Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal…. $2,692
September 18-19, 2021 Weekly Total ..... $
Weekly Shortfall for September 18-19, 2021 ..... $

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. (Deuteronomy 15:10)

Religious Education-Saturday, October 2 is THE **LAST DAY** to register your child for religious education. No registrations will be accepted after that date, **no exceptions.** The office is open 9am-5pm Thursday, and Friday, September 30-October 1. Registration will be also open after both Masses this Saturday, September 25 and next Saturday, October 2.

Educación Religiosa-Sábado el 2 de octubre es **EL ÚLTIMO DÍA** para registrar a su hijo en la doctrina. No se aceptará ningún inscripción después de esta fecha, **no habrá excepciones.** La oficina está abierta de las 9am-5pm jueves y viernes el 30 de septiembre-1 de octubre. La registración también estará abierta después de las dos Misas este sábado el 25 de septiembre y el siguiente sábado el 2 de octubre.

Social Hall is Closed-The social hall is closed until further notice.

El Salón Social esta Cerrado-El salón social esta cerrado hasta próximo aviso.

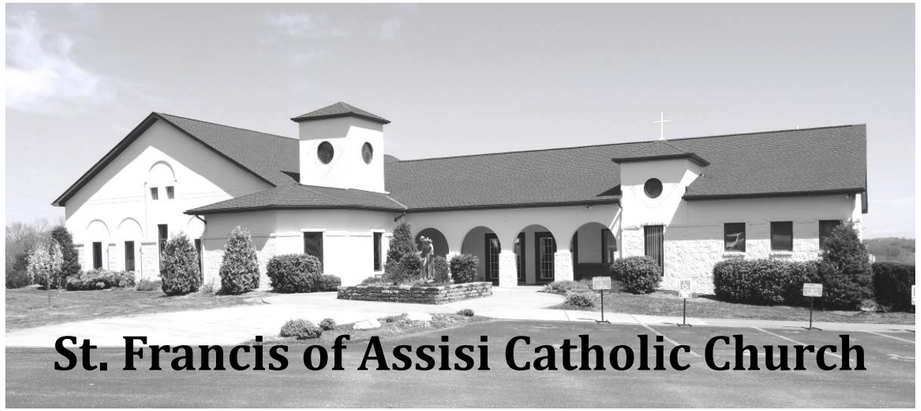
VOLUNTEERS WANTED-We need 2-3 adults (18+) willing to serve as catechists in our religious education program. Classes are every Sunday from 9am-10am. You will need to complete virtus training (one day) and pass a background check. If you are interested in serving in this rewarding ministry please email Kayla Acosta (crefoa@gmail.com) or stop by during office hours. If you aren't able to make the weekly committment but are interested in being available as a substitute, email Kayla.

Upcoming Events

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend-"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill your hearts with joy be learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 5-7, 2021 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC and Jan 28-30, 2022 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/

Job Opportunity

Roanoke Catholic School is looking for **a part time head varsity wrestling coach** for the winter season of 2020-2021. Interested candidates should direct questions and/or send a resume, cover letter and diocesan application to Matt Peck, Athletic Director: mpeck@roanokecatholic.com.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

15 Glennwood Drive
Rocky Mount, VA 24151
Pastoral Emergency: (757) 751-8194
Office Telephone: (540) 483-9591
Office Hours: The office is closed Tuesday-Wednesday, September 28-29.
The office will be open Thursday-Friday 9am-5pm.

September 25-26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Pastor
Father Carlos Lerma—caliche4123@yahoo.com

Assistant to the Pastor/Director of Religious Education
Kayla Acosta—churchsecretary556@gmail.com
Religious Education emails—crefoa@gmail.com

Bookkeeper
Pat Prillaman—bookkeeper24151@comcast.net

Music Coordinator
Al Broholm—albroholm@gmail.com

Sacristan
Kevin Bezy—bezy@vt.edu

RCIA
English: **Instructor Wanted**
Español: Laura Hernandez—540-238-8300

Baptism Preparation
Kayla Acosta—churchsecretary556@gmail.com
(540) 483-9591

Parish Registration—Contact the Parish Office

Marriage Preparation
Father Carlos Lerma—(757) 751-8194
Español: Cristino Cortes & Carolina Velasco (276-734-5430)

Quinceañera Coordinator
Elia Sanchez-eliaberenicetorres@gmail.com (540-493-7032)

St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers
Captain: Michael Shanahan

Parish Facebook Group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/112238392199573/

Knights of Columbus Facebook Group
https://www.facebook.com/kofcrockymountva/

Pastoral Council: Kevin Bezy, Martha Graff, Mary Lou Denis, Marie Williams, Gilberto Ayala, Manuel Ortiz, Cindy Turpin, Dan Shanahan (chairman)

Finance Council: Gabby Abbott, Jay Abbott, Donna Allgauer, Joseph Graf, Brenda Maus, Cindy Turpin

Please contact Father Carlos if anyone you know is ill and would like communion or anointing of the sick.

