



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**February 3-4, 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**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

Feb 3	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb 4	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	Tamale Breakfast
Feb 5- Feb 7	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary (Each day)
Feb 8- Feb 9	Thu- Fri	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary (Both days)
			NO NOON MASS
Feb 10	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
			FoF Valentine's Day Bake Sale/Raffle
Feb 11	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	FoF Valentine's Day Bake Sale/Raffle
Feb 12- Feb 14	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary (Each day)
Feb 14	Wed	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass (bilingual)
Feb 15- Feb 16	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass (Both days)
Feb 17	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-First Sunday of Lent
Feb 18	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-First Sunday of Lent

## 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, February 10-11, 2018 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** ..... Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/77  
**Second Reading** ..... I Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
**Gospel**..... Mark 1:40-45

## Ministries, February 10-11, 2018

	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
Lectors:	C. Kern C. Forbes	E. Kennedy J. Vadase
Ushers:	C. Gaubatz B. Schmachtenberg	B. Bannan C. Gaubatz
Greeters:	W. Manning	J. Garcia S. Gonzales
Linens:	E. Diaz	

## St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers

**Altar server Coordinator:** Jack Shanahan

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

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

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 8:00 am  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm  
*For the repose of the soul Teresa Domkowski*

Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

## Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

### Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	Helen Scarfe
Paul Eames	Timothy Wade
Wilhelm Hausler	Anne Wilson
Raymond Kloos	Bobby Young
Regina Opalka	Frank Young

### In Need of Prayer

Cirenio Cruz	Dolly LeMond
Albert Galvan	Mike Meeks
Ronald L. Hall	Faye Phillips
Bobby Hodges	Judy Ratcliff
Betty Holden	Bill Siler

### Home Bound

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

### US Military

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



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**-Today's Gospel begins on the same Sabbath day as last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus taught in the synagogue and healed the man possessed by an evil spirit. Inside the house of

Simon and Andrew, Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law not by uttering any words, but with the simple gesture of taking her hand and helping her up. This individual healing leads to a multitude of healings and exorcisms the same day after sunset as the entire town came to the doorstep of the house where Jesus was. Since it was the whole town that brought those ill or possessed, no wonder Jesus needed to renew himself by going off to a deserted place to pray. This is exactly what he did the following day before dawn. Jesus' mission is clear: to preach, heal, and drive out demons with the divine authority given to him.

**Tamale Breakfast**-Join the Hispanic Ministries Sunday, February 4, for a tamale breakfast.

**Valentine's Day Bake Sale/ Raffle**-Followers of Francis will host a bake sale, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> after the Masses. We will have many delicious baked goods for sale. We are also raffling off a beautiful gift basket. Drawing will be Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. All proceeds benefit the Church. Stop by and buy a sweet for your sweetie!! **ATTN. All Bakers-** We are in need of baked goods to sell, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, bread. Please call Donna at 721-4343 for more info.

**Ash Wednesday**-February 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a bilingual Mass at 7pm. There is a sign up sheet in the Commons.

**Stations of the Cross**-Starting February 16<sup>th</sup>, Father Mark will lead Stations of the Cross at 7pm every Friday through Lent.

**Adult Faith Formation Class**- The next two classes for adult faith formation will be on St. Thomas of Aquinas and will meet on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. These classes a video presentation from the multi-part series Catholic Pivotal Players hosted by Bishop Barron. There will be a subsequent group discussion and no preparation or participation in previous classes are required. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899 or at [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net).

*Optional Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani  
And St. Josephine Bakhita  
February 8*

Jerome was born into a wealthy family, and before being led to study for the priesthood he was a soldier in Venice. As a priest, Jerome was greatly devoted to helping the poor and the disadvantaged. He founded hospitals, orphanages, and an order of priests whose apostolate it was to care for the orphans.

Josephine was born in Sudan and at the age of nine was taken into slavery. Bought by an Italian diplomat, she was taken to Italy where she converted to Christianity at the age of 25. Three years later, after having been freed from slavery, she joined the Institute of the Canossian Daughters of Charity.

*Memorial opcional de San Jerónimo Emiliani  
Y Santa Josephine Bakhita  
8 de febrero*

Jerome nació en una familia adinerada, y antes de ser llamado a estudiar para el sacerdocio era un soldado en Venecia. Como sacerdote, Jerome fue muy dedicado a ayudar a los pobres y a los desfavorecidos. Fundó hospitales, orfanatos y una orden de sacerdotes cuyo apostolado era cuidar de los huérfanos.

