

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 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 #1175

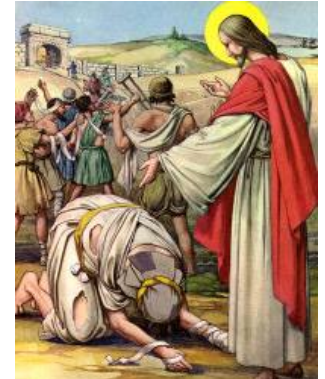
Reading I: 2 Kings 5:14-17/144

Psalm: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Response: "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power, his saving power."

Reading II: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



## Mass Intentions

Sat., Oct. 12 +Wojcieh Grajewski requested by Marie Camper

Sun., Oct. 13 +Dr. Bill Toomy requested by Brenda Bonfoey

Wed., Oct. 16 +Paul Graffeo requested by Ginger Graffeo

Fri., Oct. 18 Mass is available

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

Sun., Oct. 20 +Ronnie Cash requested by Ginger Graffeo

## 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:** The Gospel is from St. Luke 17:11-19. The incident of the ten lepers happened as our Lord was on His way to Jerusalem, where He was to die on the cross so that we could live eternally. The Church brings it before our minds today, not so much to remind us of the mercy and kindness of Jesus to all classes, even the outcasts, as lepers were, as to make us see and be amazed at the depths of ingratitude to which men can sink. It was their own self-interest which came first in the minds of the nine Jews. Once they found their leprosy gone all they thought of was their own good fortune. Their Benefactor was quickly forgotten. The Samaritan's first thought, on the other hand, was of the one who had healed him. He was as delighted as the others with his cure but being generous and thoughtful for others, he felt it his duty to return and thank the man who had done him this miraculous good turn. We all need to be more grateful to God every day of our lives—more grateful than we have been. He has not only given us life on this earth with its joys and its sorrows, but He has prepared for us a future life where there will be no admixture of sorrows. It is for that life that we are working. It is because there is a heaven after death that we are Christians. He is assisting us daily to get there. We need a lot of that assistance and one of the surest ways of getting further benefits from God (as well as from men) is to show true gratitude for the benefits already received. —

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

Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 John 4:14-16)

**Stewardship:** Oct. 5 & 6: \$1,941 Parish Partnership: \$250

## St. Francis News and Notes

- ◆ Father Carlos will be away Oct. 14-17. There will be a Communion service only on Wednesday the 16th. Father will be back to say Fri. Mass.
- ◆ Julio Reyes will be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on Sunday, Oct. 13. Mass begins at 5:15 pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond.
- ◆ Parishioner Ed Stahl has moved to Delaware! We will certainly miss him, but if you would like to stay in touch with Ed his new address is: 1912 Marsh Road, IL Apt. 217 Wilmington, Delaware 19810. Phone number is: 302.439.4246 & email is: grumppus@gmail.com
- ◆ We have a new intercom call system located to the right of the front door. If you need to enter the locked church and the secretary is here, just press the "bell" button.
- ◆ In honor of St. Francis and his Feast Day, we will be collecting donations for our furry friends during the month of October. Items will be donated to the Amherst Humane Society. There is a list of needed items posted by the bins at the front of the church.

## Parish Community Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 13	Coffee and Conventual
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 the weekend of Oct. 12-13. 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 –7:0pm

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

**Office Hours:** Tues. 11:30-2:30 pm; Wed. 11-3 pm; Fri. 11:30-2:30 pm **Office phone:** 946-2053

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