

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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April 28-29, 2018
Fifth 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 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

Apr 28	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-5 th Sunday of Easter
Apr 29	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-5 th Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	KoC Pancake Breakfast
Apr 30- May 2	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
May 3	Thu	12:00 pm	Noon Mass
May 4	Fri	10-11:50 am	Adoration
		12:00 pm	Noon Mass
		6-8 pm	Adoration
May 5	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-6 th Sunday of Easter
May 6	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-6 th Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	Tamale & Gordita Breakfast
May 7- May 9	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
May 10- May 11	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass
May 12	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-7 th Sunday of Easter
May 13	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-7 th Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education
May 14- May 16	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
May 17- May 18	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	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, May 5-6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/56
 Second Reading I John 4:7-10
 Gospel..... John 15:9-17

Ministries, May 5-6, 2018

	4:30 pm	8:00 am
Lectors:	C. Cruz-Ramirez N. Goehring	E. Ramirez J. Vadase
Ushers:	R. Long B. Schmachtenberg	E. Hackett E. Drane
Greeters:	J. Remmert	J. Gonzales M. Guadalupe
Linens:	K. Birkmeir	

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, May 3, 2018 at 12:00 pm
 For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, May 4, 2018 at 12:00 pm
 For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 4:30 pm
 For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 8:00 am
 For the repose of the soul of Anita Koch

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers: Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	William Lackey
Shirley Ayles	Donald Ledbetter
Mary Barnwell	Regina Opalka
Paul Eames	Helen Scarfe
Ana L. Gonzalez Martinez	Joseph Stagner
Wilhelm Hausler	Timothy Wade
Sharon Hernandez	Anne Wilson
Mildred Hynes	Bobby Young
Raymond Kloos	Frank Young

In Need of Prayer

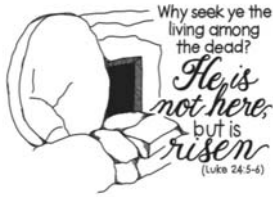
Herbert (Bert) Allen	Dolly LeMond
The Anderson Family	Fr. Nicholas (Nick) Mammi & Family
Marilyn Blauert	Mike Meeks
Cirenio Cruz	Ann Overton
Albert Galvan	Faye Phillips
Bernie Galvin	Judy Ratcliff
Ronald L. Hall	Bill & Pat Siler
Bobby Hodges	Sharon Young & Family
Dennis & Betty Holden	

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	John J. Griffo III
Malik Craighead	Joseph Lyons
Noah Davis	James Manning
Brennan Dopp	Jason Presley
Connor Dopp	Capt. Raine Maus
Brandon Furrow	Francheska J. Remmert



Fifth Sunday of Easter-

Jesus' call for us to glorify the Father by bearing fruit and becoming disciples is clear. The way we do this is by remaining united with Jesus, the true vine and the Father who is the vine grower. Stay the course is

essentially Jesus' message. He will always remain in us. Ours is the call to remain in him and bear luscious fruit for the world. Ours is the consolation that we do not have to do anything on our own. In fact, we cannot do anything with the true vine.

Pancake Breakfast-Join the Knights of Columbus for a pancake breakfast on April 29 after Mass.

Tamales and Gorditas Breakfast-Join the Hispanic Ministry in a tamale and gordita breakfast on May 6. Order sheets are in the Commons.

May Crowning-All children are invited to participate in our May Crowning ceremony, next weekend, right after Saturday Mass on May 5th and just before Sunday Mass on May 6th.

Gifts Display Case-New items will be available in the Gift Display Case next weekend. The new items will include a look at some first communion books, candles, and other items, as well as a couple of confirmation or Pentecost items. The small 2" crosses are also being replenished! Available to serve you: Saturdays: Laura Hernandez, Sundays: Janet Vadase or Bernadette Harmon.

Keep your heart young by working with our youth!-The youth group program is a wonderful way to help our youth integrate their catholic faith into their lives. They would thrive with a good male role model! Please prayerfully consider whether God is asking you to volunteer to guide our youth. Contact Bernadette Harmon via text (301.938.2213).

Saturday fun in May for our youth-Come for some FREE shared outdoor time. Girls and guys will have separate activities. Sign up ONLINE at <http://francis-of-assisi.org/event-registration> OR at the youth events bulletin board downstairs. We need a count of attendees! May 19th, 8:00am-2:30pm.

Morning prayer can put a smile on your face!-Become part of the team that keeps morning vigil together for our parish community, our church, and our world. If you are unfamiliar with the Liturgy of the Hours, come a few minutes early to get oriented and sit with someone who is familiar with the prayer materials to be your guide. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 am to 10 am! Materials are available in English and Spanish.

Annual Appeal

Over the past couple of months, many of our parishioners have contributed their support to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, we have raised \$15250 on a target of \$7170 putting us at 213% of our target. If you have already made your 2018 Appeal gift, please accept our gratitude for your commitment. If you are praying about your decision, we ask you to think about the ways the Appeal is making an impact right now in our Catholic Church. For instance, did you know:

- Nearly \$11 million has been sent back to the parishes for their local priorities since 2010.
- The Fuel & Hunger Fund is 100% funded by the Appeal and over the past five years, \$1,410,000 has been distributed to parishes and Catholic organizations.
- Our retired priests receive pension, health insurance and long-term care due in part to the generosity of those who support the Appeal.

