

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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April 21-22, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

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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 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	Noon Mass
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
Apr 30- May 2	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
May 3	Thu	12:00 pm	Noon Mass
May 4	Fri	10-11:50am	Adoration
		12:00 pm	Noon Mass
		6-8pm	Adoration
May 5	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-6 th Sunday of Easter
May 6	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-6 th 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	Noon Mass
May 12	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-7 th Sunday of Easter
May 13	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-7 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 28-29, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 9:26-31/53
Second Reading I John 3:18-24
Gospel.....John 15:1-8

Ministries, April 28-29, 2018
4:30 pm **8:00 am**

Lectors:	C. Forbes N. Goehring	N. Shanahan E. Ayles
Ushers:	R. Long C. Gaubatz	E. Drane B. Bannan
Greeters:	W. Manning	M. Cortes M. Lopez
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 26, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, April 27, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 4:30 pm
For the repose of the soul of Beverly Dupree

Sunday, April 29, 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
Ana L. Gonzalez Martinez	Timothy Wade
Wilhelm Hausler	Anne Wilson
Sharon Hernandez	Bobby Young
Mildred Hynes	Frank Young
Raymond Kloos	

In Need of Prayer

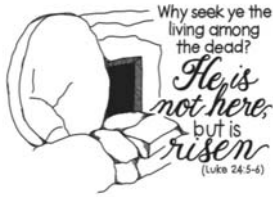
Cirenio Cruz	Dolly LeMond
Albert Galvan	Mike Meeks
Bernie Galvin	Ann Overton
Ronald L. Hall	Faye Phillips
Bobby Hodges	Judy Ratcliff
Dennis & Betty Holden	Bill & Pat Siler

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
Connor Dopp	Capt. Raine Maus
Brandon Furrow	Francheska J. Remmert
John J. Griffo III	



Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Good Shepherd Sunday-

Jesus knows those who follow him. He would do anything, including laying down his life for his sheep. We know he did suffer and lay down his life. We also know he rose to be the one

shepherd of the one flock. Jesus' leadership contrasts starkly with that of a hired man who shepherds sheep he does not know and love. Today we allow the Gospel to remind us of how blessed we are to have Jesus as our Good Shepherd and to have his undying love for us to guide us in our faith and Easter witness.

Annual Appeal Update-Great news, because of the generosity of 52 of your fellow parishioners, we have raised **\$15,250** which is **213%** of our goal as of the end of last month. In this time of giving, we hope you will join us in supporting this worthy cause, if you have not already done so. Every gift is important no matter how much the amount and your gift may be tax-deductible. Envelopes are available in the Commons, if you would like to participate. We are blessed to have you in our parish and once again thank you for your prayerful consideration of support for the 2018 Appeal.

Adult Faith Formation Class-The next class for adult faith formation will be on Blessed John Newman and will meet Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. During the class, 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.

Begin your day with Morning Prayer!-Praying together offers many intangible benefits for ourselves and for our parish community. Please consider participating every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 am to 10 am or even once a week! Materials (English and Spanish) are available. If you are unfamiliar with the Liturgy of the Hours, come a few minutes early to get oriented, and sit with someone who is familiar with the prayer materials to be your guide.

Engage with our Youth!-The youth group program is an important activity to provide our middle and high school youth with a safe environment for fun in which we also encourage them to live their faith, to serve, and model what that means. We need a male and female volunteer for 2018-2019, at least one of which is mid-20s or older to guide our youth. Contact Bernadette Harmon via text (301.938.2213) or FB message.



Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed Students/Felicidades a Nuestros Recién Confirmados:

Allen Castaneda Garcia
Armando Hernandez Morales
Christian Escobar Garcia
Christopher Cruz Vasquez
Jocelyn Sanchez Vasquez
Jonathan Ayala Aparicio
Omar Lozano Torres

Free Church Kneelers!-We are giving away our old kneelers that we no longer use. If you would like 1 or 2 for your home, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Commons. We have about 40 stored at the Rectory. We are also selling the Church pews that are in the Social Hall. We have 2 that are 12 feet long and 2 that are 5 feet long. See Donna Allgauer for more info.

Votive Candles-The small candles in the votive stand holder are \$2 each. The large candles under the votive stand are \$5. Please light the large candles at the votive stand and carry your lit candle to your preferred statue of Our Lady. Thank you.

Gifts Display Case-Please support the Major Repairs and Replacements fund by considering whether you or someone you know could benefit from a few items in the Sacramentals and Gifts Display Case. Available to serve you: Saturdays: Laura Hernandez, Sundays: Janet Vadase or Bernadette Harmon.

