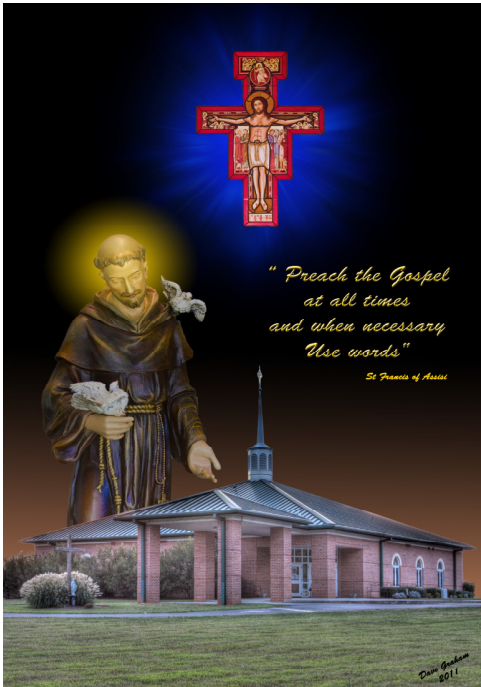


Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Mocksville, North Carolina

Easter IV

April 22nd, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Monday/Lunes, Thursday/Jueves, Friday/Viernes: 8am

Wednesday/Miercoles: 6pm

Saturday/Sabado: 10:30am

Saturday/Sabado (Anticipated Mass): 5pm

Sunday/Domingo: 8am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

First Friday/Primer Viernes: 12pm Mass

Holy Day Masses/Misas del día santo:

As Announced / Como se anunció

EUCARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

First Friday/Primer Viernes: 12:30pm-1:30pm

First Saturday/Primer Sábado: 7pm-7am

Wednesdays/Miércoles: 6:30pm-8:15pm

OFFICE HOURS/ HORARIO DE OFICINA:

Monday/Lunes, Thursday/Jueves, Friday/Viernes 9am-2pm

Wednesday/Miercoles 9am-5pm

EMERGENCY CARE OF THE SICK:

CUIDADO DE EMERGENCIA DE LOS ENFERMOS

Anytime, day or night, please call (336) 751-2973 x 5 when someone is seriously ill or in the hospital.

Qualquier hora dia o noche. Llame (336) 751-2973 ext 5 cuando hay un enfermo grave o en el hospital.

SACRAMENTS/ SACRAMENTOS:

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

Six months before desired marriage date.

*Requirements: Living in Davie County (minimum 6 months);
Baptismal Certificate (valid no more than 6 months); Pre-marital
Talks; FOCCUS TEST; Civil Marriage Act or Marriage License.*

*Seis meses antes de matrimonio se puede separar la fecha.
Requisitos: Vivir en condado de Davie (mínimo 6 meses), Acta de
Bautismo (validez no mas de 6 meses), Charla Pre-matrimonial,
Acta de Matrimonio Civil o Licencia de Matrimonio.*

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME! Registration forms are available on the white table in the vestibule. Welcome!

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

Saturday/Sabado: 3:45pm-4:30 pm,

Wednesday/Miercoles 6:30pm- 7pm,

First Friday/Primer Viernes: 12:30pm-1pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Faith Formation Classes meet Sunday (September through May)

Kindergarten—6th Grades: Sunday/ Domingo 9am—10:15am

1st & 2nd year Confirmation: Sunday/ Domingo 6:30pm—8pm

BAPTISMS / BAUTIZOS

Baptisms take place at 11:30am on the Saturdays listed below:

Bautismos se ofrece a las 11:30 a.m. en los sábados enumerados a continuación:

1/13, 2/3, 3/3, 4/14, 5/5, 6/2, 7/14, 8/4, 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

Parents must be registered in the parish and regularly participate in the liturgical life of the parish or have a prior sacramental connection to the parish. Parents and godparents will need to attend the pre-baptismal class prior to the Baptism. Pre-Baptismal classes take place on the last Sunday of the month after the 12:30pm Mass. Pick up a registration form from the office. Bring in Baptism registration form completely filled out, along with a copy of the Birth Certificate to the office on a Monday, Wednesday thru Friday, at least two months ahead of the date of desired Baptism.

