

St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church

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Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano
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-Matthew 16:18

June 28, 2025
The Solemnity of Saints
Peter and Paul, Apostles





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*

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, June 28th

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

I. Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10

II. Galatians 1:11-20

Responsorial Psalm: 19

Gospel: John 21:15-19



Mass Intentions

Sunday June 22nd:

Repose of the Soul of **Bill Chesney**.

Requested by

Maureen Chesney

Sunday June 22nd :

Repose of the Soul of Rebecca Gerber.

Requested by Stephanie Gerber

Sunday June 29th :

Repose of the Soul of Delaney Neblett.

Requested by Stephanie Gerber.

Prayers for Parishioners

David Swift, Maria Infante Brabo, Sandy Brown, Jerry Sanita, Karen Baxter, Sharon Simonetti, John Herr

EVENTS

JUNE

- 1** Mass 8 am
- 7** Family Dinner
- 8** No Masss
- 20** Movie and Skit at 6 pm
- 21** Wine and Cheese
- 29** Pancake Breakfast

JULY

- 6** Mass at regular time
- 12** Family Dinner
- 13** No Mass
- 19** Wine and Cheese
- 27** Pancake Breakfast

Parish Announcements

- *Holy Hour/ Adoration of the blessed Sacrament will be held every Thursday at 6 pm. Please join us!*
- *Our Family Dinner will be held July 12th. We will not have Mass Sunday July 13th. There will be Mass on Sunday July 6th.*
- **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.*
- *The Social Committee 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

- *Save the date(s)! Time for our Yard Sale again, Sept. 20th. Proceeds go to our local community; Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society of Amherst County, and Amherst Girls on the Run. Your support and participation make this possible. Let's match or exceed or success of last year!*
- *We will set up tables and display equipment on the 14th. Then start filling it up with your donations. Remember no books, or clothing (with the exception of infants and young children). We will accept kitchenware, Christmas decor and trees, games, puzzles, toys, art supplies, linens, tools, equipment, plants, furniture, records, CDs, DVDs, commercial VHS and cassette tapes, musical instruments, artwork, saddles, cars, trunks, suitcases, bags, decorative items, jewelry, sports equipment, and baked goods. If you think of something not listed, check with Peggy McFadden.*
- **Family Focus Group.** *Billie Coleman will be filling in for Carol Charles for the role of providing meals and doctor appointment transportation to those parishioners in need. Please call the office and Jennifer will relay your information to Billie. Thank you!*

Announcements

- Thank you, parents and grandparents, for bringing your little saints to Saint Francis from 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm before the first Saturday mass. All children are welcome as we journey together to learn about the characteristics of Saints, who they were and then eventually dress up as our favorite Saint for all Saints Day. For questions, please contact Reagan Woody-540-460-2443 or Stephanie Gerber-804-399-8998.
- **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 June Birthdays

- Caroline Furlong 7
- James Cockerham 7
- Cameron Grey 7
- Janet Hollingsworth 18
- Mary Hansen 24
- Heath Cockerham 24

Parish Giving

Collections Report FY 2024-25

	May	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 3,330.00	\$ 54,973.97
E-giving	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 24,209.00
Parish Partnership	\$212.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 70,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 64,166.67
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 15,016.30



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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