Josephine nació en Sudán y a la edad de nueve años fue llevada a la esclavitud. Comprada por un diplomático italiano, fue llevada a Italia, donde se convirtió al cristianismo a los 25 años. Tres años después, después de haber sido liberado de la esclavitud, se unió al Instituto de las hijas Canossianas de la caridad.

*Memorial of Saint Scholastica  
February 10*

Information regarding the life of St. Scholastica is rather meager, but her legacy continues to live on. She was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the father of Western monasticism. From a young age she expressed a deep desire to dedicate her life to God through the monastic vows: obedience, conversion of life (poverty and chastity), and stability. She founded and supervised a monastery of nuns near her brother's monastery at Monte Casino. She is the patron saint of nuns.

*Memorial de Santa Escolástica  
10 de febrero*

Información sobre la vida de Santa Escolástica es bastante escasa, pero su legado continúa viviendo. Era la hermana gemela de San Benito, el padre del monasticismo occidental. Desde que era niña expresó un deseo profundo de dedicar su vida a Dios a través de los votos monásticos: obediencia, conversión de la vida (pobreza y castidad), y estabilidad. Ella fundó y supervisó un monasterio de monjas cerca del monasterio de su hermano en el Monte Casino. Es la santa patrona de las monjas.

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
January 27-28, 2018 .....	\$3,113
Weekly Shortfall.....	(\$387)
Haiti.....	\$1,315



*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**-Are you thinking of giving up something for Lent? This year, give it up and pay it forward at the same time! Donate the money you would have spent on your morning latte or pastry to CCC instead. Donating is easy and your gift is tax deductible. Call 804.285.5900 or donate online at [www.cccofva.org/donate](http://www.cccofva.org/donate).

**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](http://www.vacatholic.org).

**Men's Day of Reflection**-The Office for Black Catholics Men's Day of Reflection will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018, 8:00-5:00 at the Basilica of St. Mary of the IC in Norfolk, 232 Chapel Street. This year's theme is "Real Men Practice What They Preach". Pope Francis calls all people of God to missionary discipleship, to speak and act in accord with the mission of Jesus Christ. Register online at: [www.regonline.com/obcmendor2018](http://www.regonline.com/obcmendor2018). Lodging available at a discounted rate at the Norfolk Waterside. Reserve your room at the time of registration. Cost: \$30 General, \$25 Senior, \$20 Young Adult (18-39). No fee for clergy and religious. Lunch and materials included. The discounted rates are made possible by the Diocesan Appeal. For more information please contact Devin Jones, [djones@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:djones@richmonddiocese.org) or (804) 622-5262.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend-

"Remember that my life is like the wind;" Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by enjoying a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC. 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

**Los Levantamientos**-Todos están invitados a los levantamientos, sábado el 3 de febrero a las 6:30 de la tarde.

**Desayuno de tamales**-Apoyen al ministerio hispano domingo el 4 de febrero en su desayuno de tamales.

**Miércoles de Cenizas**-El 14 de febrero habrá una misa bilingüe a las 7pm. Hay una hoja en la sala común si quieren ayudar.

**Estaciones de la Cruz**-Empezando el 16 de febrero, Padre Mark estará lidiando las Estaciones de la Cruz cada viernes durante Cuaresma a las 7 de la tarde.

**Venta del día de San Valentín/Rifa**- Organizado por Los Seguidores de Francisco. El 10 y 11 de febrero después de las misas. Vamos a tener muchos postres horneados deliciosos para la venta. También estamos rifando una hermosa canasta de regalos. La selección del/la ganador(a) será domingo el 11 de febrero a las 9:30. Todo el dinero beneficia la iglesia. ¡Ven a vernos y compra un dulce para tu amorcito!

**ATTENCION: Todos los panaderos**-Necesitamos postres horneados para vender; pasteles, galletas, brownies, pan, etc. Por favor a llame a Donna, 721-4343 para más información.

**Formación de fe para adultos**-Las siguientes dos clase serán miércoles el 13 de febrero y miércoles el 21 de febrero a las 6:30 pm en la sala común. Esas clases incluyeran una presentación en video presentado por el Obispo Barron. Después tendremos una discusión. No se necesita preparación ni participación en las primeras clases. Si tiene preguntas puede comunicarse con Tony Patriarco en [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net) o por teléfono 540-365-2899.

**Platicas para Quinceañeras**- Están invitadas a una platica el 17 de febrero en la sala común de abajo. Si están interesadas comuníquese con Elia Sanchez-Torres en 493-7032

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

**Inscripciones:**\$55 antes del 10 de marzo, \$60 en la puerta. Visita a [www.cdrcmfl.org](http://www.cdrcmfl.org) para registrarse.