Padres deben ser miembros de la parroquia y participar regularmente en la vida parroquial. Los padres y padrinos necesitarán asistir a la clase prebautismal antes del Bautismo. Las clases pre-bautismales se llevan a cabo el último domingo del mes después de la Misa de las 12:30 p.m.. Recoja un formulario de inscripción de la oficina. Lleve el formulario de inscripción del Bautismo completamente lleno, junto con una copia del Certificado de Nacimiento a la oficina el lunes, miércoles a viernes, al menos dos meses antes de la fecha del bautismo deseado.

ANointing OF THE SICK/ UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Anyone who is seriously ill, anticipating surgery or weakened due to illness or advanced age is encouraged to receive this Sacrament. Please call the parish office.

Este sacramento es para aquellas personas que están enfermas muy graves o esperando cirugía o débiles por enfermedad o edad avanzada. Llame a la oficina de la parroquia.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Readings [YEAR B]: page 908 (Green JourneySongs book):

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Acts of the Apostles: 4:8-12
 Psalm 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
**“The stone rejected by the builders
 has become the cornerstone.”**
 First Letter of St. John: 3:1-2
 St. John’s Gospel: 10:11-18

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY
 Please contact the Parish Office to add / remove names

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| Thomas Bailey—Marines | Erik Jackson—Army |
| Bryan Boggs—Air Force | Robert Jackson III—Marines |
| Chris Braniff—Army | Brent Lead—Army |
| James Buchanan—Navy | Adam Low—Air Force |
| Phillip Chandler —Army | Justin McEwen—Army |
| Stephan Church—Air Force | Andrew Montgomery—Marines |
| Gregory Crosby—Navy | Billy Page—Air National Guard |
| Adrian Crumpton—Navy | John Parker—Coast Guard |
| Brittany Dyar—Coast Guard | Tanner Penley—Air Force |
| Chris Dyar—Coast Guard | Eric Prin—Air Force |
| Angelo Eury—Marines | Andrew Mark Sales—Marines |
| James Hattenbach—Marines | Hunter Scholl—Navy |
| Christian Hodnett—Navy | Michelle Scholl—Navy |
| Austin Householder—Marines | Rhys Scholl—Navy |
| Shayne Householder—Navy | Anthony Toriello—Navy |
| Brian Jackson—Army | Christopher Veal—Marines |
| Delaney Jackson—Army | Stephen Wedderburn—Army |

OUR PARISH OUTREACH PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

During April we are in need of the following items:
 Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Feminine Products, Lotion, Razors, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Tissue paper, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Wipes, Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Bleach

May God bless your generosity!

PARISH FLOWER MINISTRY

† Charlotte & Jack McManus

Given by Lee Jarvis

**Congratulations to Michael Francis Salerno
 who was baptized on April 14th.
 Welcome to the Faith, Michael Francis!**

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Anne Meluch (4/15), Deacon John Zimmerle (4/22),
 Bob Thompson (4/22)

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Please note that names are removed the above general prayer list after 8 weeks.

If you wish to extend your request, or resubmit names for the list, please contact the Parish Office.

Your help would be greatly appreciated as we do our best to keep our prayer list updated and current. If names need to be added or removed from the list, please contact the Parish Office.

