

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community strives to be an instrument of peace and love in Amherst County through fellowship in the Eucharist and service to the poor, the youth, the stranger and the un-churched, in cooperation with other Christian churches.

Readings Gather Missal #1178

Reading I: Exodus 17:8-13/147

Psalm: 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Response: "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Reading II: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



Mass Intentions

Sat., Oct. 19 +Tommy Cash requested by Ginger Graffeo

Sun., Oct. 20 +Ronnie Cash requested by Brenda Bonfoey

Wed., Oct. 23 Anniversary of Rose and Bill Barcosky

Fri., Oct. 25 +Paul Graffeo requested by Ginger Graffeo

Sat., Oct. 26 +Harry Cash Jr. requested by Brenda Bonfoey

Sun., Oct. 27 +Judy Steele requested by Brenda Bonfoey

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Bob Brown, Brenda Burley, Bill England, Patricia Fleming, Liz Golofeev, Jerry Harambasic, Martha Herndon, Eddie Holley, Sue & Tom Hunnicut, Alan Fuchs, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Cindy Laird, Mark & Phyllis Maier, Andrew Mross, Gene Onesinghel, John Onesinghel, Parker Onesinghel, Nancy Perry, Sydney Peterson, Mar Sanita, Bill Sexton, Don Schuler & Family, Rick Showman, Santos Suarez, Claudia & Mildred Szarnicki, Fred (Ziggy) Szeliga, William Tucker, Mason Tucker, Jane West, Kevin Williams. We pray also for the return of those who have lost or abandoned their Catholic faith; also for the souls in purgatory who no longer have anyone left on earth to pray for them...**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Father Carlos Comments: God wants every one of us in heaven but just as no two men on earth have the same identical features, so also no two men on earth have the same road to lead them to heaven. God is supervising the journey of each one of us. He is ever there to help if the obstacle on one's road is insurmountable. We may and we must, keep asking God for the spiritual and temporal favors which we feel we need. We must never grow despondent or feel that God has lost interest in us, if He delays in granting these favors. When we shall look back on our earthly journey from the happy vantage point of heaven, we shall see how effectively and how lovingly God regulated our journey. When He did not grant a certain favor it was because He had a much more important one to give us, one we did not ask for or even realize we needed. "Ask and you shall receive," not perhaps what you wanted, but what God knew you needed. "Seek and you shall find," not the easy way which you thought you deserved, but the harder way which would make you more deserving of heaven. "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," not the door you were standing at, which would have delayed or endangered your progress, but the door further down the street where refreshment and new courage to continue on your upward climb were awaiting you.— Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings Cycle C*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M

Vaya con Dios, Go With God, Fr. Carlos

Faith Formation Message

O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth! You have set your majesty above the heavens! Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have drawn a defense against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger. (Psalm 8:2-3)

Stewardship: Oct. 12 & 13: \$1,093

St. Francis News and Notes

- ◆ World Mission Sunday, October 20, sponsored by The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call to be Christ's Church on mission in the world.
- ◆ Congratulations to Deacon Julio Reyes who was ordained to the Diaconate on Sunday, October 13.
- ◆ John Onenghel has been moved to a rehab facility. His address is: Charlottesville Health and Rehab Center, 505 West Rio Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901.
- ◆ A message from Ginger Graffeo: "A very special thank you to my St. Francis family. Your support, love and good wishes strengthened me. Heaven was flooded with prayers and they brought me successfully through my surgery and recovery. With much love, Ginger."

Parish Community Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 19 Pot luck appetizers
Sunday, Oct. 20 Coffee and Conventual
Sunday, Oct. 27 Coffee and Conventual

October Birthdays

Oct. 1 Kelly Knapp	Oct. 17 Germaine Crites
Oct. 2 Jeff Hansen	Oct. 18 Eric Douthat
Oct. 4 Michele Smith	Oct. 20 Catherine Mary Kyle
Oct. 5 Steven Clarke	Oct. 21 Rose Barcosky
Oct. 7 Tom Hunnicutt	Oct. 22 Bill Tucker
Oct. 9 Steven Davis	Oct. 25 John Goulde
Oct. 11 I. David Rider	Oct. 31 George Clarke
Oct. 12 Hunter Meyer	
Oct. 14 Patricia McGarry	
Oct. 15 Lydia Carter	
Oct. 16 Ed Stahl	

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

October is Respect for Life Month. The Knights of Columbus are raising funds for our respect life/prolife efforts by conducting a baby bottle campaign. Please take home a baby bottle and return it with your donation no later than Oct. 27 to the parish office.

For checks, address it to Knights of Columbus—Council 16535 & indicate it's for the Respect for Life Campaign.



Mass Times: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am; Wed/Fri 1:05 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30pm –4:50pm **First Friday Adoration:** 8:00am –8:00pm

Fr. Carlos Office Hrs.: Wed. 2:00-4:00 - Appt. board on office door to reserve time. Fr. Carlos cell 757-751-8194.

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