

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**April 14-15, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

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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

Apr 14	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Third Sunday of Easter
Apr 15	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Third Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Apr 16- Apr 18	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Apr 19- Apr 20	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Noon Mass
Apr 21	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Apr 22	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Apr 23- Apr 25	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Apr 26- Apr 27	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Noon Mass
Apr 28	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Apr 29	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Apr 30- May 2	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
May 3- May 4	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Noon Mass
May 5	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
May 6	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education

## 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, April 21-22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading ..... Acts 4:8-12/50  
 Second Reading ..... I John 3:1-2  
 Gospel.....John 10:11-18

## Ministries, April 21-22, 2018 4:30 pm                      8:00 am

Lectors:	C. Cruz-Ramirez	E. Kennedy
	B. Galvin	E. Ayles
Ushers:	C. Gaubatz	J. Dansby
	B. Schmachtenberg	B. Fandel
Greeters:	T. Manning	V. Cruz
		N. Vasquez
Linens:	L. Arrington	

## 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, April 19, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For Mary & Tom Quandt*

Friday, April 20, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the repose of the soul of Wilhelm Hausler*

Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
*For the Cernaro Family*

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 8:00 am  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

## Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

### Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	Regina Opalka
Paul Eames	Helen Scarfe
Ana L. Gonzalez Martinez	Timothy Wade
Wilhelm Hausler	Anne Wilson
Sharon Hernandez	Bobby Young
Mildred Hynes	Frank Young
Raymond Kloos	

### In Need of Prayer

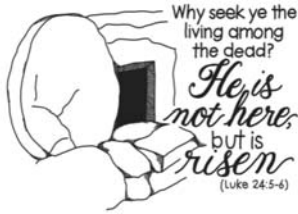
Marilyn Blauert	Bobby Hodges
Cirenio Cruz	Dennis & Betty Holden
Erin Datty & girls	Mike Meeks
Albert Galvan	Faye Phillips
Bernie Galvin	Judy Ratcliff
Bud & Nancy Goehring	Bill & Pat Siler
Josephine Graf	Jason Whitlow
Ronald L. Hall	

### 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



**Third Sunday of Easter**-Jesus offers peace once again to the disciples, as we heard him offer last Sunday. The disciples do not believe it is he. Jesus recognizes that they are troubled, and in-

vites them to see his hands and feet for themselves. Easter joy fills the disciples. Jesus eats with them and breaks open the Scriptures for them. Their growth in faith continues. Ours must, too, in Easter Time as we strengthen ourselves for lifelong witness to the Risen One.

**Annual Appeal Update**-Because of the generosity of 43 of your fellow parishioners, we have raised \$12,790, which is 178% of our goal as of the end of last month. In this time of giving, we hope you will join us in supporting this worthy cause, if you have not already done so. Every gift is important no matter how much the amount and your gift may be tax-deductible. Envelopes are available in the commons, if you would like to participate. We are blessed to have you in our parish and once again thank you for your prayerful consideration of support for the 2018 Appeal.

**Morning prayer**-The ranks are thinning at morning prayer! Prayer offers a beautiful way to start your day and benefits our parish community in ways we cannot even fathom. Please consider participating every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9-10 am or even once a week! Materials and help are available in English and Spanish.

**Help Wanted**-Please HELP! This year's youth group program almost didn't happen at all due to lack of leadership volunteers. Our youth in middle school and high school need and deserve vibrant young leaders! A team of two leaders, a male and a female, would be fabulous. Contact Bernadette Harmon via text (301.938.2213) or FB message.

**Youth (Grades 6-12)**-May 19th we will have a half-day youth event focused on vocations. After Mass and breakfast at 8am, guys and girls will go their separate ways to enjoy the outdoors. The youth will be back at SFOA by 2:30pm.