**St. Peregrine- Patron Saint of Cancer Patients
 Prayer List**

Andy Abbott, Richard Armstrong, Annie Askew, Judy Ball, Michael Barmada, Chris Baumes, Ronald Bodamo, Carlos Bonilla, Jack Burke, Rose Church, Greg Cline, Tom Crosby, Benjamin Crowe, Joseph Dean, Phil Diehl, Colin Donaldson, Makiling Ellen Elphick, Kay Epperson, Emilio Estrada, Riene Evans, Donna Falk, Patty Falk, Mark Freeze, Joseph P. Gallagher, Joseph A. Gallagher, Joseph Gerstemeier, Patricia Gilchrist, Sandy Glock, Maria de Jesus Gonzalez, Ruth Gonzalez, Mayra Guzman, Don Hall, Richard Householder, Michael Klomann, Linda Knight, Carol Kramer, Tanner Ladd, Barry Langenbach, Nancy Leiman, Guadalupe León, Paula Leonardo, Adriana Lopez, Ivania Majano, William Marshall, Juana Martinez, Heather McClamrock, Anthony Meola, Carl Meola, Steve Miller, Jimmie Mullis, Joyce Murphy, Judy Myles, Margaret O’Connor, Michelle Osberger, Nicholas Palozzolo, Jackie Patton, Joe Purcell, Cathy Sanchez, Berta Santos, Ron P. Santucci, Tracey King Schaller, Geoff Schimmeck, Teci Schultz, Ron Semple, Sam Serio, Susan Shaw, Becky Sinclair, Ron Slater, Neal Smith, Peter Solomon, William Sorrosa, Edward Stasko, Jr., Sylvia Steele, Jane Widman, Lee Wilson

PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you. For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR

This week's message is a bit of a recap from last week because I felt that the topics addressed were that important that I wanted to give everyone who might not have been here last week to see it so we can all be on the same page. If you have read it already, I appreciate your patience.

After reading the results of the parish survey done during Fr. John's time here, I think it extremely beneficial for us to begin a two-fold parishwide catechesis. The first part of the catechesis will consist of a short regularly appearing column (found on the back page of the bulletin) "**Holy Mass: The What, Why and How**". The articles are concise and meant to help us all understand some aspect of either the Mass itself or about Sacred Music (the music played/sung at Mass). I encourage you to not only read them, but to save them for reference.

The second part of this catechesis will involve a period of instruction of learning to "sing the Mass". Over the last eight months, it's become clear that just trying to learn to sing new Mass Parts or hymns is not going to be fruitful if we have no knowledge of or experience with "singing the Mass" as the Church clearly wishes it to be. Beginning on the first weekend in May and continuing for approximately 16 weeks, we as a parish family are going to focus our energy on not singing "AT Mass", but learning, rather to "sing THE Mass". We will take just a few minutes before Mass each week to learn to chant some of the responses used at Mass. During this time, our volunteer musicians will be on sabbatical enjoying a well-earned rest, and having the opportunity to sit in the congregation and learn and sing with our brothers and sisters. As they get ready to begin their sabbatical, I would like to publicly thank Sr. Martha, Carol, Kathy, Deniece, and all the musicians for their hard work, sacrifice, and dedication to our music ministry! Thank you and God bless you!

Praising God in song doesn't mean having to be a trained singer; it just means giving it your best from your heart.

Finally, last week I announced the formation of the Campus Development Committee (CDC) (*N.B.: An advisory committee reporting directly to the Pastor and a sub-committee of both the Parish and Finance Councils*) to help us formulate a plan to correct issues raised in the annual Diocesan Insurance and Safety Inspection. (A brief summary of the description and purpose of the CDC as well as a summary of the report appear on the back page-the full Report Summary is posted on the bulletin board in the church. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with it.)

We are pleased to announce that the **PARISH 2-DAY MINI RETREAT** which had recently had to be cancelled due to illness has been rescheduled! Please join us for this wonderful mini retreat led by Deacon Guillermo Anzola, of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Monroe, NC.