Tamales and Gorditas Breakfast-Join the Hispanic Ministry in a tamale and gordita breakfast on May 6. Order sheets are in the Commons.

Youth Discerning Vocations-This May 19th event is open to 7th to 12th graders. The day will begin with mass and breakfast at 8am followed by separate activities for girls and guys in the beautiful out-of-doors. The youth will be back at SFOA by 2:30pm.

Feast of St. Mark (April 25)

Mark was not an Apostle, although he could have been an eyewitness to the events he describes in his Gospel account. Mark's symbol is a winged lion, an allusion to the desert wilderness with which his Gospel account begins. Mark is the patron saint of Venice, and his relics are venerated in the great cathedral of San Marco.

Fiesta de San Marcos (25 de abril)

Marcos no era un Apóstol pero pudo haber sido un testigo de los acontecimientos que describe en su relato evangélico. El símbolo de Marcos es un león alado, una alusión al desierto desértico con el que comienza su relato evangélico. Marcos es el santo patrón de Venecia, y sus reliquias son veneradas en la gran catedral de San Marco.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal..... \$3,500
April 14-15, 2018 \$2,321
Weekly Shortfall..... (\$1,179)



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

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

Roanoke Catholic School Open House- Find out more about how our community can serve your family at our Open House on May 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Roanoke Catholic offers a college preparatory curriculum for grades Pre-K (ages 3&4) through 12. Our fundamental task is the development of the whole person, successfully “blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.” Reserve your place today by contacting Melissa Barnard, Director of Enrollment, at mbarnard@roanokecatholic.com or 540-982-3532.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)- Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. 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.

Español

Actualización de la Apelación Anual- Buenas noticias, gracias a la generosidad de 52 miembros de nuestra parroquia, hemos recaudado **\$15,250** que es el **213%** de nuestra meta a partir del fin del mes pasado. En este tiempo de dar, esperamos que se unan a nosotros para apoyar esta causa digna, si no lo han hecho ya. Cada regalo es importante, no importa cuanto sea y su regalo puede ser deducible de impuestos. Los sobres están en el la sala común, si quiere participar. Estamos bendecidos de tenerlos en nuestra parroquia y una vez más, gracias por su consideración de oración de apoyo para la apelación 2018.

¡Comience su día con la oración matutina!-Orar juntos ofrece muchos beneficios intangibles para nosotros y para nuestra comunidad parroquial. Por favor considere participar todos los lunes, martes y miércoles de 9-10am. Tenemos materiales en inglés y español. Si no está familiarizado con la liturgia de las horas, venga unos minutos antes para orientarse, y siéntese con alguien que esta familiarizado con los materiales de oración y puede ser su guía.

¡Apoyen a nuestros jóvenes!-El programa del grupo de jóvenes es una actividad muy importante para ofrecerles a nuestros jóvenes un lugar seguro para divertirse en el que también les animamos a vivir su fe, a servir y a modelar lo que eso significa. Necesitamos dos voluntarios (un hombre y una mujer) para 2018-2019, al menos uno de los cuales debe tener veinte años o más para guiar a nuestros jóvenes. Comuníquese con Bernadette Harmon a través de texto (301.938.2213) o FB mensaje.

Tienda de Regalos- Por favor, apoyen el fondo de reparaciones y reemplazos principales considerando si podría beneficiarse de algunos artículos en la vitrina de los sacramentales y regalos. Disponible para servirles: sábados: Laura Hernández, domingos: Janet Vadase o Bernadette Harmon.

Desayuno de Tamales y Gorditas- Apoyen al ministerio hispano en su desayuno de tamales y gorditas domingo el 6 de mayo. La hoja donde puede apuntar su orden está en la sala común.

Jóvenes Discerniendo una Vocación- El evento del 19 de mayo está abierto a los jóvenes en grados 7-12. El día comenzará con la Misa y el desayuno a las 8am seguido por actividades separados para los muchachos y las muchachas en el aire libre. Los jóvenes regresarán a SFOA a las 2:30pm.

¡GRATIS! ¡Banquetas para arrodillarse!-Estamos regalando nuestras viejas banquetas para arrodillarse que ya no usamos. Si quiere 1 o 2 para su casa, escribe su nombre en la hoja en la sala común. Tenemos como 40 en la Rectoría. También estamos vendiendo los bancos de la Iglesia que están en la sala común de abajo. Tenemos 2 de 12 pies y 2 de 5 pies. Ve a Donna Allgauer para más información.