

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 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 Sunday

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 104

Response: "Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



Mass Intentions

No intentions Sat. or Sun.

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, Wayne Mundy, 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

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

Important Note from Fr. Roger: If you receive a call or a text from someone claiming Fr. Roger wants you to purchase gift cards, it is a scam.

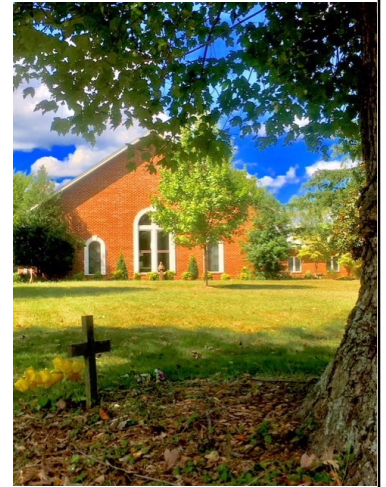


St. Francis News and Notes

To all Parishioners: "Today we remember the dedication of our Church. First of all we thank God for this beautiful Church as a gift to us.

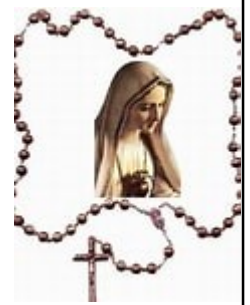
Thank you St. Francis' family for your continued support and generosity.

St. Francis, pray for us!



As Mother of God's children, Mary has responded by helping Christians throughout the ages. She has done this by coming to the aid of individuals, families, towns, kingdoms and nations.

After proving her maternal help, throughout the centuries, Our Lady has continued to appear in hundreds of places throughout the world mainly during the 20th century, Lourdes and Fatima being the most famous apparitions. She has brought help from Heaven, and has warned her children to do prayer and penance as a formula for peace. She has stressed that her children must pray the Holy Rosary daily. Taken from [The Work of God web](#) site.

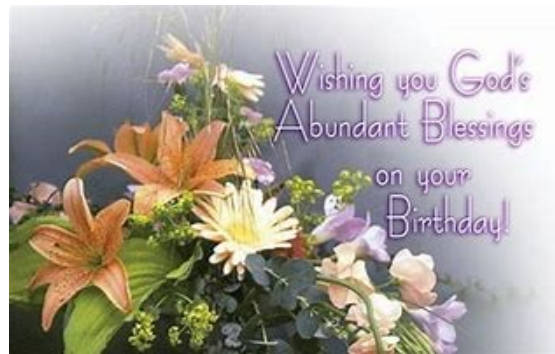


May Birthdays

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

Ministry Schedule

May 22 Lector: Midge England
May 23 Lector: Jim Meade



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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