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**December 30-31, 2017**  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

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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/>

*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 30	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Feast of the Holy Family
Dec 31	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Feast of the Holy Family NO Religious Education
Jan 1	Mon		NO Morning Prayer/Rosary
Jan 2, Jan 3	Tue, Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Jan 2	Tue	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
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
		9:00 am	Tamale Breakfast
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Jan 8- Jan 10	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Jan 11	Thu	12:00 pm	Mass
Jan 12	Fri		NO Noon Mass
Jan 13	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 14	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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, January 6-7, 2018**  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*

First Reading ..... Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Second Reading ..... Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Gospel ..... Matthew 2:1-12

**Ministries, January 6-7, 2018**

**4:30 pm**                      **8:00 am**

Lectors:	C. Ramirez C. Kern	E. Ramirez E. Kennedy
Ushers:	C. Gaubatz B. Schmachtenberg	E. Hackett E. Drane
Greeters:	J. Remmert	I. Torres M. Torres
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**

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

Friday, January 5, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
*For Lucy Kern*

Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 8:00 am  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

**Faithful Departed**

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

**In Need of Prayer**

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

**Home Bound**

Terry Coates (Home)	Dorothy Weiss (Home)
Leigh Doninger (Red Oak Manor)	Dolly LeMond (hospital)
Ann Syminink (Home)	Jeanne Banks

**US Military**

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



**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:** On the surface the Gospel describes the fidelity of the parents to the Jewish custom of presenting their first born male child to the Lord. As they do this in respect to the tradition, they encounter Simeon and Anna who represent that tradition and who acknowledge that a new tradition is unfolding in the child Jesus. Their waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem is over; the hope of the past has been fulfilled and the future is at hand.

**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](http://pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org). For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899 or at [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net).

**Religious Education:** There will be NO Religious Education classes on Sunday, December 31 due to the holiday.

### **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.

**Morning Prayer:** There will be no morning prayer Monday, January 1. Morning Prayer will resume Tuesday, January 2.

**Tamale Breakfast:** Join the Hispanic Ministry next Sunday, January 7 during their first tamale breakfast of 2018. Order sheets are in the Commons.

**Youth Group:** 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. Bernadette will be able to add later donations towards the registration fees.

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

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

*“Blessed is the servant who loves his brother as much when he is sick and useless as when he is well and can be of service to him. And blessed is he who loves his brother as well when he is afar off as when he is by his side, and who would say nothing behind his back he might not, in love, say before his face.”*

*~Saint Francis of Assisi*

*Bendito es el siervo que ama a su hermano tanto cuando este enfermo e inútil como cuando este bien y puede ser de servicio para él. Y bendito es el que ama a su hermano también cuando este lejos como cuando este a su lado, y que no diría nada detrás de su espalda que no lo dirá, en el amor, ante su rostro.*

*~San Francisco de Asís*

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
Dec. 23-24, 2017 .....	\$2,411
<b>Weekly shortfall.....</b>	<b>(\$1,089)</b>
Haiti.....	\$714
Christmas.....	\$2,871



*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*

## Local and Regional News

### Commonwealth Catholic Charities

#### Thank you!

Thank you to each and every person whose generous and continued support allows CCC to carry on the work of serving the community. Without a caring and committed network of mission-minded individuals, we would not be able to continue helping the homeless, feeding the hungry, and caring for the young, the elderly, and the sick. Thank you!

#### New Year's Resolutions

Have you made any New Year's Resolution for 2018? If not, there's still time and CCC would like to help! This year, let us all resolve to provide Comfort and Compassion in our Communities.

- ~Become a foster parent-start the process now.
- ~Get financial counseling to buy a new house.
- ~Resolve to have healthy relationships with counseling.
- ~Welcome the stranger by supporting CCC services for refugees and immigrants

Visit [www.cccofva.org](http://www.cccofva.org) for more information about these opportunities.

#### Job Opportunities:

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](mailto: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](tel:540-293-3791) or [mpeck@roanokecatholic.com](mailto:mpeck@roanokecatholic.com) for more information or to apply for this position.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME):** 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](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

## Español

**Desayuno de Tamales:** Apoyen al ministerio hispano domingo, el 7 de enero en su primer desayuno de tamales de 2018. Las hojas para apuntar su orden están en la sala común.

**Desayuno de panqueques:** Apoyen a los Caballeros de Colón domingo, el 7 de enero en su primer desayuno de panqueques de 2018.

**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](http://pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org).

Si tiene preguntas puede comunicarse con Tony Patriarco en 540-365-2899 o por correo electronico en [apatric@centurylink.net](mailto:apatric@centurylink.net).

No habrán clases de la educación religiosa el 31 para el día festivo.

#### **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. El costo para la conferencia de jóvenes es \$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.