

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Psalm: Psalm 118

Response: "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18



Mass Intentions

Sun., April 25 +Bill Sexton req. Marlene Swift

Wed., April 28 Mrs. Breitenbeck—prayers for healing req. Caroline Furlong

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Brian Miles, Wayne Mundy, 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.**

Gospel Message

The **Gospel** is from St. John 10:11-18. The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of men, even many of those who openly oppose Christ? Is there not something very sheeplike about the man who, because God gave him a limited intellect, thinks he knows all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the man who thinks he can do without God's revelation and God's Church. Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes

- There will be no mass on Sat., April 24 as Father will not be available.
- Our church secretary will be out of town from Fri., Apr. 23 to Tues., April 27 returning to the office on Wed., Apr. 28. If you have an emergency please contact St. Mary's at 434.263.8509 or leave a message at the rectory 434.361.6007
- If you no longer wish to receive collection envelopes for 2022, please leave a message at the office or send an email. Ph: 946.2053 or parish@stfrancisamherst.org

April Birthdays

Faith Dione	1
Patricia Meznarich	6
Marlene Swift	7
Phil Greenwood	15
Isabel Newcomb	19
Nancy Goulde	20
Nancy Herr	24
Rose Marie Hieber	25
Amanda Douthat	25



Mass Times: Wed. 1:05 pm, Sat., 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am; **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

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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