

# *St. Francis of Assisi*

## **Catholic Church**

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Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano  
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*-1 Corinthians*

*5:7*

*April 20, 2025*  
*The Resurrection of the Lord*  
*Easter Sunday*





## **St. Francis Mass Schedule**

Saturday | 5 pm

Sunday | 8 am

No Mass the 1st Sunday of the month

Wednesday | 1 pm

## **St. Mary Mass Schedule**

Sunday | 10 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

Wednesday | 10 am

1st, 2nd, & 5th Friday | 10 am English

3rd & 4th Friday | 7pm Spanish

3rd Friday | 7pm Healing Blessing & Anointing

## **Reconciliation**

**St. Francis:** Saturday | 4:30 - 4:50 P.M.  
Or By Appointment

**St. Mary:** Sunday | 9:30 - 9:50 am  
11:45 am - 12:20 pm  
Or By Appointment

## **Holy Hour/Adoration Schedule**

**St. Francis:** 1st Wednesday | After 1:00 pm Mass

**St. Mary:** 1st Friday | 10:30 - 11:30 am  
2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday | 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
1st Sunday | After 12:30 pm Mass

## **Parish Office Hours**

Temporary New Hours:

**Tuesday:** 1:00-3 pm

**Wednesday:** 1:00-2:15 pm

**Thursday:** 1:00-3 pm

## **Stay Connected**

**Mail-** POB 663, Amherst, VA 24521

**Phone** - (434) 946-2053

**Email** - parish@stfrancisamherst.org

**Website** - <http://www.stfrancisamherst.org>

**Facebook** - stfrancis/amherst/va

## **Pastor's Message**

*I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors. St. Francis of Assisi is where we work, pray and journey as one united family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.*

*Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano  
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi*

## **Mission Statement**

*St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.*

## **Vision**

*Through the grace of God, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Francis of Assisi aspires to be a family-oriented and Christ-centered community.*

## **Core Values**

*• Spiritual devotion • Devotion to the family unit and church family • Charity work • Respect for and promotion of human dignity • Offering fellowship and help to our community in God's name*

## **Sunday's Readings**

*Sunday, April 20  
The Resurrection of the Lord  
Easter Sunday*

**I.** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

**II.** Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** 118

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9



## **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday April 12th :** Repose of the Soul of **Vanessa Golden Cooper**. Requested by Marilyn Gilbert.

**Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Repose of the Soul of **Leonardo Infante**. Requested by Marlene Swift

**Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Repose of the Souls of **Travis Smith** and **Kathleen Carson**. Requested by Gail Smith.

**Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Repose of the Soul of **Bill Chesney**. Requested by Maureen Chesney

## **Prayers for Parishioners**

*David Swift, Maria Infante Brabo, Sandy Brown, Jerry Sanita, Karen Baxter*

**APRIL**

- 17** 4pm Holy Thursday Mass
- 18** 3pm Good Friday
- 19** 5pm Easter Vigil
- 20** 8am Easter Sunday Mass
- 23** No Weekday Mass
- 24** Adoration and Benediction at 6 pm
- 27** No Sunday Mass
- 30** No Weekday Mass

**MAY**

- 03** Family Dinner
- 04** No Sunday Mass
- 08** Adoration and Benediction: *CANCELLED*
- 17** Wine & Cheese

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**Holy Week Activities and Mass Schedules—2025**

**April 17 (Holy Thursday)**

*Commemoration of Jesus Christ's institution of the Eucharist and  
Washing of the Feet— 4 pm Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament— 5-8 pm*

**April 18 (Good Friday) (No Mass)**

*The Lord's Passion and Veneration of The Holy Cross — 3 pm*

**April 19 (Holy Saturday)**

*Easter Vigil— 5 pm Mass*

**April 20 (Easter Sunday)**

*The Lord's Passion and Veneration of The Holy Cross — 8 am Mass*



# Announcements

## Parish Announcements

- **Daily Mass and Stations of the Cross** will be held at **1 pm** every **Friday** until Good Friday.
- Our next **Family Dinner** date is **Saturday, May 3rd**, following Mass. It will be held in the pavilion. A signup sheet is in the Narthex. The hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.
- Please join us for **Pancakes** after the **8am Mass on Easter Sunday!**
- We sincerely appreciate everyone who gathered with us for the Seder Meal, sharing in the traditions, stories, and warmth of the occasion. Your presence made the evening truly memorable, and we are grateful for the sense of community and togetherness that was felt throughout the night. Thank you for being a part of this special celebration!
- **Men's Group!** After a successful start during Lent, the Men's Group will continue to meet on Saturday's. Come join other men of the parish for an hour on Saturday mornings at 8am. As a group, we will review the readings for Sunday and share our reflections on the texts. Early birds for coffee and doughnuts at 7:30 are encouraged. For additional information please contact Frank Watkins at [fwatkins55@gmail.com](mailto:fwatkins55@gmail.com) or cell: (301) 922-4331.
- **Bishop's Lenten Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others:**  
The Annual Bishop's Appeal is part of our Lenten traditions. On the table in the narthex, you will find brochures and envelopes for making a donation as well as QR codes to scan and make direct donations on the secure diocesan website. Please consider making a donation! St. Francis has been blessed by the Bishop's Appeal on multiple occasions, including grant monies for our food boxes through the Fuel and Hunger fund and support for our new HVAC system through the Diocesan Missions fund. And a portion of your donation comes back directly to our parish as part of our operating budget!

## Bulletin Info

To all St. Francis' ministers that have an announcement be in the bulletin, please give your announcement **on or before Wednesday.**



## Upcoming April Birthdays

- Pat Gibbons 6
- Marlene Swift 7
- Angela 7
- Phil Greenwood 15
- Hannah Cochran 16
- Marsha Baron 22

## Parish Giving

### Collections Report FY 2024-25

#### February

Weekly totals	\$ 3,494.26
E- giving	\$ 2,906.49
Christmas	\$ 2198.00
Parish Partnership	\$ 155.00
Annual Budget	
YTD Budget	
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)	

#### Fiscal Year to Date

\$ 43,331.97
\$ 12,356.63
\$ 70,000.00
\$ 46,666.68
\$ 9,021.92



## Supporting our Parish

Support our parish with online recurring giving or a one-time gift! Simply click here: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stfran> or text the word 'Give' to 434-577-8700. You can also call **Donor Support** at 866-930-4774 option 6.



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