class for adult faith formation will meet on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. This initial class will involve a brief orientation session followed by a video presentation on St. Francis of Assisi from the multi-part series Catholic Pivotal Players hosted by Bishop Barron. The subsequent class will meet based on the discretion of the participants. Recommended readings and an associated workbook will not be used at the initial meeting but may be purchased if interested at pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899 or at apatriarco@centurylink.net.

There will be NO Religious Education classes Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31 due to the holidays.

Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 24: Mass at 5:00 pm at St. Joseph's
Sunday, December 24: Mass at 11:00 pm at St. Francis
Monday, December 25: Mass at 9:00 am at St. Francis
Monday, December 25: Mass at 11:15am at St. Joseph's

Pope Francis Appoints New Bishop for Richmond Diocese

RICHMOND, Va. - With great joy, the Diocese of Richmond announces the Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed the Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, as the thirteenth bishop of Richmond. The Mass of Installation will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Jan. 12, 2018, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond.

Ticket Lottery for Jan. 12 Bishop Installation Mass

Parishioners, students and educators hoping to partic-

ipate in the joy and excitement of the Jan. 12 Mass of Installation for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's new Bishop Barry C. Knestout now have a chance to secure admission to the special Mass by entering a lottery. Seating for the 2 p.m. event at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be extremely limited so the faithful are encouraged to enter the drawing for admission tickets by completing the online form at: <http://richmonddiocese.org/installation-mass-details/> The last day to enter the drawing is Friday, December 29, 2017. The drawing will be held in early January with two tickets awarded to each selected registrant. Those selected will have 48 hours to respond before the tickets are released to alternates. Tickets are not transferrable and may not be sold. Questions? Contact newbishop@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5294.

Morning Prayer held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings will recess from Dec 24 through Jan 1. Morning Prayer will resume on Tuesday, January 2.

Please consider sponsoring one of our youth for either the March for Life (\$50) in January or the Diocesan Youth Conference (\$170) in February. Any gift is welcome, but the gift of one full registration fee would ensure that one youth who cannot afford the fee can attend and benefit from these important faith-building events. See Bernadette Harmon at either mass this coming weekend. Registration fees are due at the diocese by Dec 17th. However, she will be able to add later donations towards the registration fees.

Youth group-The next youth group meeting will be January 11th from 6:30-8:00.

The sacramental display case is open for business. See the information posted on top of the case for more details.

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

—St. Francis of Assisi

Recuerda que cuando abandones esta tierra, no podrás llevar contigo nada de lo que has recibido, solamente lo que has dado: un corazón enriquecido por el servicio honesto, el amor, el sacrificio y el valor."

—San Francisco de Asís

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
Dec. 16-17, 2017	\$2,741
Weekly shortfall.....	\$759
Our Lady of Guadalupe.....	\$332
Catholic Charities	\$535



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

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in our Savior, who came to share life with us.

CHRISTMAS TV MASS WUPV (CW) channel 65 at 6:30 p.m. on December 24

SUNDAY TV MASS WUPV (CW) channel 65 at 7:30 a.m. WTVZ (MyTVZ) channel 33 at 7:00 a.m. (beginning 12/31/17)

CHRISTMAS & SUNDAY MASS ONLINE VIDEO

www.HeartoftheNation.org

For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.

Job Opportunities:

Roanoke Catholic School invites qualified and licensed school counselors to apply for an immediate opening in our regional PK-12 Catholic school within the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Qualified candidates will possess a Virginia Department of Education license in Guidance K-12 and may have additional endorsements on their active license.

A job description is available.

All resumes and letters of interest should be directed to ppatterson@roanokecatholic.com or mailed to:

Director of Guidance and School Counseling Search Committee

Patrick W. Patterson, Principal and Head of School

Roanoke Catholic School
621 North Jefferson Street
Roanoke, VA 24016

Roanoke Catholic School is accepting applications for a part time **Head Coach for Girls Middle School Soccer** for this upcoming spring 2018 season. Please contact Matt Peck at 540-293-3791 or mpeck@roanokecatholic.com for more information or to apply for this position.

Roanoke Catholic School is accepting applications for a part time **Varsity Head Wrestling Coach** for the current (2017-2018) school year. Please contact Matt Peck at 540-293-3791 or mpeck@roanokecatholic.com for more information or to apply for this position.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME): "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; . . ." Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are: Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC and Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

ATTENTION...St. Andrew's Diocesan Cemetery Lot/Crypt/Niche Owners!

Beginning January 2018 ALL associated Cemetery costs will be going up to be competitive with the other for-profit cemeteries in the Roanoke area.

Also, Opening & Closing (O/C) charges can now be paid before January 2018 giving you peace of mind that your family will not have any additional costs (other than the memorials) to pay at the time of your death, plus your O/C fee will not increase if paid before January. So please, call Mandy Tolano at (540) 595-7173 for more information & to make an appointment for your pre-planning needs. Your family will be grateful and you will have the satisfaction & peace of mind that your final wishes will be honored at our only Catholic cemetery in the Roanoke Valley.

Español

Formación de fe para Adultos: La primera clase para la formación de fe para adultos será miércoles el 10 de enero a las 6:30 de la tarde en la sala común. La primera clase incluirá una orientación breve y después una presentación de video sobre San Francisco de Asis presentado por obispo Barron. La siguiente reunion seria determinada basado en la preferencia de los participantes. En la primera clase no van a usar los libros recomendados pero si estan interesados en tenerlos, los puedes comprar en: pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org.

Si tiene preguntas puede comunicarse con Tony Patriarco en 540-365-2899 o por correo electronico en apatriarco@centurylink.net.

No habrán clases de la educación religiosa el 24 de diciembre ni el 31 para los días festivos.

Posadas: Las ultimas dos posadas serán: el 23 a las 5:30 p.m., y 24 a las 6 p.m. El arrollamiento del niño Jesús será después de la posada del 24. Esperamos verlos!

Papa Francisco Nombra el nuevo Obispo para la Diócesis de Richmond:

RICHMOND, VA– Con mucha alegría la Diocesis de Richmond anuncia que el Sagrado Padre Francisco nombro al mas reverendo, Barry C. Knestout, Obispo auxiliary de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, como el XIII Obispo de Richmond. La misa de instalacion sera celebrada el 12 de enero 2018 a las 2:00 de la tarde en la cathedral del Corazon Sagrado en Richmond, VA.

Grupo de los jóvenes: La siguiente reunión será el 11 de enero 2018. Después del 17 de diciembre, el costo para la conferencia de jóvenes será \$195 (+\$25 para el costo del autobús).

Una conferencia católica de hombres el 17 de marzo 2018 en St. Bede Catholic Church en Williamsburg , VA 23188

Inscripciones:\$40 antes del 1 de febrero, \$55 antes del 10 de marzo, \$60 en la puerta.