### **Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed Students:**

Allen Castaneda Garcia  
Armando Hernandez Morales  
Christian Escobar Garcia  
Christopher Cruz Vasquez  
Jocelyn Sanchez Vasquez  
Jonathan Ayala Aparicio  
Omar Lozano Torres

*"Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:14-17)*

### **Felicidades a Nuestros Recien Confirmados:**

Allen Castaneda Garcia  
Armando Hernandez Morales  
Christian Escobar Garcia  
Christopher Cruz Vasquez  
Jocelyn Sanchez Vasquez  
Jonathan Ayala Aparicio  
Omar Lozano Torres

*"Ahora, cuando los apóstoles en Jerusalén oyeron que Samaria había recibido la palabra de Dios, les enviaron a Pedro y a Juan, quienes bajaron y oraron por ellos para que pudieran recibir el Espíritu Santo. Porque aún no había caído sobre ninguno de ellos; simplemente habían sido bautizados en el nombre del Señor Jesús. Entonces empezaron a poner sus manos sobre ellos, y estaban recibiendo el Espíritu Santo." (Hechos 8:14-17)*

**Display Case**-Please support the Major Repairs and Replacements fund by considering whether you could benefit from a few items in the Sacramentals and Gifts Display Case. Available to serve you: Saturdays: Laura Hernandez, Sundays: Janet Vadase or Bernadette Harmon.

**Votive Candles**-The small candles in the votive stand holder are \$2 each. The large candles under the votive stand are \$5. Please light the large candles at the votive stand and carry your lit candle to your preferred statue of Our Lady. Thank you.

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
April 7-8, 2018 .....	\$2,774
Weekly Shortfall .....	(\$726)



*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

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**-There is no better time than the Easter season to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God-our children. For information about the Diocese of Richmond child protection policies, programs and assistance for victim survivors please visit:  
[www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment)

**Memorial Mass**-There will be a memorial Mass for Carol Mauceri on Saturday, April 21 at 3pm at the Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)**-Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter 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.

## Español

**Abril es el mes nacional de prevenir el abuso de niños:** No hay un tiempo mejor que el tiempo de Pascua para celebrar la protección de nuestro mejor regalo de Dios-nuestros niños. Para mas información sobre las pólizas de la Diócesis de Richmond, programas, y ayuda para los que han sobrevivido abuso, visita:  
[www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment)

**Clases de formación de fe para adultos**-La siguiente clase de la formación de fe para adultos será miércoles el 25 de abril a las 6:30pm. Hablaremos del Bendito John Newman. Veremos un video presentado por el Obispo Barron. Habrá una plática después y no se requiere ni preparación ni participación en las otras clases. Si tiene preguntas comuníquese con Tony Patriarco en 540-365-2899 o por correo electrónico en [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net).

**Tienda de regalos**-Por favor apoye el fondo de las reparaciones y de los reemplazos considerando si podría beneficiarse de algunos artículos en la tienda de regalos. Disponible para servirle: sábados-Laura Hernández; domingos-Janet Vadase o Bernadette Harmon.

**Se Busca Ayuda**-¡Por Favor Ayuda! Nos hizo mucha falta voluntarios de liderazgo para el grupo de los jóvenes este año. Nuestros jóvenes en la escuela intermedia y secundaria necesitan y se merecen líderes jóvenes vibrantes! Un equipo de dos líderes, un hombre y una mujer, sería fabuloso. Comuníquese con Bernadette Harmon por texto (301.938.2213) o FB mensaje.

**Oración matutina**-La oración ofrece una hermosa manera de comenzar el día y beneficia a nuestra comunidad parroquial de maneras que ni siquiera podemos comprender. Por favor considere participar todos los lunes, martes y miércoles de 9-10am o aunque sea una vez a la semana! Materiales y ayuda están disponibles en inglés y español.

**Jóvenes (grados 6-12)**-El 19 de mayo tendremos un evento para los jóvenes enfocado a las vocaciones. Después de la Misa y el desayuno a las 8am, muchachos y muchachas van a separarse para disfrutar el aire libre. Los jóvenes regresarán a la Iglesia a las 2:30pm.