

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano
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*-John
20:29*

April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy





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*

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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, May 04
The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday*

I. Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

II. Revelation 5:11-14

Responsorial Psalm: 30

Gospel: John 21:1-19



Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Sunday April 20th: 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

- 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

Parish Announcements

- 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.
- **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 or cell: (301) 922-4331.

Events

Announcements

- **Congratulations** to all those who received their Sacraments during Easter Vigil! May God's blessings be with you always! Also, **thank you** to all those who assisted in making this Holy Week possible!
- **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!
- Join the **Little Saints Club**, beginning **May 3rd** at Saint Francis, from **4:15-4:45 pm** before every Saturday family Mass/dinner to learn about a new Saint, make crafts, read books, and more! In the month of May, the club will talk about our Holy Mother Mary. Contact Stephanie Gerber (804) 399 - 8998 or Reagan Woody (540) 460 - 2443 for more information.

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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