

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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February 24-25, 2018
Second Sunday of Lent

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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 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 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
Mar 2	Fri	10-11:50 am	Adoration
		6-7 pm	Adoration
		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- Mar 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
Mar 10	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mar 11	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Fourth Sunday of Lent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Mar 12- Mar 14	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary

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, March 3-4, 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17
 Second Reading I Corinthians 1:22-25
 Gospel.....John 2:13-25

Ministries, March 3-4, 2018 4:30 pm 8:00 am

Lectors:	C. Cruz-Ramirez	E. Ramirez
	L. Siler	E. Ayles
Ushers:	C. Gardner	E. Hackett
	B. Schmachtenberg	E. Drane
Greeters:	J. Remmert	E. Arellano
		A. Castaneda
Linens:	L. Bezy	

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, March 1, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, March 2, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 4:30 pm
For the repose of the soul of Carolyn Hart

Sunday, March 4, 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
Jerry Ann Holt	Bobby Young
Raymond Kloos	Frank Young
Regina Opalka	

In Need of Prayer

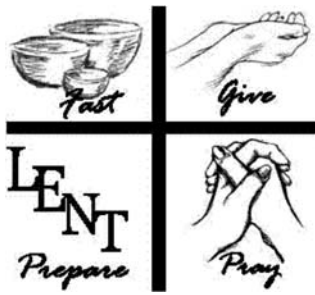
Marilyn Blauert	Dolly LeMond
Mary Cardin	Mike Meeks
Cirenio Cruz	Tristen Mejia
Albert Galvan	Faye Phillips
Ronald L. Hall	Judy Ratcliff
Bobby Hodges	Bill Siler
Betty Holden	Rod & Ruth Williamson
Raymond Kloos	Sharon Young & Family

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	Capt. Raine Maus
Brandon Furrow	Jason Presley
John J. Griffio III	Francheska J. Remmert



Second Sunday of Lent- Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus up the mountain, where they experience him transfigured. They see his glory revealed in the company of the great prophets and representatives of the law

of Israel, Moses, and Elijah. In his terror, Peter resorts to the practical: Perhaps they should contain the moment by erecting dwellings for the three. God names Jesus as his "beloved Son," echoing the proclamation made in the first chapter of Mark at the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan. Jesus exhorts his companions to keep the experience a secret, a theme that weaves throughout the Gospel according to Mark when Jesus' identify comes into question.

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

Youth Group-Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to participate in youth nights, Thursdays during Lent, Mar 1,8,15,22 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. 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 25. On Good Friday, we will present our crosses at the 7pm liturgy. For more information text/call Bernadette Harmon, 301-938-2213. Please join "the net - rocky mount" on Facebook to keep up with youth news. The youth need one parent volunteer each Thursday during Lent to help at the youth meetings. No experience or preparation is necessary.

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

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Building Our Family of Faith- Last week, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to this request.

An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned to our parish will be used to provide continued support for our various ministries.

The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many pro-

grams outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish. In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the Appeal also benefits us through the following ministries and programs. The Fuel and Hunger fund provides us with resources to help the poor; the Appeal supports our expanding ministry to Spanish-speakers; and grants received from Appeal funds also support our youth ministry, our New-Evangelization initiatives, and our pro-life witness.

All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments which makes it easy to support the important ministries of our Diocesan Church while also supporting our parish needs. Thank you in advance for your partnership in the 2018 Appeal.

***Optional Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955)
March 3***

St. Katharine Drexel, a wealthy and worldly heiress from Philadelphia, did not spend her fortune on houses or jewelry, but on the establishment of institutions and missions dedicated to the marginalized. She traveled to various parts of the country where she became keenly aware of the oppression of Native Americans and African Americans. She founded a religious community known as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, to the empowerment of these groups through education (that is, launching the first Catholic college for African Americans, and starting 145 Catholic missions and twelve schools for Native Americans). Regarding the purpose of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Katharine said, "Ours is the spirit of Eucharist-the total gift of self."

