



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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November 25-26, 2017 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Liturgies for the Coming Week:
Thursday, November 23—NO Mass
Friday, November 24—NO Mass
Saturday, November 25—4:30 pm—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Sunday, November 26—8:00 am—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 3:45 pm, Thurs. & Fri. 11:30 am, or by Appointment
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Pastoral Council: Lynore Arrington, Gilberto Ayala, Gloria Clift, Albert Galvan (co-chair), Martha Graf, Temple Guler, 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 if anyone you know is ill and would like to receive communion.
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

Nov 25	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass—Christ the King
Nov 26	Sun	8:00 am	Mass—Christ the King NO No Religious Education
Nov 27, 28, 29	Mon Tue Wed	9:00 am 9:30 am	Morning Prayer/LOH Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>This schedule is for all three days.</i>
Nov 30	Thu	11:30 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary for Life Mass Casa de Oración
Dec 1	Fri	10-11:50 12:00 pm 6-8 pm	1st Friday Adoration Mass 1st Friday Adoration
Dec 2	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass—First Sunday of Advent
Dec 3	Sun	8:00 am 9:00 am	Mass—First Sunday of Advent Religious Education
Dec 7	Thu	NO 7:00 pm	No Noon Mass Mass-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady at St. Joseph's (English)
Dec 8	Fri	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass– Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady at St. Francis (both Masses in English)
Dec 9	Sat	4:30pm	Mass– Second Sunday of Advent
Dec 10	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Second Sunday of Advent
Dec 11	Mon	7:00 pm	Mass-Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)

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, November 25-26, 2017

Christ the King

First Reading.....	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading.....	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46

Ministries, November 25-26, 2017

	4:30 pm	8:00 am
Lectors:	C. Forbes L. Bezy	J. Vadase D. King
Ushers:	C. Gaubatz R. Long	B. Bannan C. Gaubatz
Greeters:	B. Meyer	M. Cortes M. Lopez
Linens:	J. Vadase	

St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers

Altar server Coordinator: Jack Shanahan

Captains: Andrew Long, Mickey Shanahan, Christian Escobar, Zach Harpin.

Servers: Eduardo Escobar, Jose & Omar Lozano, Tommy Nguyen, Tony Nguyen, Jonathan Castaneda, Paul Garcia, Eduardo Cruz, Arturo Garcia, Allen Castaneda, Venesa Tamona, Alex & Josh Harpin.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 4:30 pm

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 8:00 am

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 4:30 pm

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 8:00 am

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	Paul Eames
Barbara Beckwith	Helen Scarfe
Margaret Buford	Bobby Young
Frank Domkowski	Frank Young

In Need of Prayer

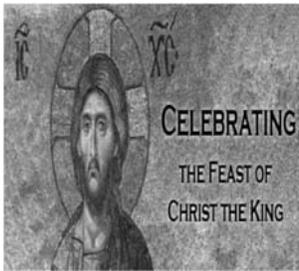
Catie Altice	Marianne Iozzino
Penelope Clark	Steve Judge
Albert Galvan	David William Latchford
Bernie Galvin	Bud & Jacquie Meyer
Bud & Nancy Goehring	Ed Nute
Ana L. Gonzalez Martinez	Michelle Sanchez
Josephine Graf	Kari Slusser
Sara Griffith	Mic Stan
Oliver Harpin and Family	Jason Whitlow
Ashley Bena Hoffman	Joe Williams
Bernadette Hussey	
Joyce Franklin	

Home Bound

Terry Coates (Home)	Dorothy Weiss (Home)
Leigh Doninger	(Franklin Health)
(Red Oak Manor)	
Ann Syminink (Home)	

US Military

Lt. Col. Timothy Carey	Joseph Lyons
Noah Davis	James Manning
Brennan Dopp	Capt. K Raine Maus
Brandon Furrow	Francheska J. Remmert
John J. Griffo III	Jason Presley



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:

The Son of Man will separate the sheep from the goats when he comes in glory; the sheep he will put on his right and the goats on the left. Will our instructions from the King be to “Come” on his right or to “Depart” and go left? We can

answer this question by reflecting on how we have responded to the Lord. How have we responded to his hunger and thirst? Welcomed him? Provided him clothing? Cared for him in sickness and in prison? Throughout his lifetime of teaching that we have heard during the course of this liturgical year, Jesus has consistently linked the mission of his disciples with caring for those in need. On the solemnity of his kingship, his message is no different. When we see and respond to our brother and sister in need, we are also seeing and responding to Christ.

