



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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

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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/>

**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

Feb 17	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-First Sunday of Lent
Feb 18	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-First Sunday of Lent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
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 23	Fri	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
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
Feb 26- Feb 28	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary (Each day)
Mar 1- Mar 2	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass (Both days)
Mar 2	Fri	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Mar 3	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Third Sunday of Lent
Mar 4	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Third Sunday of Lent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	Tamale Breakfast
Mar 5-7	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Mar 8- Mar 9	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass
Mar 9	Fri	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

### 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 24-25, 2018 Second Sunday of Lent

**First Reading** ..... Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
**Second Reading** .....Romans 8:31b-34  
**Gospel**..... Mark 9:2-10

### Ministries, February 24-25, 2018

	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
Lectors:	L. Siler L. Bezy	N. Shanahan D. King
Ushers:	R. Long C. Gaubatz	B. Bannan C. Gaubatz
Greeters:	M. McGuire	S. Ayala N. Quiroz
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

Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the repose of the souls of Gilbert & Alta Boschert*

Friday, February 23, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
*For the repose of the soul of Margot Miko*

Sunday, February 25, 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

Marilyn Blauert	Dolly LeMond
Mary Cardin	Mike Meeks
Cirenio Cruz	Tristen Mejia
Albert Galvan	Faye Phillips
Ronald L. Hall	Judy Ratcliff
Bobby Hodges	Bill Siler
Betty Holden	Rod & Ruth Williamson
Raymond Kloos	Sharon Young & Family

#### 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



**First Sunday of Lent-In** Mark, the beginning of Jesus' journey is his experience of forty days in the wilderness. His account is terser than that of Matthew and Luke, which also makes its message quite direct. Jesus has been tested,

like the Israelites were tested by the forty years of wandering in the wilderness to the Promised Land and Noah was tested with forty days afloat in the flood waters. Under the protection of God's angels, he has triumphed, proving his readiness for his earthly mission. The number forty appears in dozens of places in the Bible, usually signifying a test that has been administered and passed. As we enter the forty days of Lent, we can challenge ourselves to embrace the spiritual tests we are facing, transforming them- and ourselves-as we journey to Easter.

**Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)**-Father Mark will lead Stations of the Cross at 7pm every Friday through Lent.

**Lily Mart Easter Basket Raffle (March 10-11!)-** Our Lily Mart raffle is coming up very fast. We need volunteers to take a basket and fill it for the raffle. Please sign sheet in Commons & take a basket or two. If you can not fill a basket, please consider donating an item or two for the Followers of Francis baskets. We can use bags of candy, small toys, coloring books, personal care items. See Donna Allgauer for more info.

**Help Wanted in the "Gift Shop"**-The Sacramentals Display Case or "Gift Shop" will be open for 30 minutes after Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month IF we have volunteers available at the display case during those times. We need 2-3 volunteers for Saturday and Sunday, to back each other up. Please contact Bernadette Harmon in person at Sunday masses, or text/call 301-938-2213, or via Facebook. Volunteers should be 21 years of age or older. Proceeds from the "Gift Shop" benefit the SFOA Major Repairs and Replacements fund.

### Youth Group (6th to 12th grades)

Youth are invited to participate in youth nights, Thursdays during Lent, Feb 22, Mar 1,8,15,22 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. 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. 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.

**Bake Sale/Raffle**-The Followers of Francis want to thank all parishioners who baked and purchased items from our Bake Sale. We raised **\$410** all of which was donated to our Church. Congratulations goes to Mr. Guzman who won the Gift Basket for his daughter.

*\*During Lent, the observances of saints continue, however, all memorials are considered optional instead of obligatory. The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter falls on February 22. On this day we give thanks for the unity that the popes are charged with guarding and fostering. We also remember the many saintly men who have given their lives as "Servant of the Servants of God."*

### Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle February 22

The chair of a bishop, called the cathedra, is the symbol of his foundational ministry to be a teacher of faith to his Church community. What then can we learn from Peter, the rock of our Church? His extraordinary confession of faith encourages us to confess truth, even if it may sound far-fetched by everyday standards. Peter listened to the Spirit of God in his heart and proclaimed Jesus as Christ, Son of the living God. Today's feast, has its roots in the Parentalia, or commemoration of dead relatives and friends celebrated between February 13 and 22. At this commemoration, a chair, or cathedra, was left empty for particular deceased persons. Since the actual date of Peter's death was unknown, it came to be remembered on February 22, eventually becoming a celebration of his taking over the pastoral responsibility of the Church of Rome.

