

St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church

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July 20, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





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, July 20th
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

I. Genesis 18:1-10a

II. Colossians 1:24-28

Responsorial Psalm: 15

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



Mass Intentions

Saturday July 12th :

Repose of the Soul of **Marvin Gilbert.**

Requested by Marilyn Gilbert.

Wednesday July 23rd:

Repose of the Soul of **Quirina Dael.**

Requested by Norma Heinemann

Wednesday July 23rd:

Repose of the Soul of **Rafael Dael Sr.**

Requested by Norma Heinemann

Sunday July 27th :

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

Requested by Maureen Chesney.

Sunday July 27th :

Repose of the Soul of **Inestella Infante.**

Requested by Marlene Swift.

Prayers for Parishioners

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

EVENTS

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!*
- **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!*
- **New St. Francis Church Directory!** *A signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Parishioners will choose to have their names and pictures published either WITH their physical address/email/phone or WITHOUT their physical address/email/phone.*

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!*
- *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.*
- *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!*

Announcements

- **Change in second collection.** For the past 10 plus years, St. Francis parishioners have donated generously to the Parish Partnership Program to support two small parishes, one in Southwest Virginia and the other in a Native American community in South Dakota. This program was started because St. Francis was the beneficiary of a donation made to our building fund by the Catholic Extension Society and once our building was completed and paid for, it was only right to "pay it forward" and support others as we had been supported. Now it is time to turn our support closer to home. St. Mary's is building an education building for young people of both parishes. Our children attend Sunday classes alongside St. Mary's children. It is fitting that St. Francis support the building endeavor. Beginning August 2, the monthly second collection will be taken up and forwarded to St. Mary's Religious Education Building Fund instead of the Parish Partnership Program. That program will be paused while we support the education building fund. Any donations to the Parish Partnership Program that were made prior to August 1 will be sent to our parish partners as has been done previously. We will not have envelopes for the Building Fund; please do not use the Parish Partnership envelopes. If you write a check, it will be added to your annual contribution statement just as any other donation. Educating our young people is a gift for our future. It is important that we support this endeavor. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Bulletin Info

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



During his agony in the garden, Jesus asked Peter, "So you could not stay awake with Me for even an hour?" Jesus asks each of us a similar question, are we going to spend a Holy Hour with Him. Jesus is waiting for each of us. As St. Josemaria Escriva said, "Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament, remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you." St. Maximillian Kolbe tells us "Eucharistic adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world."

A Holy Hour, which is a form of Eucharistic Adoration, is an opportunity to spend an hour with Jesus. There is a communal prayer and time spent in silence for personal prayer and reflection. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offers us a time when we can worship the true God in the person of Jesus Christ who is really, truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. A Holy Hour is the chance to be in the presence of Jesus.

St. Francis of Assisi parish has a Holy Hour every Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. If you are unable to attend weekly, or to stay for the whole hour that's fine. Spending 15 or 20 minutes in Eucharistic Adoration, or coming once or twice a month may not seem like much, but remember, Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand with only five loaves and two fish. He can do great things with only small commitment.



Upcoming July Birthdays

• Jim Charles	1
• Jennifer Miller	5
• Cindy Palladino	7
• Loy Fraser	7
• Malachi Phillips	8
• Edie Rider	10
• Leeanna Smith	15
• Sandy Brown	23
• Maureen Chesney	28
• Frank Palladino	28
• Frank Watkins	29

Parish Giving

Collections Report FY 2024-25

	June	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 6,312.50	\$ 61,286.47
E-giving	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 27,429.33
Parish Partnership	\$772.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 70,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 88,715.80
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 18,715.80



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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