Advent Vespers & Talks: Mark your calendars for **Advent Sunday Vespers**. We will study John 3 in detail. Four Sundays: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17, at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph’s in Martinsville. We start on Christ the King Sunday this year.

Religious Education: There will be NO religious education classes on Sunday, November 26 for Thanksgiving break.

Adult Faith Formation at St. Francis of Assisi: In response to those of you who have inquired about adult faith formation classes here at St. Francis of Assisi, we are happy to inform you that this parish will soon initiate a program which will give participants an opportunity to grow in their faith and enrich their sense of community. The program, known as the Growing In Faith Together (or GIFT) program, will offer a range of classes including traditional bible study. Its function shall be to promote understanding of Church teachings, as well as personal faith growth. The format of classes will involve DVD’s on particular subjects with associated readings and group discussions. The initial class will be a multi-part series on a number of Saints and scholars emphasizing how they set an example for us. It is hosted by Bishop Robert Barron. We intend to meet two times a month for a total of 13 sessions on a weeknight to be determined by your feedback. The website for the initial class is:

www.pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org.

If you are interested, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899, or at apatriarco@centurylink.net.

Any suggestions or help would be welcomed and appreciated!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady:

Thursday, December 7: Mass in English at 7pm at St. Joseph’s (No 12pm Mass at St Francis of Assisi)

Friday, December 8: Mass in English at 12pm and 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Monday, December 11: Mass in Spanish at 7pm at St Francis of Assisi

Tuesday December 12: Mass in Spanish at 7pm Spanish at St. Joseph’s

Bake Sale/Tablet Raffle: The Followers of Francis would like to thank everyone who helped with the bake sale and purchased goods to make this a very successful sale. After expenses, we raised \$501 for the Church. Congratulations goes out to the winner of the Amazon Fire HD 8” Tablet, Christine Stoneman.

Bella Sorrentino Blog: Bella is a parishioner who is on a mission to several countries over nine months. Bella’s World Race Gap Year Mission has been made possible by contributions of many parishioners. To date, she has gone to Colombia and Ecuador. Bella has a blog chronicling her mission. <http://bellasorrentino.theworldrace.org>

New Website: The new website is up and running. The address is the same: www.francis-of-assisi.org. See Pat Siler with any comments and suggestions of things you would like to see on the website.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be offering the prayers of the Rosary for the needs of the parish throughout Advent. Youth will be available after Mass every weekend to receive your prayer requests. Please keep the requests simple, such as first name or group name. You may add a simple statement of need if desired. Each prayer request will be posted on a Rosary “bead” made out of construction paper and hung in the common area as the prayers are completed until a full Rosary is on display. The Youth Group is raising funds to help as many 8th to 12th grade youth as possible attend the March for Life in January and the Diocesan Youth Conference in February. Please prayerfully consider how generous you can be to help our youth participate in these powerful and impactful events within our Catholic Community!

Youth, grades 8 to 12, will be meeting Thursday, November 30 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the social hall downstairs. We will be reviewing the registration process March for Life and the Youth Conference in February and preparing for the advent Rosary activity. We need a parent volunteer to bring snacks for the youth.

“Know that our faith is strengthened by the resurrection of Christ. The passion of Christ represents the misery of our present life, while the resurrection of Christ gives us a brilliant glimpse of the happiness of the future life. Let us apply ourselves energetically in the present life, and hope in the future. Now is the time for painful struggle; then will come the recompense. Those who are lazy about carrying out their work will be brazenly impudent if they expect the recompense.”

— St. Augustine

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal	\$3,500
Nov. 18-19, 2017	\$2985
Weekly shortfall	\$515
November total to date.....	\$9,578



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

“Festival of Lessons and Carols”: Roanoke Catholic School invites you to celebrate the start of Advent with a “Festival of Lessons and Carols” on Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, with performances at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Featuring the RCS Celtic Singers, Band and Drama Club, the service celebrates the start of Advent by telling the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus through nine Scripture readings interspersed with Christmas hymns and anthems. The 6:00 pm service will include prelude music starting at 5:30 pm by RCS lower school grades. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Michael Hemphill, 540-982-3532 or mhemphill@roanokecatholic.com.

#GivingTuesday: Celebrated around the world on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season. Since it’s inaugural year in 2012, #GivingTuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy. Learn more on CCC’s Facebook page.