If there is a death in your family or in the parish family, please contact the pastoral emergency contact number (757) 751-8194 *as soon as possible. We want to be of service.*

Liturgies and Events

Sept 25	Sat	4:30pm	Mass-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		7:00pm	Misa-26º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Sept 26	Sun	8:00am	Mass-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00am	RE Classes
Sept 30	Thur	12:00pm	Noon Mass
Oct 1	Fri	10:30-11:30am	Adoration
		12:00pm	Noon Mass
		6-7pm	Adoration
Oct 2	Sat	4:30pm	Mass-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		7:00pm	Misa-27º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Oct 3	Sun	8:00am	Mass-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00am	RE Classes
Oct 7	Thur	12:00pm	Noon Mass
Oct 8	Fri	10:30-11:30am	Adoration
		12:00pm	Noon Mass
		6-7pm	Adoration
Oct 9	Sat	4:30pm	Mass-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		7:00pm	Misa-28º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Oct 10	Sun	8:00am	Mass-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00am	RE Classes
Oct 14	Thur	12:00pm	Noon Mass
Oct 15	Fri	10:30-11:30am	Adoration
		12:00pm	Noon Mass
		6-7pm	Adoration

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in English and Spanish on Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00am-11:30am; Fridays from 6pm-7pm and Saturdays from 3:45pm-4:15pm.

Sacramento de Reconciliación

Se escuchan confesiones en inglés y español los jueves y viernes de las 11:00am-11:30am; viernes de las 6pm-7pm y los sábados de las 3:45-4:15pm.

Readings, October 2-3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Genesis 2:18-24
Second Reading.....Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel.....Mark 10:2-16

Lecturas, 2-3 de octubre de 2021

27º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera Lectura.....Génesis 2:18-24
Segunda Lectura.....Hebreos 2:9-11
Evangelio.....Marcos 10:2-16

Mass Intentions

Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 12:00pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 1, 2021 at 12:00pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 4:30pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Sábado el 3 de octubre de 2021 a las 7pm
Por la gente de San Francisco de Asís

Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 8:00 am
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Faithful Departed

Mary Ciappa
Miram Duffy
Pat Duffy
Betty Holden
Jim Holden
Ella Kenyon
Cindera Gilbert Martin
Genea Moore
Fletcher Muse
Paul Boychuck
Chip Bullock
Charles Schano
Pat Siler
Steve Teklinshi
Adean Tyree
Carol Vaughan
Yanuel Vicenty-Gonzalez
Gladine White

In Need of Prayer

Delores Bennison
Carol Boychuck & Family
Anita Calamo
Tom Davis
Susan Fazio
Mary Franz
Carol Forbes
Albert Galvan
John Griffo III
Gonzalez Family
Tim Guler
Melanie Hekkema
Dorothy Hodges
Dennis Holden
Dan Jarrup
Kefauver Family
Michele Kennedy
Father Carlos Lerma
Judy Manley
Zach Martin
Walter Pfitzner & Joan
Jason Stockton
Stockton Family
Shirley Thomas
Tyree Family
Ann White
Father Mark White
Jason Whitlow
Thornton Younger

Home Bound

Dollie LeMond (Home)
Ann Syminink (Home)

US Military

Lt. Col. Timothy Carey
Corey Chotkowski
Tristan Chotkowski
Noah Davis
Christian Escobar-Garcia
Enrique Escobar-Garcia
Brandon Furrow
John J. Griffo III
Joseph Lyons
Major Raine Maus
Jason Presley
Francheska J. Remmert

Father Carlos's Reflection on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others. The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others. Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. Jesus' ministry shows compassion, patient and kindness to all believers. How the love of Jesus would help you to seek healing and eternal life? Since the beginning of creation, evil and good have existed. Jesus' coming into the world brings peace and cure to all infirmities, sinfulness and evil. How often do you accept Jesus' message and presence in your life? As we strive to see goodness and avoid darkness and evil. Let's pray all together that our lives, families, country and Church will be bless by God and his Son, Jesus Christ. As we pray: ***O God, who manifest your almighty power all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

La Reflexión de Padre Carlos Sobre el 26º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario-En el evangelio de hoy, el discípulo Juan le pregunta a Jesús acerca de un exorcista desconocido que estaba expulsando demonios en el nombre de Jesús. La pregunta de John podría haber estado motivada por celos. Anteriormente, Jesús curó a un niño a quien los discípulos no habían podido curar. La pregunta de Juan es una prueba más de que los discípulos aún no han comprendido las palabras de Jesús. Continúan comparándose con otros que parecen tener mayores poderes curativos y no quieren compartir el poder del nombre de Jesús con otros. Los discípulos observaron que el exorcista desconocido invocó el nombre de Jesús y tuvo éxito en sus esfuerzos de curación. Este sanador desconocido reconoció el poder del nombre de Jesús, pero no era un seguidor de Jesús. En su respuesta a sus discípulos, Jesús reconoce que las obras de fe pueden preceder a las palabras de fe. También enseña que los discípulos no deben ser reacios a compartir los poderes sanadores de Jesús con otros. Jesús nos enseña a no crear obstáculos para los que recién comienzan a tener fe, sino a animar incluso los más pequeños signos de fe. El ministerio de Jesús muestra compasión, paciencia y bondad hacia todos los creyentes. ¿Cómo te ayudaría el amor de Jesús a buscar la santidad y la vida eterna? Desde el comienzo de la creación, el bien y el mal existen. La venida de Jesús al mundo trae paz y cura a todas las enfermedades, pecados y maldad. ¿Con qué frecuencia acepta el mensaje y la presencia de Jesús en su vida? Mientras nos esforzamos por ver el bien y evitar la oscuridad y el mal. Oremos todos juntos para que nuestras vidas, familias, país e Iglesia sean bendecidos por Dios y su Hijo, Jesucristo. Mientras oramos: Oh Dios, que manifiestas tu omnipotente poder perdonando y mostrando misericordia, concédenos, oramos, tu gracia abundantemente sobre nosotros y haz que los que se apresuren a alcanzar tus promesas sean herederos de los tesoros del cielo. Por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

Instructor Wanted-We are looking for a RCIA instructor (English). If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, see Father Carlos.