



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**May 5-6, 2018**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**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

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
		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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
May 13	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-7 <sup>th</sup> 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
May 19	Sat	8:00 am	Mass for the youth
		4:30 pm	Mass-Solemnity of Pentecost (FHC-Bilingual)
May 20	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Solemnity of Pentecost
		9:00 am	Last Session of Religious Education
May 21- May 23	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
May 24- May 25	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 12-13, 2018 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**First Reading** ..... Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/60  
**Second Reading** ..... I John 4:11-16  
**Gospel**..... John 17:11b-19

## Ministries, May 12-13, 2018

	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
Lectors:	C. Kern L. Siler	E. Kennedy M. Shanahan
Ushers:	C. Gaubatz B. Schmachtenberg	B. Bannan C. Gaubatz
Greeters:	E. Ramirez	J. Cortes M. Jesus Salgado

## 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 10, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Friday, May 11, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 4:30 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi*

Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 8:00 am  
*For the repose of the soul of Shirley Ayles*

## 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



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**-Today's Gospel passage follows immediately in John's account from where the Gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Easter ended. Love is the theme connecting all of today's readings. The Father loves the Son. The Father's Son loves his disciples to the point he con-

siders his disciples friends. His commandment is love; love one another. In love, we as his disciples bring forth fruit into the world.

**News about Fr. Nick**-Let's pray for him. He has had to take a medical leave of absence from the ministry to work with a cardiologist. We will communicate additional information as we have it. For now, let's pray.

**Adult Faith Formation**-The next two classes will be on G.K. Chesterton and will meet on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net) or 540-365-2899.

**Morning prayer**-Add the blessings of morning prayer to your day! Offer prayers for our parish community, our church, and our world right here on weekdays when there is no mass scheduled. If you are unfamiliar with the Liturgy of the Hours, come a few minutes early to get oriented. Someone will be available to guide you. Materials are available in English and Spanish.

**Come see what is new in the Sacramentals and Gifts Display Case!**-Available to serve you: Saturdays: Laura Hernandez, Sundays: Janet Vadase or Bernadette Harmon.

**Lead our Youth!**-The youth group program is a wonderful way to help our youth put their Catholic faith into action. 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).

**Youth**-How does God want you to live your life? Sign up for this FREE May 19th event. 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! Mass and Breakfast at 8:00 am and outdoor activities until 2:30pm.

**First Holy Communion will be celebrated during the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, May 19. This will be a bilingual Mass. Please keep the following children and youth in your prayers as they make their final preparations:**

**La Primera Comuni3n Sagrada se celebra el 19 de mayo durante la misa a las 4:30pm. La misa ser3 bilingüe. Por favor oren por los siguientes niños y jóvenes que est3n haciendo sus últimas preparaciones:**

Vanesa Arevalos  
Brian Arevalos  
Collette Davis  
Dulce Garcia Sanchez  
Imanol (Manny) Gonzalez  
Natalia Guzmán Carillo  
Miguel Guzmán Carillo  
Paula Guzmán Flores  
Brandon Hernández  
Lucas King  
Iona May

Alonzo Lopez  
Jonathan Olvera Pichardo  
Marely Lisbeth Ortiz  
Agustín Ortiz Santiago  
Christian Peña  
Nancy Peña  
Tania Rodríguez Solis  
Christian Santiago  
Janet Ortiz Santiago  
Isaiah (Levi) Sifuentes

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STUDENTS!**-There will be a First Holy Communion rehearsal Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the church. If your child cannot attend this rehearsal please notify Linda Siler, Cindy Ayles or Lynore Arrington as soon as possible.

### 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 219% 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/](http://richmondatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/).

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
April 28-29, 2018 .....	\$2,269
Weekly Shortfall.....	<b>(\$1,231)</b>
April Monthly Total .....	\$14,029



*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)*

**HELP WANTED!**-On Sunday, May 13th we need people to help put hymnal racks on the backs of pews in the church. We also hope to install some church kneelers. **WE NEED HELP TO DO THESE PROJECTS!** If you can supply a battery powered drill or screw gun it would be a big help. We would start after mass and be done by the time the students are dismissed from classes. We could use at least twenty people working in teams of two to help. If anyone knows an easy way to install the kneelers please contact John Allgauer at 721-4343.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOUP KITCHEN:** Our parish supports the Rocky Mount Soup Kitchen, Stepping Stones, by cooking and serving meals several days during the month. After 12 years of faithful service we are down to just a couple of volunteers. If you can help from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm **ONCE A MONTH** and occasional other days please let Dotty Young know. The days are 1st Friday of the month AND on the 5th Tuesday and Thursday or Friday. Dotty's number is 540-420-6095 or see her after Mass. No experience needed.

## Español

**Noticias sobre Padre Nick**-Oremos por él. Ha tenido que tomar una licencia de ausencia médica del ministerio para ver a un cardiólogo. Comunicaremos información adicional cuando la tengamos. Por ahora, oramos.

**Desayuno de Tamales y Gorditas**-Apoyen al ministerio hispano en su desayuno de tamales y gorditas domingo el 6 de mayo.

**ATENCION PADRES CON HIJOS QUE VAN A RECIBIR SU PRIMERA COMUNION**-Habrá un ensayo para la primera comunión sagrada sábado el 12 de mayo a las 2:30pm en la iglesia. Si su hijo no puede asistir en el ensayo por favor notifica Linda Siler, Cindy Ayles o Lynore Arrington lo más pronto que se pueda.

**¡Vengan a ver qué hay de nuevo en la vitrina de sacramentales y regalos!**-Disponibles para servirles: Sábados-Laura Hernández, domingos-Janet Vadase o Bernadette Harmon

**¡Guía Nuestros Jóvenes!**-El programa del grupo de los jóvenes es una manera maravillosa para ayudar a nuestros jóvenes poner en acción su fe Católica. Prosperarían con un hombre ejemplar como su líder. Por favor considere con oración si Dios te está llamando a ser voluntario para guiar a nuestros jóvenes. Comuníquese con Bernadette Harmon por texto 301-938-2213

**Jóvenes**-Cual es la voluntad de Dios para tu vida? Escríbanse para este evento GRATIS del 19 de mayo. Regístrense 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! Misa y desayuno a las 8am y actividades afuera hasta las 2:30pm.

**Oración Matutina**-¡Añade las bendiciones de la oración matutina a tu día! Ofrece oraciones para nuestra comunidad parroquial, nuestra iglesia, y nuestro mundo aquí mismo todos los días entre semana cuando no hay una misa planeada. Si no está familiarizado con la liturgia de las horas, vengase unos minutos antes para orientarse. Alguien estará disponible para guiarse. Tenemos materiales en inglés y español.

## Apelación Anual

En los últimos meses, muchos de nuestra congregación han contribuido su apoyo a la Apelación Diocesana Anual 2018. Hasta la fecha, hemos recaudado \$15,250, de un objetivo de \$7,170, que son 213% de nuestro objetivo. Si ya ha hecho su regalo a la Apelación Diocesana 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/](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/).