DATES:

MONDAY, MAY 7th Topic: Repentance
 6:00-6:45PM: (ENGLISH)
 7:00-7:45PM: (SPANISH)
TUESDAY, MAY 8th Topic: Forgiveness
 6:00-6:45PM: (ENGLISH)
 7:00-7:45PM: (SPANISH)

There will be two sessions each night, one in English and one in Spanish. *All sessions will be held in the Church.*

May God bless you all! Fr. Eric

MASS INTENTIONS †

April 21 — April 29

SATURDAY APR 21	<i>No 10:30AM Mass today</i>
	5:00PM Pro Populo (People of the Parish)
SUNDAY APR 22	8:00AM †Jack & Charlotte McManus (Req. Lee Jarvis)
	10:30AM †Mary Grimaldi (Req. Stephen & Rebecca Grimaldi)
	12:30PM †Ezekiel Cortes (Req. Alicia Navar)
MONDAY APR 23	8:00AM †Dorothy Kowalski
WEDNESDAY APR 25	6:00PM †Jim Dietrich (Req. Betty Dietrich)
THURSDAY APR 26	8:00AM †Leo Kowalski
FRIDAY APR 27	8:00AM Intention/Rudolph Skovara (Req. Mike Skovara)
SATURDAY APR 28	10:30AM †Joan Horton (Req. Bob & Laverne Thompson)
	5:00PM †Dorothy Kowalski
SUNDAY APR 29	8:00AM Pro Populo (All People of the Parish)
	10:30AM †Ladi Zimmerle (Req. Stephen & Rebecca Grimaldi)
	12:30PM †Patricia Casteñada (Req. Amanda Valverde)

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 21—April 29

SATURDAY APR 21	6:00PM Pastor's Charity Dinner— Parish Hall
SUNDAY APR 22	9:00AM Faith Formation class
	10:30AM First Communion Prep class
	6:30PM Confirmation class
MONDAY APR 23	6:30PM English Choir Practice— Church
TUESDAY APR 24	4:00PM Prayer Quilt—Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY APR 25	6:00PM Mass followed by Adoration;
	6:30PM-7:00PM Confessions; 8:10PM Benediction
THURSDAY APR 26	5:30PM Choro G Practice— Church
FRIDAY APR 27	7:00PM Choro O Practice— Church
SATURDAY APR 28	1:00PM First Communion Retreat w/ parents
	6:00PM Assisi Bunch dinner @ La Carreta's
SUNDAY APR 29	9:00AM Faith Formation class
	10:30AM First Communion Prep class
	6:30PM Confirmation class

STEWARDSHIP

March Offertory

April 1, 2018	\$ 3,684.00
April 8, 2018	\$ 3,770.00
April 15, 2018	\$ 3,494.00
April 22, 2018	\$.00
April 29, 2018	\$.00
April Total	\$10,948.00
April Budget	\$19,980.00
April Overage/(Shortfall)	

The Bingo fundraiser raised \$2,667, which went to offset the electrical work that was necessary at the rectory.

— DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018 UPDATE

Amount Paid: \$12,827.15
 Pledge Balance: \$14,227.00
Target: \$17,163.00
 Over(Under): \$9,891.15

Donors: 79

Thank you to all who have made a pledge!

If you haven't yet made a pledge, won't you please join us and do so today? Completed pledge envelopes may be dropped in the Offertory Basket with your Mass envelopes or may be brought in to the Parish Office. **May God bless you!**

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- ⇒ Preparation Classes for First Holy Communion will take place on **March 18th, April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th** from **10:30AM-12Noon**.
- ⇒ Students are to attend their regular Faith Formation classes in addition to those for First Holy Communion. They will need to attend one of the following Masses: Sat. 5PM or Sun. 8AM, or 12:30PM.
- ⇒ 2nd Year First Holy Communion students are also required to attend the First Holy Communion Retreat on **April 28th** from **1PM-4PM, with a parent**, in the Parish Hall.

YOUNG LADIES WITH CHRIST RAFFLE TICKETS

Annual raffle tickets will be sold outside all Masses on the weekends of 4/29 and 5/6. Tickets are \$2.00 each for a chance to win a \$25, \$50, and/or \$100 gift card. Drawing will be held after the 12:30PM Mass on May 6th. Winners will receive the card on Mother's Day weekend. The proceeds will go to the YLWC outreach at the Nursing Homes in Davie County.

