



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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April 7-8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

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Parish Registration—Contact the Parish Office

Parish Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112238392199573/>

Knights of Columbus Facebook Group

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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 7	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-2 nd	Sunday of Easter
Apr 8	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-2 nd	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	Mass (Both Days)	
Apr 14	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-3 rd	Sunday of Easter
Apr 15	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-3 rd	Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education	
Apr 16- Apr 18	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary	
Apr 19- Apr 20	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass (Both Days)	
Apr 21	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-4 th	Sunday of Easter
Apr 22	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-4 th	Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Religious Education	
Apr 23- Apr 25	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary	
Apr 26- Apr 27	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass (Both Days)	
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	

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 14-15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/47

Second Reading I John 2:1-5a

Gospel..... Luke 24:35-48

Ministries, April 14-15, 2018

4:30 pm

8:00 am

Lectors:	C. Forbes	E. Ayles
	L. Bezy	D. King
Ushers:	R. Long	B. Bannan
	B. Schmachtenberg	C. Gaubatz
Greeters:	E. Ramirez	E. Arellano
		J. Garcia
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

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

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 4:30 pm

For the repose of the soul of Sharon Hernandez

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 8:00 am

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

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

In Need of Prayer

Marilyn Blauert	Dolly LeMond
Cirenio Cruz	Mike Meeks
Erin Datty & Girls	Faye Phillips
Albert Galvan	Judy Ratcliff
Ronald L. Hall	Bill Siler
Bobby Hodges	Bruce Siler
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	Joseph Lyons
Noah Davis	James Manning
Brennan Dopp	Jason Presley
Brandon Furrow	Capt. Raine Maus
John J. Griffio III	Francheska J. Remmert



**Second Sunday Easter/
Sunday of Divine Mercy-**
Peace is Jesus' gift to the disciples when he appears to them in the locked room. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he says. You have the power to

forgive sins. Even on the basis of the disciples' testimony, Thomas did not believe they had seen the Lord. Would we have?-is the question this Gospel passage leads us to ponder today. Perhaps knowing Thomas's doubt, Jesus appears again a week later offering the same gift of peace, and not judging Thomas at all, invites him to see for himself that Jesus is indeed his Lord and God.

Special Thanks-A special thank you to our seminarian, David Arellano, for helping things run smoothly during Holy Week and Easter!

Confirmation-Thursday, April 12 at 7:00pm at St Andrews. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in prayer.

Gifts Display Case-Take a look at the Sacramentals and Gifts Display Case updated for the Easter Season, thanks to two of Bernadette's helpers! Let us know if you don't see what you need. See Laura Hernandez after Saturday Masses or Janet Vadase or Bernadette Harmon after Sunday Masses.

WANTED: Youth Leaders-Please consider whether youth ministry is in your future here at SFOA! Our youth in middle school and high school need and deserve a vibrant young leader! A team of two leaders would be fabulous. Contact Bernadette Harmon via text (301.938.2213) or FB message.

Youth (grades 6-12)- Mark your calendars for May 19th. We will have a youth day focused on vocations in the context of God's beautiful nature. Guys and girls will go their separate ways after 8am mass and breakfast at SFOA. The day will close around 2pm.

Morning prayer-Join us Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 am to 10 am. Prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to participate as we pray for our families, our parish, our community, and our world.



Thank you to the 53 households who have linked their Kroger cards to the church and who shopped at Kroger between 12-1-2017 and 2-28-2018. During this time period, you contributed to our **\$415.92** total donation. The church will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and our local Kroger store. If you have not yet linked your Kroger card to Saint Francis of Assisi, the Non-Profit Number for the church is 83046.

***Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
April 9***

Today's solemnity is usually celebrated on March 25; however, this year, the date falls within Holy Week. The Annunciation is so important to our lives of faith it is transferred to the first available date on the calendar, which is today, the Monday after Holy Week. On this solemnity, we remember when the angel brought to Mary the amazing news that she would be the mother of God's Son. The Annunciation is a Solemnity of the Lord, but it is also a day to give thanks to and for Mary. The Gospel account of the Annunciation in Luke reveals a great wonder: God sought the free consent of a young girl to carry out his plan for us. God asked for help!

***Solemnidad de la Anunciación del Señor
9 de abril***

La solemnidad de hoy normalmente se celebra el 25 de marzo; sin embargo, este año, la fecha cayó en la semana Santa. La Anunciación es tan importante para nuestras vidas de fe que se transfiere a la primera fecha disponible en el calendario, que es el lunes después de la semana Santa. En esta solemnidad, recordamos cuando el ángel trajo a María la asombrosa noticia de que ella sería la madre del hijo de Dios. La Anunciación es una solemnidad del Señor, pero también es un día para dar gracias a y por María. El relato evangélico de la Anunciación en Lucas revela una gran maravilla: Dios buscó el libre consentimiento de una jovencita para llevar a cabo su plan para nosotros. ¡Dios pidió ayuda!

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal..... \$3,500
March 30-April 1, 2018..... \$4,194



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

Stepping Stone Mission-We invite you to our open house benefit part to celebrate moving to our new location at 1105 N. Main Street in Rocky Mount. Please come and see our new soup kitchen! We are asking for monetary gifts to help offset some of the expenses incurred during our renovations. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you on April 7 from 10-11:30am.

Latin Mass-The next Latin Mass at Our Lady of Peace (2938 Oakleigh Ave, Appomattox VA 24522) will be April 15 at 3pm. All are welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)-Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter 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.

St. Andrew's Diocesan Cemetery Annual Flower Program-Honor your loved ones with year-round silk floral arrangements. Beautiful, hand-made, silk flowers are a wonderful tribute on any memorial site. Brochures and order forms are available at the cemetery office, or please call and we will mail brochure & order form to you. For now, the new flower program is only available for ground burials. For more information on this program or any other cemetery matters, please contact Mandy at the cemetery office 540-595-7173.

Español

Confirmación-Jueves el 12 de abril a las 7pm en San Andrés. Por favor oren por nuestros candidatos para la confirmación.

Tienda de regalos-Revise los sacramentos y regalos en la vitrina que fueron actualizados para la temporada de Pascua, gracias a las dos personas que ayudaron a Bernadette! Déjanos saber si no ves lo que necesitas. Ve a Laura Hernández después de misas del sábado o Janet Vadase o Bernadette Harmon después de misas del domingo.

SE BUSCAN: Líderes para los jóvenes-¡Por favor considere si el ministerio de los jóvenes está en su futuro aquí en SFOA! Nuestros jóvenes en la escuela intermedia y en la secundaria necesitan y se merecen un líder joven vibrante! Un equipo de dos líderes sería fabuloso. Comuníquese con Bernadette Harmon por texto (301.938.2213) o mándale un mensaje por FB.

Oración Matutina-La oración matutina continúa todos los lunes, martes y miércoles de 9:00 a 10.00. Consideren en oración si Dios te está llamando a participar mientras oramos por nuestras familias, nuestra parroquia, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo.

Jóvenes (grados 6-12)- Marquen sus calendarios para el 19 de mayo. Tendremos un día de juventud enfocado en las vocaciones en el contexto de la hermosa naturaleza de Dios. Chicos y chicas van a ir por caminos separados después de 8 a.m. Misa y desayuno en SFOA. El día terminará por ahí de las 2pm.