

# **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 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.

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## **Readings**

**Reading I:** 2 Kings 4:42-44

**Psalm:** Psalm 145

**Response:** "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

**Reading II:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15



## **Mass Intentions**

Sat., July 24 +Ora and +Robert Dudley 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, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Kevin Williams, and Tillie & George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

## **Gospel Message**

The **Gospel** is from St. John 6:1-15. Although Jesus had the intention of preparing the minds of the multitude for his discourse on the heavenly food which he would make next day, his principal motive in working this miracle was pity and compassion. He knew that they were hungry—they had been away from home all day and some for many days.

This miracle should surely convince us that Christ is interested in our daily needs too, just as he was interested in those of his contemporaries in Palestine. Our principal and only real purpose in life is to be saved and Christ is ever ready to help us. However, we have first to travel through our earthly life so, of necessity, we have to take a passing interest in the affairs of this world. We have to provide for our earthly needs and for those of any others who may depend on us. For many, in fact for the vast majority of men, this has always been and will be a struggle against great odds. Here, too, Christ is ever ready to help us. He has a true interest in our progress through life and if we turn to him trustfully and sincerely, he will help us over our difficulties. Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Safety Reminder: Per the diocese the church asked that you familiarize yourself with the emergency exits located within the parish. Exits are clearly marked and lit for emergency egress. If you have any questions about safety you may see Jeff Hansen or Jim Meade.
- Our last Sunday Mass will be August 1. This is a **temporary** situation due to the availability of visiting priests.
- Great news regarding Fr. Kelly—no surgery was required after all!

## Sunday Social Activities-after 8 am Mass

Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Coffee and Continental

Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Pot Luck Brunch, bring a brunch dish to share.

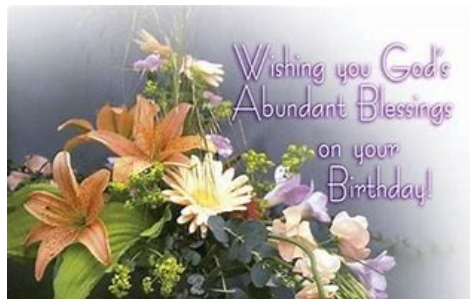
## Ministry Schedule

July 24     Lector: Ann Tucker                     Gifts: Ginger Graffeo/Marie Camper  
                 Ushers: Jeff Hansen/Karen B

July 25     Lector: Jim Meade                             Gifts: Marlene/Matt Pietsch  
                 Ushers: Cockerham Family

## July Birthdays

Mike Clarke	1
Jim Charles	1
Grayah Carter	5
Cindy Palladino	7
Denise Mundy	9
Edie Rider	10
Leeanna Smith	15
Peggy Sexton	16
Sandy Brown	23
Maureen Chesney	28
Frank Palladino	28
Courtney Carter	29



**Mass Times:** 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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