

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**The office will be closed on Good Friday, March 30.**

**March 24-25, 2018**

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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 Clifft, 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**

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
Apr 1	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Easter Sunday
		10:00 am	Mass-Easter Sunday (Bilingual)
Apr 2- Apr 4	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Apr 5- Apr 6	Thu- Fri		NO NOON MASS
Apr 7	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Second Sunday of Easter
Apr 8	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Second Sunday of Easter
Apr 9- Apr 11	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Apr 12- Apr 13	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Noon Mass

**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**

	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
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**

Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 8:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 8:00 am  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 8:00 am  
*For the repose of the soul of Regina Opalka*

**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**

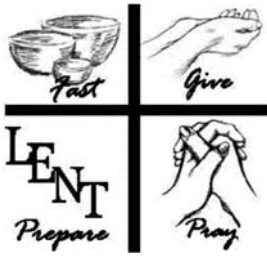
Cirenio Cruz	Dolly LeMond
Albert Galvan	Mike Meeks
Ronald L. Hall	Faye Phillips
Bobby Hodges	Judy Ratcliff
Betty Holden	Bill Siler

**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



**Fourth Sunday of Lent-** Mark's Passion narrative highlights Jesus' willingness to empty himself out for others. He does not resist his fate. Rather, he accepts it as the inevitable result of aligning himself with a God who

invites all to empty themselves for the sake of others. Such a mission is not easily accepted by most individuals, which is exactly why Jesus became fully human. Both fully human and fully divine, Jesus shows us that not only is it possible to live out that mission, but that is what God has always desired of us.

**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.

**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 [tpatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:tpatriarco@centurylink.net).

### Important Upcoming Dates

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

**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.*

**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

### 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

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal..... \$3,500  
March 10-11, 2018 ..... \$  
Weekly Shortfall..... (\$



*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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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 avisenos.