

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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.

Readings

Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16/154

Psalm: 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Response: "My soul is thirsting for you, Oh Lord, thirsting for you my God."

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 7 Health of Marie Camper req. Chelse Grajewski

Sun., Nov. 8 +Eli Jaro req. by Irene Jaro

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Maria Brabo, 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. 31 and Nov. 1: \$887 Parish Partnership: \$83

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 25:1-13. Although commentators and writers have found difficulty in explaining many of the details in this parable, the general lesson is clear enough. Our Lord described an incident that happened or could have happened at a wedding festival in order to bring home to his listeners the need for being ever vigilant and ready in his service if they wish to avoid the calamity of being excluded from the heavenly and eternal nuptials on the last day. In the other parable in which our Lord uses a wedding feast to describe his kingdom, the lesson concerns those who refused the invitation and will not come to the wedding. Here it concerns those who gladly accepted the invitation.

Now is the time for all of us to say "Lord, Lord, open to us." open to us the doors of your mercy and kindness. Open to us the eyes of our understanding that we may see our defects and remedy them while there is yet time.

It is up to us now to decide, aided by God's grace, where we shall be found on the last day—with the wise bridesmaids or with the foolish. Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes

- ◆ Mass intention dates are now notated on the calendar located on the office door. To request a date, please fill out a mass intention form (on the narthex table) and give it to Karen or put it in the slot in the office door. Please ask for special dates for loved ones well in advance so your requested date will be available.
- ◆ As Advent approaches, it is important to turn our attention to those in our community in need of our support. As in the past, we will be providing food boxes to 10 families of students at Central Elementary, and Jesse Tree gifts for 9 children. This year we will not be putting up a tree with gift tags to choose from. Instead we are asking that you consider making a **cash donation in support of Jesse Tree gifts**. We have a small team of online shoppers who will take care of ordering the clothes, educational materials, toys, and books requested by each student. Please note on your donation that it is intended for Jesse Tree purchases. **You may also bring in food for the boxes or a cash or check made out to St. Francis.** Please note on your check **food donation**.

Donations may be dropped off at the office when Karen is in, placed in the collection basket (with an indication that it is for the Jesse Tree gifts or food), or mailed to the church at: P.O. Box 663 Amherst, VA 24521. If you have any questions, I may be reached at mhmcf.boxleyfarm@gmail.com Thank you for your continued thoughtfulness and generosity. Peggy McFadden, Chair of Justice and Peace Committee

- ◆ Beginning in November, Fr. Roger will do the birthday and wedding anniversary blessing every 1st Saturday/Sunday of the month.
- ◆ November 11 is Veteran's Day. Thank you for your service to all our veterans.
- ◆ If you wish to make an appointment with Fr. Roger, please call Karen at the office or send an email to parish@stfrancisamherst.com.
- ◆ Please send all bulletin information to the office by Wed. morning. Our new email is: parish@stfrancisamherst.com



November Birthdays

Tom Simonetti	2
Rebecca Grey	2
Madison Luther	2
Regina Rice	8
Marilyn Gilbert	11
Timothy McGarry	14
Matthew McGarry	16
Niall Furlong	19
Deborah Walker	19
Sharon Simonetti	20
Garold Cockerham	21
Gail Curtin	24
Elizabeth Douthat	28
John McFadden	29



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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