DIOCESAN INSURANCE/SAFETY REPORT SUMMARY

The following is a brief summary of areas of concern that are contained in the annual Insurance/Safety Report conducted on our parish grounds. The full summary can be found posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

There are five main areas where repairs and insurance issues exist:

- 1) Education Building- There is extensive electrical, roofing, water damage present as well as significant structural deterioration. *Priority must be given to demolition of the building.*
- 2) Playground- The inspection found that all playground structures have exceeded maximum safety expiration dates and have significant weathering and deterioration. Playground Area and Equipment does not meet National Playground Safety Standards. Playground area is not surrounded by lockable security fence and does not have any qualified adult supervision of the area at any time, which means it is not in compliance with the Protecting God's Children Charter Safety Protocols. *Priority must be given to removal of the existing playground.*
- 3) Parish Hall- The inspection found significant deterioration to existing roof. Several exterior doors do not meet Fire, Safety and Building Codes (Residential Grade used instead of required Commercial Grade security doors. Windows and doors need to recaulked and sealed.
- 4) Garage- The inspection found issues with insufficient exterior safety lighting, adequate gutters and walkways to and from garbage can storage area.
- 5) Church- The report found issues concerning the exterior doors and gutters as well as safety issues found with the ground around the church building. HVAC units have exceeded life expectancy.

Updates will be forthcoming as the Campus Development Committee (CDC) begins formulating a plan on how to address these items. Stay tuned! Fr. Eric

Holy Mass: The What, Why and How

Article #2

“Words mean things or ‘the why of language’”

Many of us growing up were taught that “words mean things” and that language (how we use words) is important. Believe it or not, the Catechism of the Catholic Church has a lot to say about language. The index lists seven topics concerning language: the language of creation; duplicity in speech; language of faith; human freedom in relation to God; language of prayer; language as related to signs and symbols in human life; and finally, words of God expressed in human life. Look up the word “language” in the index and check out these seven topics.

For our discussion, let us look at Paragraphs 1146 and 2663. Paragraph 1146 is found in the section that asks the question “How is the Liturgy (Mass) celebrated”. It states: *“In human life, signs and symbols occupy an important place. As a being at once body and spirit, man expresses and perceives spiritual realities through physical signs and symbols. As a social being, man needs sign and symbols to communicate with others, through language, gestures, and actions. The same holds true for his relationship with God.”* This goes to helping us understand just how important language is in the Liturgy, in that language, united with gestures and actions, form a cohesive unit, which in turn, comprises the “ritual” (set actions and words/prayers) of the Liturgy, which in turn helps, through sign and symbols, God to communicate Truth and Life to us in a way that we can comprehend and respond.

This thought is further developed in Part Four of the Catechism where the “way/method” of Christian Prayer is addressed. Paragraph 2663 states: *“In the living tradition of prayer, each Church (those different branches of the Catholic Church) proposes to its faithful, according to its historic, social and cultural context, a language for prayer: words, melodies, gestures, iconography. The Magisterium (Teaching Authority) of the Church has the task of discerning the fidelity of these ways of praying to the tradition of apostolic faith (the Deposit of Faith handed down directly from God to the Apostles); it is for pastors and catechists to explain their meaning, always in relation to Jesus Christ.”* Here we see once more underscored the important of language (words) in prayer.

From our reading thus far, it seems that “sacred language” or “holy language” or “liturgical language” exists. But what do we mean by these terms? Scholars define these terms as “*any language that is cultivated and used primarily in religious service or for other religious reasons by people who speak another language in their daily life.*”

It should not surprise us to learn that there is such a language in the Catholic Church (and no, it's not only Latin). However sacred languages are also found in other religious traditions: Hinduism (Sanskrit & Tamil); Buddhism (Pali); Christianity (Latin- Latin Rite Church) (Koine Greek- Greek Orthodox Church) (Church Slavonic - Eastern Orthodox Church) (Coptic- Coptic Orthodox Church); Judaism (Hebrew & Aramaic).

Most of our readers belong to the Latin Rite (Western) Catholic Church whose language is, and remains, Latin.