

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 25, 2020**

**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.

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## Readings

**Reading I:** Exodus 22:20-26/148

**Psalm:** 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51ab

**Response:** "I love you, Lord, my strength, my strength."

**Reading II:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40



## Mass Intentions

Sat., Oct. 24 +Rafael C. Dael Sr. & +Quirina Dael req. by Norma Heinemann

Sun., Oct. 25 +Rafael C. Dael Sr. req. by Norma Heinemann

Wed., Oct. 28 +Walter J. Heinemann req. by Norma Heinemann

## Prayer List

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Maria Brabo, Alan Fuchs, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jerry Harambasic, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Brian Miles, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Angus Topfer, Kevin Williams and Tillie & George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

**Stewardship:** Oct. 17 and 18: \$587

Parish Partnership: \$10

World Mission: \$62

## Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Exodus 22:20-26. These verses cover the Israelites' duties toward strangers (non-Israelites), widows and orphans and the poor in general. They are a practical application of the law of charity in their dealings with their neighbors.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5c-10. St. Paul continues to praise the Thessalonians, not only for accepting the faith in difficult circumstances, but for the wonderful example their Christian life had already given to most of Greece.

The **Gospel** is from Matthew 22:34-40. The Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbor fulfills all his obligations, and carries out all the duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. -Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M

## St. Francis News and Notes

- ♦ Last Saturday we had the pleasure of listening to St. Peter's choir from Father Roger's previous parish. What beautiful voices to hear in the celebration of Mass.
- ♦ If you are looking for a quiet place to pray, please join our Blessed Mother in the columbarium area.
- ♦ Fall is in the air and soon we will be ending Daylight Savings Time (Nov. 1).
- ♦ If you wish to make an appointment with Fr. Roger, please call Karen at the office or send an email to [parish@stfrancisamherst.com](mailto:parish@stfrancisamherst.com).
- ♦ Please contact the office to schedule an appointment with Father six months in advance for baptisms and weddings.
- ♦ Masks are still mandatory as well as distancing. We also have new sanitizers in the narthex area for your convenience. Please try to come to Mass early so you're guaranteed a seat.

## Birthdays

Kelly Knapp	1
Jeff Hansen	2
Michele Smith	4
Steven Clarke	5
Tom Hunnicutt	7
Steven Davis	9
David Rider	11
Hunter Meyer	12
Patricia McGarry	14
Lydia Carter	15
Eric Douthat	18
Fr. Roger	19
Rose Barcosky	21
Bill Tucker	22
John Goulde	25
George Clarke	31



**Mass Times:** Sat., 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am; Wed. 1:05 pm

**Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm

**Office Hours:** Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 1:30-3:30 pm; Fri. 11:00-3 pm **Office phone:** 434-946-2053

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