



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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January 20-21, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 Clifft, 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

Jan 20	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 21	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Jan 22- Jan 24	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Jan 25 Jan 26	Thu Fri	12:00 pm	Mass
Jan 27	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 28	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	KoC Pancake Breakfast
Jan 29- Jan 31	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Feb 1	Thu	12:00 pm	Mass
		6:30 pm- 8:00 pm	Youth Group Meeting
Feb 2	Fri	10-11:50 am	1st Friday Adoration
		12:00 pm	Mass

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 27-28, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading..... Deuteronomy 18:15-20/71
Second Reading.....I Corinthians 7:32-35
GospelMark 1:21-28

Ministries, January 27-28, 2018

	4:30 pm	8:00 am
Lectors:	C. Kern L. Bezy	M. Shanahan N. Goehring
Ushers:	R. Long C. Gaubatz	E. Drane B. Bannan
Greeters:	M. McGuire	M. Cortes M. Lopez
Linens:	M. Davis	

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 25, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, January 26, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 4:30 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 8:00 am
For Lucy Kern

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

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

In Need of Prayer

Jeanne Banks	Jerry Ann Holt
Tom Ciappa	Bernadette Hussey
Cirenio Cruz	Mike Meeks
Albert Galvan	Joanne Patterson
Bernie Galvin	Bill Siler
Bud & Nancy Goehring	Janet Vadase & Family
Josephine Graf	Sharon Young

Home Bound

Jeanne Banks	Ann Syminink (Home)
Terry Coates (Home)	Dorothy Weiss (Home)
Leigh Doninger (Franklin Health Center)	Dolly LeMond (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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Jesus' proclamation to repent and believe in the Gospel parallels Jonah's call to the Ninevites to repent. What is unique is Jesus' proclamation is the preface to his announce-

ment in which he states, "This is the time of fulfillment." Through our reading of the Gospel according to Mark, we, along with the disciples, will come to know that in Jesus' very person as the Son of Man who saves is fulfillment of all God's promises. Without fully knowing this, Simon and Andrew respond to Jesus' call to come after him and become fisherman for other followers. James and his brother John are the next to trust in the possibilities of what following Jesus could bring.

Pancake Breakfast: Join the Knights of Columbus next Sunday, January 28, for their first Pancake Breakfast of 2018.

Morning Prayer -Consider making an offering of daily prayer in this new year by joining the Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9 am on weekdays when there is no Mass scheduled at SFOA. This includes Thursdays or Fridays if there is no noon mass. Adding devotional prayer is a great way to extend the Christmas Spirit into the new year.

Youth Group

The youth group will be meeting on Thursday one week before DYC, Feb 1 (DYC). Youth attending the event MUST come to the meeting so that registration information, signatures, medical information, and travel information can be confirmed.

January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Church gives us prayers rooted in hope as the United States mourns the loss of millions of lives by abortion. In the Mass for Peace and Justice, we pray that all governments, especially our own, seek a truly just society, one in which the common good of all people, including the most vulnerable, is sought. In a very real way, we pray for the end of this genocide, the victims of which we remember with our violet vestments and mournful hymns. This Mass celebrates their brief lives, reminding us also of the beauty and sacredness of the lives around us, who have not yet been lost. We remember, we intercede, we hope-and the Church leads us in all three. We should remember that there may be members of our parish who are still in the process of reconciling with God and the Church because they have had an abortion. We are called to show compassion and God's mercy as we restore all and renew all in Christ's love and life.



Praying for children who are hidden from sight, but not hidden from God...
Praying for the protection of unborn people...

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion-A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat will be held January 27-29, 2018 in Toano, VA sponsored by Saint Joan of Arc Church in Yorktown. The weekend retreat includes, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment and is available to women, men and any person who may have been adversely impacted by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and mercy.

To register contact Linda Riva at 757-887-3144 or email her at lindajr2@yahoo.com. The cost is \$185 for meals, a private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available!

