

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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 10:25-26

Psalm: Psalm 98

Response: "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



Mass Intentions

Sat., May 8 +Anna Smulski req. Marie Camper

Sun., May 9 +Inestella Infante req. Marlene Swift

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 15:9-17. It is only a few weeks since Good Friday when we commemorated the agonizing death of Christ on Mount Calvary. This was an excruciating, shameful death even for hardened criminals who deserved it. But for our loving Savior, the innocent lamb of God, one who had never offended God or neighbor, it was something of which the whole human race should be ashamed forever. What caused Christ that torment and death on the cross was our sins, the sins of all mankind and not the spite and hatred of his Jewish opponents, who were only instruments in the tragedy. Atonement had to be made to God for the sins of the world, so that men could reach the eternal inheritance which the incarnation made available to them. However, not all the acts of the entire human race could make a sufficient atonement to God. A sacrifice, an expiation of infinite value was needed. The death of the Son of God in his human nature was alone capable of making such an expiation. Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by 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 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
- Please send any information that you want included in the bulletin to: parish@stfrancisamherst.org
- Happy Mother's Day to all our moms!



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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