

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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March 10-11, 2018
Fourth 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

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| 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 |
| Mar 15- Mar 16 | Thu- Fri | 12:00 pm | Mass |
| Mar 16 | Fri | 7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Mar 17 | Sat | 4:30 pm | Mass-Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| Mar 18 | Sun | 8:00 am | Mass-Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| | | 9:00 am | Religious Education |
| Mar 19- Mar 21 | Mon- Wed | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer/Rosary |
| Mar 22- Mar 23 | Thu- Fri | 12:00 pm | Mass |
| Mar 23 | Fri | 7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Mar 24 | Sat | 4:30 pm | Mass-Palm Sunday |
| Mar 25 | Sun | 8:00 am | Mass-Palm Sunday |
| | | | NO Religious Education |
| Mar 26- Mar 28 | Mon- Wed | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer |
| Mar 29 | Thu | | NO NOON MASS |
| | | 7:00 pm | Holy Thursday Mass |
| Mar 30 | Fri | | NO NOON MASS |
| | | 7:00 pm | Holy Friday Liturgy (Bilingual) |
| Mar 31 | Sat | | NO 4:30 MASS |
| | | 8:00 pm | Easter Vigil |

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 17-18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34/35**
Second Reading **Hebrews 5:7-9**
Gospel.....**John 12:20-33**

Ministries, March 17-18, 2018
4:30 pm **8:00 am**

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| Lectors: | C. Kern L. Bezy | N. Goehring E. Ayles |
| Ushers: | C. Gaubatz B. Schmachtenberg | J. Dansby B. Fandel |
| Greeters: | T. Manning | V. Cruz N. Vasquez |
| 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 15, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

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

Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 4:30 pm
For the repose of the soul of David Rhodes

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 8:00 am
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

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

In Need of Prayer

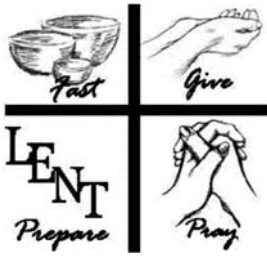
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| Duck Akers | Tristen Mejia |
| Marilyn Blauert | Faye Phillips |
| Cirenio Cruz | Judy Ratcliff |
| Albert Galvan | Bill Siler |
| Ronald L. Hall | Rod & Ruth Williamson |
| Betty Holden | Sharon Young & Family |
| Raymond Kloos | |

Home Bound

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

US Military

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| 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 |



Fourth Sunday of Lent- Jesus has been conversing with the Jewish leader and teacher Nicodemus, who is both open and curious about Jesus, coming to him in the night and affirming that clearly Jesus must be from God, or

he would not be able to perform such signs. Nicodemus wants to understand what it means to be reborn. Jesus begins his answer with a reference to the miracle performed by Moses in the book of Numbers, where a bronze serpent on a stick is raised and the people are saved (a confusing passage for Bible scholars given the prohibitions of the second commandment). Jesus, too, will be raised on wood-the Cross-but his death is one death for the salvation of all, for all time.

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

Ministry Sign-up Sheets-There are sign-up sheets in the Commons for Triduum, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday 10 am Mass. If you want to participate in any of the ministries for any of the Masses, **YOU MUST SIGN-UP.** Thank you.

Easter Break!!-There will be NO Religious Education Classes, Palm Sunday, MARCH 25 OR Easter Sunday, APRIL 1.

Sacramentals Display Case-If you need anything from the Sacramentals and Gifts Display Case, please see Laura Hernandez after Saturday Masses or Janet Vadase or Bernadette Harmon after Sunday Masses. If there is something you need but don't see, please let one of us know.

Adult Faith Formation Class-The next class for adult faith formation will be on St. Catherine of Siena and will meet on Tuesday, March 20 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.

Daily Prayer-There are only a few weeks remaining in Lent. Please consider making an offering of prayer by joining morning prayer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9 am to 10 am and every day during Holy Week.

Please join in offering daily prayer for an end to abortion during Lent. Prayer cards are on the tables in the commons.

Pancake Breakfast-Join the Knights of Columbus

next Sunday, March 18 after Mass for a pancake breakfast.

Youth (6th to 12th grades)

All are invited to participate in Thursday youth nights from 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm. There are only two weeks left before Holy Week. We will have a short time of reflection and prayer in the church followed by snacks and games in the social hall. If you need extra stick-on gems for your Lenten crosses, they are in the Commons.

Spend the afternoon at SFOA on Good Friday, March 30, for dinner and a new twist on the movie, "The Passion of the Christ." We will present our Lenten crosses at the 7:00 pm liturgy during veneration.

Please join "The Net - Rocky Mount" on Facebook to keep up with youth news. Bernadette needs one or two young adults, ages 18-21 (or so) to help lead the evenings.