22 de enero

Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de los Niños no Nacidos

La Iglesia nos da oraciones arraigadas en la esperanza, mientras los Estados Unidos llora la pérdida de millones de vidas por el aborto. En la Misa por la paz y la justicia, oramos para que todos los gobiernos, especialmente los nuestros, busquen una sociedad justa, en la que se busca el bien común de todas las personas, incluyendo a los más vulnerables. De una manera muy real, oramos por el fin de este genocidio, las víctimas de las cuales recordamos con nuestras vestiduras violetas e himnos tristes. Esta Misa celebra sus breves vidas, recordándonos también la belleza y santidad de las vidas que nos rodean, que aún no se han perdido. Recordamos, intercedemos, esperamos-y la Iglesia nos guía en los tres. Debemos recordar que puede haber miembros de nuestra parroquia que todavía están en el proceso de reconciliación con Dios y la Iglesia porque han tenido un aborto. Estamos llamados a mostrar compasión y Misericordia de Dios al restaurar todo y renovar todo en el amor y la vida de Cristo.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal..... \$3,500
January 13-14, 2018 \$2,109
Weekly Shortfall..... (\$1,391)



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

Job Opportunity

Roanoke Catholic School is seeking a part time assistant Track coach. Areas of knowledge should include sprinting and field events. Candidates may contact Matt Peck at mpeck@roanokecatholic.com or 540-293-3791 or 540-982-3532.

Regional Masses—Our new bishop will be offering regional masses. Bishop Barry Knestout will be offering Mass at St. Andrew's on January 25th at 7pm. For the complete schedule, visit: <http://richmonddiocese.org/regional-mass-schedule/>

Kateri Circle—The Native American Ministry of the Diocese of Richmond invites you to attend an evening of fellowship, prayer and dialogue about traditional Native American culture and spirituality. A Kateri Circle is a group of individuals of all cultures who belong to a prayer circle/group who strives to live a saintly life through the intercession of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The areas of focus for Kateri Circles are spirituality, catechesis, hospitality and social justice. Please join us on either date listed below. Light refreshments will be served. For more information please contact the Office for Black Catholics, obc@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262. We look forward to welcoming you.

January 30, 2018, 6:00-8:00 pm, Pastoral Center, 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond, VA

January 31, 2018, 6:00-8:00 pm, St. Mark Catholic Church, 1505 Kempsville Rd, Virginia Beach, VA

Sidewalk Advocates Training—Saturday, February 3 from 10:00am - 3:00pm at Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Roanoke, VA. The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a free training event provided through Sidewalk Advocates for Life. This training is designed for anyone involved in prayer ministry outside of abortion clinics and Planned Parenthood clinics. In particular, anyone involved with the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil campaign can

benefit greatly from this experience - even those who don't feel called to advocate directly with women and men outside of abortion clinics. Lunch is included and there is no charge to attend. Also, there is no requirement to be Catholic to attend. Participants from any faith tradition who take a stand for pro-life values may attend. Please see Kayla Acosta if you would like to register to attend.

Virginia Vespers—VA bishops invite all to join them at **Liturgy for Legislators, Needs of Virginia** Catholics are called to pray for our civic leaders as we engage in the public square. Join Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Richmond Bishop Barry C. Knestout, along with the Virginia Catholic Conference, their public policy agency, at a special liturgy for Virginia's elected officials and the needs of the state. The third annual Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth will be held at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018. The hour-long service draws on an ancient Christian liturgy and includes Scripture and sacred music provided by local Catholic school choirs. A wine and appetizers reception follows. Register at www.vacatholic.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME):

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by exploring each other during a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. 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.

Español

Misas Regionales—Nuestro nuevo obispo estará ofreciendo Misas regionales. Obispo Barry Knestout estará ofreciendo Misa en San Andrés el 25 de enero a las 7pm. Visita <http://richmonddiocese.org/regional-mass-schedule/> para el horario completo.

Desayuno de panqueques: Apoyen a los Caballeros de Colón domingo, el 28 de enero en su primer desayuno de panqueques de 2018.

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.