

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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March 31-April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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

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| Mar 31 | Sat | | NO 4:30 MASS 8:00 pm Easter Vigil |
| Apr 1 | Sun | 8:00 am | Mass-Easter Sunday |
| | | 10:00 am | Mass-Easter Sunday (Bilingual) NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION |
| Apr 2- Apr 4 | Mon- Wed | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer/Rosary |
| Apr 5- Apr 6 | Thu- Fri | | NO NOON MASS |
| Apr 6 | Fri | | NO ADORATION (Morning or Evening) |
| Apr 7 | Sat | 4:30 pm | Mass-Second Sunday of Easter |
| Apr 8 | Sun | 8:00 am | Mass-Second Sunday of Easter |
| | | 9:00 am | Religious Education |
| Apr 9- Apr 11 | Mon- Wed | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer/Rosary |
| Apr 12- Apr 13 | Thu- Fri | 12:00 pm | Noon Mass |
| 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 | Thur- 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, April 7-8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

First Reading Acts 4:32-35/44
Second Reading I John 5:1-6
Gospel.....John 20:19-31

Ministries, April 7-8, 2018

4:30 pm **8:00 am**

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| Lectors: | L. Hernandez | E. Cortes |
| | C. Kern | E. Kennedy |
| Ushers: | C. Gaubatz | E. Hackett |
| | B. Schmachtenberg | E. Drane |
| Greeters: | J. Remmert | I. Torres |
| | | M. Torres |
| 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

Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 4:30 pm
For Vincenz & Wilhelmine Bendel

Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 8:00 am
For the repose of the soul of Regina Opalka

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, April 13, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

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

In Need of Prayer

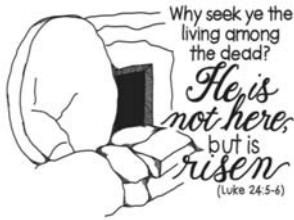
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| Cirenio Cruz | Dolly LeMond |
| Albert Galvan | Mike Meeks |
| Ronald L. Hall | Faye Phillips |
| Bobby Hodges | Judy Ratcliff |
| Dennis & Betty Holden | Bill Siler |

Home Bound

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| Jeanne Banks | Dolly LeMond (Home) |
| Terry Coates (Home) | Ann Syminink (Home) |
| Leigh Doninger (Franklin Health Center) | Dorothy Weiss (Home) |

US Military

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| 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 |



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord-On Easter, we proclaim not the presence of the Risen Christ, but the empty tomb. Mary of Magdala, Peter, and the “other disciple whom Jesus

loved” are the key characters, as is the empty tomb. Mary can only surmise that the body has been stolen as she rushes to Peter. Peter and the beloved disciple seem to acknowledge Peter’s priority status among the disciples. Peter arrives and enters the tomb followed by the beloved disciple. Both see the burial cloths but no body. The beloved disciple sees and believes. Peter does not yet appear to believe for “they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” Like the disciples, we acknowledge that Resurrection belief is a mystery. Scripture continues to sustain us in that belief. The living witness of those who believe, however, concretized in lives of care, concern and reconciliation, is the clearest proof that the Lord is risen and active among us. Let us always continue to intensify our witness to the Resurrection by continuing the Risen Lord’s ministry.

Adult Faith Formation Class-The next two classes for adult faith formation will be on Blessed John Newman and will meet on Tuesday, April 10th and Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30 PM 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 are required. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899 or at apatriarco@centurylink.net.

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.

CRS Rice Bowls-Please turn in ALL CRS Rice Bowls no later than Sunday, April 7. Through this tradition, we help families and communities around the world and in our own backyard. Thank you!

About Easter Time

Easter Time is a fifty-day prolongation of the Easter festival. The center of the liturgical year is the Sacred Paschal Triduum. The second part is the “octave” or eight-day extension of Easter that runs through the Second Sunday of Easter (April 8). Each of the days of the Triduum and the Octave take precedence over everything else on the calendar. After the Octave is over, the calendar returns mostly to normal, except that the Sundays of Easter, as reflections of the principle feast, also take precedence over other celebrations. What this basically means is that celebrations of the saints that would normally fall on the days taken over by Holy Week, the Triduum, or the Easter Octave are not celebrated. If those days are solemnities, like the Annunciation this year, they are transferred to the first available day, that is, the Monday of the Second Week of Easter (April 9).

Sobre el Tiempo de Pascua

El tiempo de Pascua es una prolongación de cincuenta días del Festival de Pascua. El centro del año litúrgico es el sagrado Triduo Pascual. La segunda parte es la "octava" o extensión de ocho días de Pascua que recorre el segundo domingo de Pascua (8 de abril). Cada día de la Triduo y la octava tiene prioridad sobre todo lo demás en el calendario. Cuando la octava haya terminado, el calendario regresa sobre todo a lo normal, con la excepción de los domingos de Pascua, como reflejos de la fiesta principal, también tienen precedencia sobre otras celebraciones. Esto significa que las celebraciones de los Santos que normalmente caerían en los días asumidos por la semana Santa, el Triduo, o la octava de Pascua no se celebran. Si esos días son solemnidades, como la Anunciación de este año, se transfieren al primer día disponible, es el lunes de la segunda semana de Pascua (9 de abril).

He is risen.

Sacrificial Giving

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| Weekly Budget Goal..... | \$3,500 |
| March 24-25, 2018 | \$1,683 |
| Weekly Shortfall | (\$1,817) |
| Haiti | \$637 |
| Altar Flowers | \$298 |



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

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.

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

Easter Open House and Madonna House-We will be open from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Easter Sunday, Apr. 1st. Bring the family for a visit after Mass and enjoy a light lunch including the traditional Russian Easter koolitch (bread) & paska (spread). See the display of colorful pysanky eggs; symbols of the journey from Lent to Easter. You are welcome to leave your prayer intentions in our chapel. We will close with Easter Sunday Vespers at 4:00pm. We will be closed Apr. 2-4. Next Mass on Saturday, April 7 at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome. Phone Number: 540-343-8464.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)-"He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. 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.

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.

Camp St. Charles-Attend our open house to learn more about Camp St. Charles. Join us for lunch, a tour, a ride on the giant swing, and an opportunity to meet the staff of Camp St. Charles. For over 60 years, thousands of children have been making friends, learning to work together, and developing an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, paddling on the river, making art projects, and lots of other activities in beautiful Southern Maryland. Fully accredited with the American Camp Association and certified by the State of Maryland, Camp St. Charles has been run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers and Lay Salvatorians for over 60 years. New families may save on tuition by registering at our open house. For more information, directions, and to sign up for an open house visit: www.campstcharles.org or call 301-934-8799 or email director@campstcharles.org

Español

Clases de formación de fe para adultos-Las siguientes dos clases de la formación de fe para adultos serán martes el 10 de abril y 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 apatrario@centurylink.net.

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 avísenos.

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 más información sobre las pólizas de la Diócesis de Richmond, programas, y ayuda para los que han sobrevivido abuso, visita: www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment