

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano  
Deacon Peter Coleman

*Whoever  
loves me will  
keep my  
word, says  
the Lord,  
and my  
Father will  
love him and  
we will come  
to him.*

*-John 14:23*

May 25, 2025  
Sixth Sunday of Easter





## ***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*

*4th Friday | 7pm Spanish*

*4th 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*  
*Every Thursday at 6 pm*

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

## ***Parish Office Hours***

***Tuesday:*** *8am-12pm*

***Wednesday:*** *8am-12pm*

***Saturday:*** *2pm-4pm*

## ***Stay Connected***

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

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***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 25  
Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**I. Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

**II. Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

**Responsorial Psalm: 67**

**Gospel: John 14:23-29**



## ***Mass Intentions***

**Saturday May 03<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Repose of the Soul of  
James Steller.**

**Requested by Sandra  
Harvey.**

**Sunday May 25<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*

## EVENTS

### MAY

- 08** Adoration and Benediction: CANCELLED  
**17** Wine & Cheese

### JUNE

- 1** Mass 8 am  
**7** Family Dinner  
**8** No Mass  
**21** Wine and Cheese  
**29** Pancake Breakfast

## Parish Announcements

- **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.
- The Social Commiittee is looking for two or more parishioners to help them with the Saturday Family Dinner and Sunday Breakfast set-up and clean up. This is a wonderful way to serve your parish family. Please see Peggy McFadden or Gail Curtin if interested. Thank you!

Events

# Announcements

- Join the **Little Saints Club**, 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.
- **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!
- Office hours will be changed on Tuesday and Wednesday to 8am- 12pm. We appreciate your patience as we adjust to these new hours. Saturday hours will remain from 2pm to 4pm. Thank you!

## **Bulletin Info**

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





## Upcoming May Birthdays

- Larry Lamanna 1
- John Onestinghel 3
- Jane West 6
- Julia Cope 11
- Sandra Horwege 23
- Teresa Golden 29

## Parish Giving

	Collections Report FY 2024-25	
	April	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 51,643.00
E-giving	\$ 3,213.70	\$ 21,649.33
Parish Partnership	\$224.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 70,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 58,333.34
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 14,958.99



## 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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