



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**February 10-11, 2018**  
**Sixth 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/>

*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 10	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Valentine's Day Bake Sale
Feb 11	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	Valentine's Day Bake Sale/ Raffle
		9:00 am	Tamale Breakfast
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 16	Fri	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Feb 17	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-First Sunday of Lent
Feb 18	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-First Sunday of Lent
Feb 19- Feb 21	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary (Each day)
Feb 22- Feb 23	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass (Both days)
Feb 24	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Second Sunday of Lent
Feb 25	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Second Sunday of Lent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	KoC Pancake Breakfast

**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 17-18, 2018**  
*First Sunday of Lent*

**First Reading** ..... Genesis 9:8-15/23  
**Second Reading** ..... I Peter 3:18-22  
**Gospel**..... Mark 1:12-15

**Ministries, February 17-18, 2018**

	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
Lectors:	L. Bezy B. Galvin	E. Ayles N. Goehring
Ushers:	C. Gaubatz B. Schmachtenberg	J. Dansby B. Fandel
Greeters:	T. 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**

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*

Friday, February 16, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 8:00 am  
*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



### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**-Today's medical science has classified leprosy as a single skin condition, also known as Hansen's disease. In Jesus' time, though, leprosy was a term that referred to multiple skin disorders. The leper should not have been

anywhere near Jesus nor close enough to speak with him. He broke the law. Yet Jesus did not shun the man. Instead, he listened when he approached him. Then Jesus broke the law by touching him. By breaking that law, Jesus showed his disciples and followers that God does not shun. We are not to shut anyone out from the community of the people of God.

**Valentine's Day Bake Sale/ Raffle**-Followers of Francis will host a bake sale, February 10th and 11th 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 at 9:30. All proceeds benefit the Church. Stop by and buy a sweet for your sweetie!!

**Tamale Breakfast**-Join the Hispanic Ministries Sunday, February 11, for a tamale breakfast.

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

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

**Morning Prayer/Rosary**-Please consider making an offering of prayer during Lent by joining in the Liturgy of the Hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10am.

**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 13th and Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899 or at [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net).

**Youth Group (6th to 12th grades)**-We will meet Thursdays during Lent, Feb 22, Mar 1,8,15,22 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm (not the week of Ash Wednesday nor Holy Week). We will have a short time of reflection and prayer in the church followed by snacks and games in the social hall. **Please pick up your Lent Activity Packets at the youth table after Sunday Mass on Feb. 18.** On Good Friday, we will present our crosses at the 7pm liturgy and remain for 30 minutes afterwards for a time of meditation with mu-

sic from the brothers in Taize. Contact Bernadette Harmon, text/call 301-938-2213 or via Facebook.

**Parents**-The youth need one parent volunteer each Thursday during Lent to help at the youth meetings. No experience or preparation is necessary.

### *About Ash Wednesday*

In the early Church, when Lent was a time for the reconciliation of public penitents, the penitents would come to the church at the beginning of Lent, that is, on Ash Wednesday. They would wear a penitential garment, suggesting sackcloth, and be sprinkled with ashes. Then they would be ritually expelled from the assembly to do their penance for forty days, returning to the church on Holy Thursday, when they would be readmitted to the sacraments.

With time, the expulsion of penitents disappeared, but the ashes remained and became a call to penance of all the faithful. In the Scriptures, sackcloth and ashes are the signs of penance. The practice of using ashes from the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday is a relatively new element of the liturgy, first appearing in the twelfth century. It adds another layer of meaning to this rich rite, reminding us of where we are headed-to the glory of Easter.

### *Sobre el miércoles de ceniza*

En la iglesia primitiva, cuando la Cuaresma era un tiempo para la reconciliación de los penitentes públicos, los penitentes vendrían a la iglesia al principio de la Cuaresma, esto es, el miércoles de ceniza. Llevaban una prenda penitencial, sugiriendo una arpillera, y se espolvoreaban con cenizas. Entonces serían expulsados ritualmente de la Asamblea para hacer su penitencia por 40 días, regresando a la iglesia el Jueves Santo, cuando serían readmitidos a los sacramentos.

Con el tiempo, desapareció la expulsión de los penitentes, pero permanecieron las cenizas y se convirtieron en un llamado a la penitencia de todos los fieles. En las escrituras, la arpillera y las cenizas son signos de penitencia. La práctica de usar cenizas de las palmas del domingo de Ramos del año anterior es un elemento relativamente nuevo de la liturgia, que apareció por primera vez en el siglo XII. Añade otra capa de significado a este rico rito, recordándonos hacia dónde nos dirigimos-a la gloria de la Pascua.

### Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
February 3-4, 2018 .....	\$2,502
Weekly Shortfall .....	(\$998)
February 2, 2018 (Candlemas) .....	\$331
Repairs & Replacements .....	\$526
<b>January Total.....</b>	<b>\$10,139</b>
<b>January Monthly Shortfall.....</b>	<b>(\$3,861)</b>



*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 something up 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, [www.regonline.com/obcmendor2018](http://www.regonline.com/obcmendor2018). 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.

**Theology on Tap**-Theology on Tap offers an opportunity for young adults to come together in a familiar and comfortable bar/restaurant setting to hear some great speakers, learn about important issues relevant to one's faith, and have time for some invaluable fellowship with other young adults. The nearest chapter meets at Corned Beef & Company at 107 South Jefferson St., Roanoke from 7-9pm on the first Monday of each month. Contact Ashley Froy at [rvcyacollegeconnection@gmail.com](mailto:rvcyacollegeconnection@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/RVCYA](http://www.facebook.com/RVCYA) for more information.

### Español

**Miércoles de Ceniza**-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 deliciosos postres horneados para la venta. También estamos rifando una hermosa canasta de regalos. La selección del ganador 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!

**Desayuno de tamales**-Apoyen al ministerio hispano domingo el 11 de febrero en su desayuno de tamales.

**Formación de fe para adultos**-Las siguientes dos clases serán martes 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 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.