The youth need one or two young adult or parent volunteer for the last three weeks of Lent to help at the youth meetings. No experience or preparation is necessary. Thursdays, March 15, 22 from 6pm to 8pm and Friday, March 30 from 3pm to 9pm. Please text or FB Bernadette Harmon 301-938-2213

Optional Memorial of St. Patrick March 17

Many legends have developed around St. Patrick (390-460), from driving snakes out of Ireland, to using the shamrock to explain the Trinity; however, his popularity stems beyond these stories, to his missionary zeal and astonishing ability to inspire faith. He was sold into slavery at a young age and eventually freed, and so he wanted people enslaved by doubt and skepticism to know the liberation found in Jesus Christ. Although he had little education, he was appointed bishop of Ireland. His many accomplishments include the conversion of Ireland, ordination of clergy, consecration of virgins, and organization of missions to evangelize Europe. St. Patrick's life has a universal appeal; therefore, his feast day is celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of England, the Episcopal Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He also makes an appearance on the Russian Orthodox calendar. Today is a solemnity and Holyday of Obligation in Ireland. Parades, corned beef and cabbage, and service projects usually mark this special day of our favorite Irish saint.

Sacrificial Giving

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| Weekly Budget Goal..... | \$3,500 |
| March 3-4, 2018 | \$2,873 |
| Weekly Shortfall..... | (\$627) |
| Justice & Peace..... | \$711 |



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)

Important Upcoming Dates

Please keep our FHC and Confirmation candidates in prayer as they make their final preparations.

Saturday, March 17 at 1:30pm—First Confessions

Thursday, April 12 at 7:00pm at St Andrews-Confirmation

Saturday, May 19 during 4:30pm Mass—First Holy Communion.

Próximas Fechas Importantes

Por favor oren por los niños que están preparándose para recibir el sacramento de la primera comunión sagrada y para los candidatos para la confirmación que están preparándose para recibir el último sacramento de iniciación.

Sábado el 17 de marzo a las 1:30pm—Primeras confesiones

Jueves el 12 de abril a las 7pm en San Andrés— Confirmación

Sábado el 19 de mayo durante la misa de las 4:30pm—Primera Comunión Sagrada

Local and Regional News

Latin Mass—All are invited to Our Lady of Peace, 2938 Oakleigh Ave. Appomattox, VA 24522, for a Latin Mass on March 18 at 3pm.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)—“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and Sep 21-23, 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.

Pilgrimage—The Office of Asian Ministry invites you to attend the 16th Annual Asians for Mary Pilgrimage, Saturday, May 5, 2018. Bus transportation is available for a small fee. Depart Pastoral Center in Richmond, 7:30am, \$25. Depart St. Gregory the Great in Virginia Beach, 7:00am, \$30. Register online <https://www.regonline.com/afmpilgrimage2018> or by phone (804) 622-5262 or email asianministry@richmonddiocese.org. Seating is limited so register early. This beautiful cultural event is open to everyone. Please contact Pam Harris, Director, Office of Asian Ministry, for more information.

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 el siguiente domingo el 18 de marzo después de misa.

Vacaciones de Pascua!!!—No habran clases de la educación religiosa domingo de Ramos, el 25 DE MARZO ni domingo de Pascua el 1 DE ABRIL.

Hojas para apuntarse para los ministerios—Hay hojas en la sala común para el Triduo, la Vigilia Pascual, y la Misa Pascual de las 10 am . Si quiere participar en cualquier ministerio durante alguna de las misas **TIENE QUE APUNTARSE SU NOMBRE EN LA HOJA.** Gracias.

Jóvenes (grados 6-12)—Todos están invitados a participar en las noches para los jóvenes, los jueves de las 6:15pm hasta las 8pm. Solamente faltan dos semanas hasta que empieza Semana Santa. Tendremos un tiempo de reflexión y oración en el santuario y después unas botanitas y juegos en la sala común abajo. Si necesitan mas gemas adhesivas para tus cruces cuaresmales, están en la sala común.

Pasen la tarde en la iglesia el viernes santo, el 30 de marzo, para una cena y una nueva versión de la película, “La pasión del Cristo.” Presentaremos nuestras cruces cuaresmales a las 7pm durante veneración.

Por favor únase a la pagina, “The Net-Rocky Mount” en Facebook para mantenerse informado de las noticias para los jóvenes. Bernadette necesita uno o dos adultos de 18-21 anos que quiere asistir en las tardes.

Tienda de Regalos—Si necesita algo de la vitrina de los sacramentales, en los sábados ve a Laura Hernández después de misa. Si es domingo ve a Janet Vadase o Bernadette Harmon. Si necesita algo que no tenemos, por favor avísenos.