*\*Durante la Cuaresma, las observancias de los Santos continúan, sin embargo, todos los monumentos conmemorativos se consideran opcionales en vez de obligatorios. La fiesta de la Cátedra de San Pedro cae el 22 de febrero. En este día damos gracias para la unidad que los papas son cargados de guardar y de fomentar. También recordamos a los muchos hombres santos que han dado sus vidas como "siervo de los siervos de Dios".*

### Fiesta de la Cátedra de San Pedro 22 de febrero

El asiento de un obispo, llamado la Cátedra, es el símbolo de su ministerio fundacional para ser un maestro de la fe a su comunidad de la iglesia. ¿Qué podemos aprender de Pedro, el Peñón de nuestra iglesia? Su extraordinaria confesión de fe nos alienta a confesar la verdad, incluso si puede sonar exagerada por los estándares cotidianos. Pedro escuchó el espíritu de Dios en su corazón y proclamó a Jesús como Cristo, hijo del Dios viviente. El banquete de hoy, tiene sus raíces en la parentía, o conmemoración de parientes muertos y amigos celebrados entre el 13 y 22 de febrero. En esta conmemoración, una silla, o Cátedra, fue dejada vacía para personas difuntas particulares. Como no se sabe la fecha exacta de la muerte de Pedro, llegó a ser recordada el 22 de febrero, convirtiéndose eventualmente en una celebración de cuando tomó responsabilidad pastoral de la iglesia de Roma.

### Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
February 10-11, 2018 .....	\$2,743.10
Weekly Shortfall .....	(\$756.90)
Health Wagon.....	\$568.16

*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)*

**Morning Prayer/Rosary**-Please consider making an offering of prayer during Lent by joining morning prayer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9 am to 10 am. Experience the blessings of Lent as we join together in praying the **Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.**

Lent is often associated with increased efforts at prayer and activities to end abortion. Please join in offering **daily prayer for an end to abortion** during Lent. Prayer cards are on the tables in the commons.

**Adult Faith Formation Class**-The next class for adult faith formation will be on St. Thomas of Aquinas will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. 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).

### Local and Regional News

**2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Building Our Family of Faith**-This year's theme is inspired by two sources. The first is Galatians 6:10: "So, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith." The second is from Pope Francis and his reflection during the Feast of the Holy Family in 2017: "Christian families are missionary families. ... They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith!"

With its most ambitious goal in its history (over **\$3.1 million**) the 2018 Appeal will provide critical funding to many diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese. We look forward to sharing with you more about the Appeal and its impact in the very near future.

*This week and into next week, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal.*

*It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous pledge to this effort.*

### Opportunity to Travel with Fr. Nicholas Mammi to Ireland: September 25-October 4, 2018:

Fr. Mammi invites you to join him for an inspiring journey to Ireland. We have created a program that allows us to explore ancient religious sites, castles and panoramic coastal roads. We will learn more about Celtic Christian roots in Clonmacnoise and Hill of Slane. We plan on a special day of retreat at a sanctuary of St. Patrick at Lough Derg. We end our program in the dynamic city of Dublin. Come join us! For more information about what is included and costs visit: [www.travelillum.com/trc/aqp](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/aqp) (last letters of the URL are AQP) or call 800-368-6757 ext. 128. Initial registrations and deposits are due March 5, 2018 (accepted after March 5th on a space-available basis).

### Español

**Estaciones de la Cruz (Bilingüe)**-Padre Mark estará lidiando las Estaciones de la Cruz cada viernes durante Cuaresma a las 7 de la tarde.

**Apelación Diocesana Anual 2018: Construyendo Nuestra Familia de Fe**-El tema de este año está inspirado en dos fuentes. El primero es Gálatas 6:10: "Así que, si tenemos la oportunidad, hagamos bien a todos los hombres, especialmente a los de la familia de la fe". El segundo es del Papa Francisco y su reflejo durante la fiesta de La Sagrada Familia en 2017: "Las familias cristianas son familias misioneras. ... Son misioneros en la vida cotidiana, en sus tareas cotidianas, ¡ya que traen a todo la sal y la levadura de la fe!"

Con su objetivo más ambicioso en su historia (más de **\$3.1 millones**), la Apelación 2018 proporcionará fondos críticos para muchos ministerios diversos e impactantes que afectan las vidas de miles de personas en nuestra Diócesis. Esperamos compartir con usted más acerca de la Apelación y su impacto en el futuro cercano.

*A principios de esta semana y hasta la próxima semana, muchos de ustedes recibirán una carta del obispo Knestout pidiéndoles su apoyo a la Apelación Diocesana Anual 2018. Esperamos sinceramente que responda la solicitud de nuestro Obispo y haga un compromiso generoso con este esfuerzo.*

**Formación de fe para adultos**-La siguiente clase será miércoles el 21 de febrero a las 6:30 pm en la sala común. 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.

**Se busca ayuda**-Se busca voluntarios para ayudar con la venta de los sacramentales. Estará abierta "La tienda de regalos" por media hora cada primer y tercer fin de semana después de las misas SI hay voluntarios. Se necesita 2-3 voluntarios para sábado y domingo. Si está interesado en ser voluntario, hable con Bernadette Harmon después de misa en los domingos o por texto/llamada en 301-938-2213, o por mensaje en Facebook. Voluntarios deben ser mayores de 21 años. Los ingresos benefician al fondo de reparaciones y reemplazos grandes de la Iglesia.