

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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 22, 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:** Joshua 24:1-2a

**Psalm:** Psalm 34

**Response:** "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

**Reading II:** Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel:** John 6:60-69



## **Prayer List**

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, 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.**

## **Mass Intentions**

August 21: For: +Paul Graffeo req: Ginger Graffeo  
For: Good Health & Blessings req: Marie Camper

## **Gospel Message**

No one who accepts Christ for what he is, the Son of God in human form, has any difficulty in believing that he left us himself in the Eucharist as a sacrifice and a sacrament. This does not mean that we understand this gift of Christ in all its details—it was an act of divine power and as such beyond full human comprehension. However, we can understand enough about the actuality of the Eucharist because we accept the words of Christ, who "has the words of eternal life," even though its innermost nature escapes us. We are doing no violence to our intelligence when we accept as fact from a trustworthy witness what we cannot prove or confirm for ourselves. No more trustworthy witness than Christ ever existed. In Galilee he promised to give his body and blood in the Eucharist—to be our spiritual nourishment — communion — and our means of offering an absolutely pleasing sacrifice to God every time his body and blood are made present by the words of his ordained minister. He fulfilled that promise at the Last Supper. He gave to his Apostles and their successors the power to repeat this act of divine love when he said: "Do this in memory of me.

-Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Please welcome Msgr. Rush to St. Francis. He will be our celebrant on Saturday.
- Friday rosary at 10 am continues for Father Roger as we pray for his return. Please join us!
- Please note: The Diocese is not mandating face coverings at this time. It is **optional**, but if a mask is required in the future, you will be notified by the parish office.
- **Toiletries for Kids: St. Francis has been asked to participate in this back to school program to assist those students in need with the following items: bar soap, deodorant (male & female), shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes (soft bristle & individually wrapped), and feminine hygiene products.**

**There is a container & boxes set up by the entrance door for your donations. If you wish to donate money, checks are made payable to Amherst Branch NAACP 7045 & mailed to POB 683 Madison Heights, VA 24572. In check memo please specify "Toiletries for Kids". Your donations will help the students of Amherst High, Middle School, and Monelison Middle schools.**

- Next weekend, Sat., Aug. 28, Bishop Knestout has requested a second collection to assist in Haiti's

## Ministry Schedule

Aug. 21 Lector 1: Bruce Curtin

Lector 2: Midge England

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Tucker

Gifts: Ginger Graffeo/Marie Camper

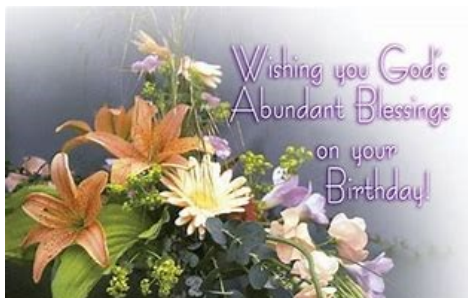
Ushers: Marilyn Gilbert/Glenn Johnson

Altar Serving: Patti Highley

recovery efforts.

## August Birthdays

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| Dave McGarry            | 1  |
| Jerry Sanita            | 2  |
| Mary Greenwood          | 13 |
| Bill Chesney            | 18 |
| William Newcomb         | 21 |
| David Swift             | 21 |
| Yvonne Westcott         | 22 |
| Robert Hieber           | 25 |
| Jacob Cope              | 26 |
| Mary-Caroline Cockerham | 30 |



**Mass Times:** Sat., 5:00 pm **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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