

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/5

Psalm: 85:9ab, 10-14

Response: "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec. 6 Happy 50th Birthday Blessings to Amy Dittmar req. Mo & Bill Chesney

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Maria Brabo, Cindy Burns, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jerry Harambasic, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Brian Miles, Danielle Onestinghel, 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: Nov. 28 & Nov. 29: \$495

Gospel Message

"As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgment manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgment to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

"Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI

St. Francis News and Notes

- ♥ Curbside pick up at St. Francis on Tues., Wed., and Fri. Call the office to make arrangements for pick up of your collection envelopes and calendars. After 3 I will leave you a bag labeled with your name outside of church (weather permitting).
- ♥ Please notify the office if you have an anniversary.
- ♥ Still time to sign up for a poinsettia. Sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Holiday and Holy Day Masses

Dec. 8 (Tues.) 12 pm Mass-Immaculate Conception

Dec. 16 (Wed.) 1:05 Mass-Advent Reconciliation

Dec. 24 (Thurs.) 4 pm-Christmas Eve Mass

Dec. 25 (Fri.) **8 am**-Christmas Day Mass

Jan. 1 (Fri.) 12 pm-Motherhood of Mary Mass

These masses are **in addition** to our Wed., Sat., and Sunday masses.

Ministry Schedule

12/5 Saturday

Altar Server-Patti Highley

Camera-Karen Baxter

Lector-Midge England

Advent Wreath Lighting-John Onestinghel

12/6 Sunday

Altar Server-Marlene Swift

Camera-Patti Highley

Lector-Jim Meade

Advent Wreath Lighting-Tom Simonetti

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 John Herr	3	4 Richard Meyer	5
6 Amy Dittmar	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Bill Barcosky Carol Charles	16	17	18	19 Luke Cockerham
20	21	22	23 Genna Cockerham	24	25	26 Pat Onestinghel
27	28	29 Sue Hunnicutt Cindy Burns Kathryn Cockerham	30	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. 1:00-3:30 pm; Fri. 11:00-3 pm **Office phone:** 434-946-2053

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