If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, please pick up a pledge envelope from our parish office. You can also donate securely online, as well as learn more about the ministries the Appeal supports, by visiting richmondatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/.

Adult Faith Formation-The next two classes for adult faith formation will be on G.K. Chesterton and will meet on Tuesday, May 8th and Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30pm in the parish lobby. During these classes 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 is required. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at apatriarco@centurylink.net or 540-365-2899.

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. The large candles in the brass holders should **ONLY** be placed near the statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe or Our Lady of La Vang. Thank you.

Free Church Kneelers!-We are giving away our old kneelers that we no longer use. If you would like 1 or 2 for your home, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Commons. We have about 40 stored at the Rectory. We are also selling the Church pews that are in the Social Hall. We have 2 that are 12 feet long and 2 that are 5 feet long. See Donna Allgauer for more info.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
April 21-22, 2018	\$2,471
Weekly Shortfall.....	(\$1,029)
Haiti	\$1,015



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)

Apelación Anual

En los últimos meses, muchos de nuestra congregación han contribuido su apoyo a la Apelación Diocesana Anual de 2018. Hasta la fecha, hemos recaudado \$15,250, de un objetivo de \$7,170, que es 213% de nuestro objetivo. Si ya ha hecho su regalo a la Apelación Diocesana de 2018, por favor acepte nuestra gratitud por su compromiso. Si está orando sobre su decisión, le pedimos que piense en las formas en que la Apelación está teniendo un impacto en este momento en nuestra iglesia católica. Por ejemplo, sabías que:

- Casi \$11 millones han sido devueltos a las parroquias para sus prioridades locales desde 2010.
- El Fondo de Gasolina y Alimento está 100% financiado por la Apelación y en los últimos cinco años, se han distribuido \$1,410,000 a las parroquias y organizaciones católicas.
- Nuestros sacerdotes jubilados reciben pensión, seguro médico y cuidado a largo plazo debido en parte a la generosidad de los que apoyan la Apelación.

Si no ha tenido la oportunidad de contribuir, por favor recoja un sobre de compromiso de nuestra oficina parroquial. También puede donar de manera segura en línea, y también puede obtener más información acerca de los ministerios que la Apelación apoya, visitando:
richmondcatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/.

Español

Desayuno de panqueques-Apoyen a los caballeros de colón en su desayuno de panqueques el 29 de abril después de misa.

Coronación de mayo-Todos los niños son invitados a participar en nuestra ceremonia de coronación de mayo, el próximo fin de semana, después de misa sábado el 5 de mayo y justo antes de misa domingo el 6 de mayo.

Desayuno de Tamales y Gorditas-Apoyen al ministerio hispano en su desayuno de tamales y gorditas domingo el 6 de mayo. La hoja donde puede apuntar su orden está en la sala común.

¡Mantén tu corazón joven, trabajando con nuestros jóvenes!-El programa del grupo de jóvenes es una manera maravillosa de ayudar a nuestros jóvenes a integrar su fe católica en sus vidas. ¡Prosperarían con un hombre ejemplar guiándolos! Por favor, consideren en oración si Dios les está pidiendo que sea una guía para nuestros jóvenes. Comuníquese con Bernadette Harmon por texto (301.938.2213).

¡La oración matutina puede poner una sonrisa en tu rostro!-Hágase parte del equipo que mantiene la vigilia matutina para nuestra comunidad parroquial, nuestra iglesia y nuestro mundo. Si no está familiarizado con la liturgia de las horas, venga unos minutos antes para orientarse y siéntese con alguien que esté familiarizado con los materiales de oración que puede ser su guía. Lunes, martes y miércoles de 9-10am! Los materiales están disponibles en inglés y español.

La tienda de regalos-El siguiente fin de semana habrán nuevos objetos en la vitrina de sacramentales y regalos. Los nuevos objetos incluyeran unos libros para la primera comunión sagrada, velas, y más! También habrán algunas cosas para la confirmación y Pentecostés. También habrán más cruces pequeñas de 2". Disponibles para servirles: Sábados: Laura Hernández, Domingos: Janet Vadase o Bernadette Harmon.

Diversión en mayo para nuestros jóvenes-Vénganse para diversión GRATIS. Muchachos y muchachas tendrán actividades separadas. Regístrese en línea en <http://Francis-of-Assisi.org/event-registration> o en el tablón de anuncios de eventos para jóvenes que está abajo. ¡Necesitamos un conteo de asistentes! 19 de mayo, 8:00am-2:30pm.

¡GRATIS! ¡Banquetas para arrodillarse!-Estamos regalando nuestras viejas banquetas para arrodillarse que ya no usamos. Si quiere 1 o 2 para su casa, escribe su nombre en la hoja en la sala común. Tenemos como 40 en la Rectoría. También estamos vendiendo los bancos de la Iglesia que están en la sala común de abajo. Tenemos 2 de 12 pies y 2 de 5 pies. Ve a Donna Allgauer para más información.