

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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March 17-18, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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 17	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mar 18	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Fifth Sunday of Lent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Mar 19- Mar 21	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Mar 22- Mar 23	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass
Mar 23	Fri	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
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
		3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Outdoors)
		7:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy (Bilingual)
Mar 31	Sat		NO 4:30 MASS
		8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Apr 1	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Easter Sunday (English) NO Religious Education
		10:00 am	Mass-Easter Sunday (Bilingual)

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 24-25, 2018
Palm Sunday

First Reading.....Jeremiah 31:31-34/35
 Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9
 Gospel.....John 12:20-33

Ministries, March 24-25, 2018
4:30 pm 8:00 am

Lectors:	L. Siler L. Bezy	E. Kennedy M. Shanahan
Ushers:	R. Long C. Gaubatz	C. Gaubatz J. Dansby
Greeters:	M. McGuire	M. Cortes M. Lopez
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

Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For Kelly McKiever

Friday, March 23, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For Christine Marino

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 4:30 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 8:00 am
For the repose of the souls of Bob & Gazella Clatts

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	Regina Opalka
Paul Eames	Helen Scarfe
Wilhelm Hausler	Timothy Wade
Sharon Hernandez	Anne Wilson
Raymond Kloos	Bobby Young

In Need of Prayer

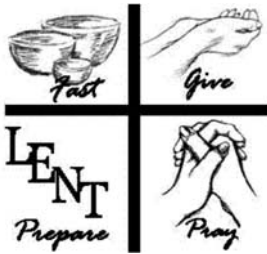
Duck Akers	Tristen Mejia
Marilyn Blauert	Faye Phillips
Cirenio Cruz	Judy Ratcliff
Albert Galvan	Bill Siler
Ronald L. Hall	Rod & Ruth Williamson
Betty Holden	Sharon Young & Family
Raymond Kloos	

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent-Jesus has entered Jerusalem in jubilant glory, welcomed as a king. Now he must convey to his companions the destiny he walks. Now the time has come, and it is to death that he must travel. The path to

true eternal life is going to involve giving up earthly life. The agricultural metaphor of the seed that dies in order to produce fruit; harvest cannot be achieved without it. Notice that the conversion of the Greeks is mentioned at the outset. This message comes not only to the Jews, but to all people. A powerful voice underscores the truth of what Jesus is saying, but not all can hear it correctly.

Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)-Friday, March 23 is your last chance to join Father Mark for Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Fr. Louis will lead Stations outdoors at 3pm on Good Friday, March 30.

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.

Pancake Breakfast-Join the Knights of Columbus for a pancake breakfast after Sunday Mass, March 18.

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 apatriarco@centurylink.net.

Youth Group Request-If anyone has a crockpot they can lend to the Youth Group for their Good Friday dinner, please bring it to church on Holy Thursday, March 29. Bernadette needs 3. You can leave them on the table outside of the kitchen in the social hall and pick them up Saturday, March 31 or Sunday, April 1. Thank you!

First Communion and Confirmation Parents-If you have interest in purchasing something special for your child. See Laura Hernandez or Janet Vadase after this weekend's Masses.

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.

Lily Mart-The Followers of Francis would like to thank everyone who helped out with the Lily Mart last weekend. With your efforts, we raised \$467 to be donated to our Church. Congratulations to all the winners!

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 volunteers for the last two weeks of Lent to help at the youth meetings. No experience or preparation is necessary. Thursday, March 22 from 6pm to 8pm and Friday, March 30 from 3pm to 9pm. Please text or FB Bernadette Harmon (301) 938-2213.

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary March 19

Joseph was the foster father of Jesus, the man entrusted with his care and upbringing. We know that Joseph was a "righteous man" who protected Mary from disgrace after she was found to be pregnant with Jesus (Matthew 1:19). Like the earlier Joseph in Genesis, he received instruction and reassurance from God through dreams. The Gospel gives little information about him, save that he was an artisan who lived in Nazareth, was a descendant of David, and went to Bethlehem for a census, causing Jesus to be born there in fulfillment of the prophecies.

When warned in a dream that Jesus was in danger because of the evil intentions of King Herod, Joseph took Jesus and Mary to live in exile in Egypt until he learned that Herod had died. As a result, Jesus was spared the fate of the Holy Innocents.

After the account of Jesus' being lost and found in the Temple during a pilgrimage, Joseph is not mentioned again. We can infer that he had died before Jesus began his ministry; he was certainly not alive at the time of the Crucifixion, because he would have been the one to claim Jesus' body, not Joseph of Arimathea. Catholic tradition describes him as dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary, and so he is invoked as the patron of a happy death.

Because he was a man who worked with his hands, he is the patron saint of workers and especially carpenters. Devotion to St. Joseph developed rather late, and was popularized by St. Bernardine of Siena during the fifteenth century.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
March 10-11, 2018	\$2, 659.25
Weekly Shortfall.....	(\$840.75)



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)- "Untie him and let him go." Let the love of God free us from any fetters 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 or 757-690-1369.

Employment Opportunity-Roanoke Catholic School is seeking a FT Upper School Science teacher to begin in the 2018-2019 school year. Qualified candidates must hold a Master's degree and a Virginia license in science. Ideal candidates will have endorsements in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and Earth Science. Candidates may contact Pat Patterson at ppatterson@roanokecatholic.com or 540-982- 3532.

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. 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.

You're invited on an Irish Adventure (August 3-14, 2018)-Join Father Steven Walker and St. Philip's Catholic Church on an extraordinary motor-coach adventure through Ireland this August! There are only thirty spaces available. On this trip we will climb mountains and explore castles. We will experience the unique beauty of Ireland, visiting many beautiful towns, coastlines and historic sites. We will also visit the holiest shrines and monasteries throughout the

Emerald Isle, such as Knock, Glendalough and Skellig Michael. Most importantly, Father will celebrate daily Mass for us throughout the course of the trip. Complement all of this with luxury four-star hotels, private motor-coach transportation and private guides from start to finish and you have the trip of a lifetime. All for \$3595.00, including airfare! Interested? Contact the tour director Joe Long at jlong@prorome.com or (570) 309-1346 to sign up or for more information.

Español

Estaciones de la Cruz (Bilingüe)-Viernes el 23 de marzo es su última oportunidad de asistir al Padre Mark en las Estaciones de la Cruz a las 7 de la tarde. Viernes Santo el Padre Louis estará lidiando las Estaciones afuera a las 3pm.

Desayuno de panqueques-Apoyen a los Caballeros de Colon en su desayuno de panqueques domingo, el 18 de marzo después de misa.

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 APUNTAR 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. 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.

Padres con hijos que van a recibir su primera comunión o que van a ser confirmados: Si estan interesados en comprarles algo especial, ve a Laura Hernandez o Janet Vadase despues de las misas este fin de semana.