

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord

May 16, 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 1:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 47

Response: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



Mass Intentions

Sat., May 15 +Paul and son +Paulie Graffeo req. Ginger Graffeo

Wed., May 19 +Kathrine & +Anthony Szumego req. Marie Camper

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

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me. Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes

- Our parishioner, Claudia Szarnecki, is currently at Fairmont Crossing recovering from an injury. Her address is: Fairmont Crossing, 173 Brockman Park Dr., Amherst 24521. Claudia is in room 101B and her direct line is 434.946.2850 ext. 661.6202. If you wish to visit you need to schedule an appointment first (434.946.2850). Our prayers are with Claudia for healing.
- If you know of someone who no longer needs to be on our prayer list, please notify the office. Thanks!



Month of **Mary** is a centuries-old custom to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin **Mary**. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



May Birthdays

Larry Lamanna	1
John Onestinghel	3
Jane West	6
Julia Cope	11
Kelly Kraft-Meyer	13
Joseph Albert	17
Thomas Pietsch	18
Stephen Luther	20
George Stish	21
Tina Dionne	22
Sandra Horwege	23
Jean Camm	31



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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