Job Opportunity:

Roanoke Catholic School invites qualified and licensed school counselors to apply for an immediate opening in our regional PK-12 Catholic school within the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Qualified candidates will possess a Virginia Department of Education license in Guidance K-12 and may have additional endorsements on their active license.

A job description is available.

All resumes and letters of interest should be directed to ppatterson@roanokecatholic.com or mailed to:
Director of Guidance and School Counseling Search Committee
Patrick W. Patterson, Principal and Head of School
Roanoke Catholic School
621 North Jefferson Street
Roanoke, VA 24016

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Learn how to humble ourselves for our spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekend is Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC. 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.

ATTENTION...St. Andrew’s Diocesan Cemetery Lot/Crypt/Niche Owners!

Beginning January 2018 **ALL** associated Cemetery costs will be going up to be competitive with the other for-profit cemeteries in the Roanoke area.

Also, Opening & Closing (O/C) charges can now be paid before January 2018 giving you peace of mind that your family will not have any additional costs (other than the memorials) to pay at the

time of your death, plus your O/C fee will not increase if paid before January. Furthermore, beginning in January 2018, the Diocese of Richmond’s new cemetery management service (Catholic Funeral & Catholic Services (CFCS)) will be offering a variety of Pre-Planning Cemetery packages and financing up to 2-3 years at 0% interest.

So please, call Mandy Tolano at (540) 595-7173 for more information & to make an appointment for your pre-planning needs. Your family will be grateful and you will have the satisfaction & peace of mind that your final wishes will be honored at our only Catholic cemetery in the Roanoke Valley.

Español

Vísperas de Adviento y Charlas: Marque sus calendarios para las Vísperas del Domingo de Adviento. Estudiaremos Juan 3 en detalle. cuatro domingos: 26 de noviembre, 3, 10 y 17 de diciembre, a las 4:30 de la tarde en St. José en Martinsville. Comenzamos en Cristo Rey el domingo de este año.

Educación religiosa: NO habrá clases de educación religiosa el domingo 26 de noviembre para el descanso del día de Acción de Gracias.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de nuestra Señora:

Jueves el 7 de diciembre: Misa en inglés a las 7 de la tarde en San José (No habrá misa a las 12 de la tarde en San Francisco de Asís)
Viernes el 8 de diciembre: Misa en inglés a las 12 y a las 7 de la tarde en San Francisco de Asís

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe:

Lunes el 11 de diciembre: Misa en español a las 7 de la tarde en San Francisco de Asís
Martes el 12 de diciembre: Misa en español a las 7 de la tarde en San José

Posadas: Diciembre es el mes de las posadas. El horario de las posadas es: 16 a las 5:30 p.m., 17 a las 5 p.m., 18-21 a las 6:30 p.m., 22 a las 7 p.m., 23 a las 5:30 p.m., y 24 a las 6 p.m. El arrollamiento del niño Jesús será después de la posada del 24. Esperamos verlos!

La persona que va a llevar a cabo la posada del 19 de diciembre esta buscando gente que la acompañe. Si puedes ayudar habla con Esther Araiza después de misa.

Grupo de los jóvenes: Todos los jóvenes de los grados 8 a 12 se reunirán en el 30 de noviembre, de 6:30 a las 8:00 de la noche aquí en el salón social. Revisaremos los registros por la Marcha por la Vida y la conferencia diocesano de jóvenes y prepararemos el proyecto para adviento. Necesitamos un voluntario para llevar bocadillos para los jóvenes.

El grupo de los jóvenes estará ofreciendo las oraciones del Rosario para las necesidades de la parroquia durante el tiempo de adviento. Jóvenes estarán disponibles después de las misas de los fines de semana para recibir sus pedidos para oraciones. Favor de hacer sus pedidos simples, por ejemplo dando su primer nombre o el nombre de un grupo o familia. Puede dar una petición de necesidad si guste. Cada petición será escrita en una “perla del rosario” hecha de papel y colgaremos las oraciones en la sala común hasta que completemos un rosario. El grupo de los jóvenes está juntando dinero para ayudar a tantos jóvenes que se pueda del 8-12 grado para participar en la marcha por la vida en enero y la conferencia diocesano de jóvenes en febrero. Favor de considerar con oraciones si puede ayudar a nuestros jóvenes asistir en esos eventos poderosos y impactantes en nuestra comunidad católica.