***Memorial opcional de St. Katharine Drexel(1858-1955)
3 de marzo***

St. Katharine Drexel, una rica y mundana heredera de Filadelfia, no gastó su fortuna en casas o joyas, sino en el establecimiento de instituciones y misiones dedicadas a los marginados. Viajó a varias partes del país donde se hizo muy consciente de la opresión de los nativos americanos y afroamericanos. Fundó una comunidad religiosa conocida como las Hermanas del Santísimo Sacramento, a la potenciación de estos grupos a través de la educación (esto es, el lanzamiento del primer colegio católico para afroamericanos, y a partir de 145 Misiones católicas y doce escuelas para los nativos americanos). En cuanto al propósito de las hermanas del Santísimo Sacramento, Santa Katharine dijo, "El nuestro es el espíritu de la Eucaristía-el regalo total de sí mismo."

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
February 17-18, 2018	\$1,726.57
Weekly Shortfall.....	(\$1,773.43)
Catholic Relief Services	\$471



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)

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

Adult Faith Formation Class-The next two classes for adult faith formation will be on St. Catherine of Sienna and will meet on Wednesday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. These classes include 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.

Local and Regional News

Come and See Vocation Weekend-Join us for a weekend when single Catholic women come together to learn more about religious life from the women who live it! You will meet and talk with Sisters of Bon Secours in a relaxed environment. You will be surprised at how much you will get to know about religious life and how much you will enjoy being with the sisters. The first event is March 16-18 at the Sisters of Bon Secours Provincial House in Marriottsville, Maryland. Call 410-442-3171 for more information or visit <http://lifeasasister.org/event-details/come-and-see-vocation-weekend/> to register online.

Trash to Treasure Sale at Roanoke Catholic School-Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8:00am-1:00 pm. You can reserve tables ahead of time. Each 5x7 table is only \$10.00. The proceeds go to the Senior/Junior Prom in April. Table reservations are the only cost to you, but donations from sales are always welcome. In addition to rummage items, we encourage all craft and direct sales vendors to consider renting a table. This would be a great opportunity to sale your wares, as we anticipate a good turn-out of shoppers. Forms are available in the Commons.

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.

Desayuno de Panqueques-Apoyen a los Caballeros de Colon en su desayuno de panqueques domingo, el 25 de febrero.

Oración Matutina-Por favor considere participar en la oración de la mañana los lunes, martes, y miércoles de las 9am hasta las 10am como una ofrenda cuaresmal. Experimente las bendiciones de la Cuaresma mientras nos unimos en oración.

Oración Por la Vida-Por favor únase con nosotros al ofrecimiento de oración diaria durante Cuaresma para un fin del aborto. Las tarjetas de oración están en la mesa en la sala común.

Desayuno de tamales-Apoyen al ministerio hispano en su desayuno de tamales el siguiente domingo, el 4 de marzo. Puede dejar su orden en la hoja en la sala común.

Apelación Diocesana Anual 2018: Construyendo Nuestra Familia de Fe-La semana pasada, muchos de ustedes recibieron una carta del Obispo Kneestout solicitando su apoyo a la Apelación Diocesana Anual 2018. Esperamos que considere en oración esta solicitud.

Un aspecto importante de la Apelación es que todas las parroquias reciben una parte de sus fondos recaudados para ser utilizados en importantes prioridades locales. Este año, los fondos devueltos a nuestra parroquia se usarán para continuar el apoyo de nuestros varios ministerios.

La Apelación no solo ofrece la oportunidad de apoyar ministerios importantes que impactan a muchos programas fuera de los límites de nuestra parroquia, sino que también respalda los servicios que la Diócesis proporciona directamente a nuestra parroquia. En complemento a los fondos devueltos a nuestra parroquia a través de la fórmula para compartir de las parroquias, la Apelación también nos beneficia a través de los siguientes ministerios y programas. El Fondo para el Combustible y el Hambre nos da recursos para ayudar a los pobres; la apelación apoye el crecimiento de nuestro ministerio para los que hablan español; también subvenciones que recibimos de la apelación apoyan a nuestro ministerio para jóvenes sacerdotes retirados.

Todas las promesas se pueden pagar en diez cuotas mensuales, lo que facilita el apoyo a los ministerios importantes de nuestra iglesia diocesana y al mismo tiempo respalda las necesidades de nuestra parroquia. Gracias de antemano por su asociación en la Apelación 2018.