

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 29, 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:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

**Psalm:** Psalm 15

**Response:** "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

**Reading II:** James 1:17-18

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8



## Prayer List

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Irene & Dr. George Gray, 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: +Frank Eck req: Jeff & Mary Hansen

For: David Swift birthday blessings & 45th wedding anniversary (on Aug. 22) req: Marlene Swift

## Gospel Message

In today's encounter with the Pharisees, Jesus tells them that they are hypocrites: "they honor God with their lips but their heart is far from God"; they obey the Law and the traditions, not to please God, but to be seen and admired by men; their motive, self-glorification, vitiates every otherwise good act they perform. Christ then addresses the people — the crowds who most likely had overheard his dialog with the Pharisees — and he tells them that it is not legal or cultic uncleanliness that matters, but cleanliness of the heart before God. Eating with unwashed hands, or using unwashed vessels for drinking, does not defile a man, this does not make him less worthy before God. It is not from things outside him that a man incurs defilement but from his own innermost self. Every serious sin against God and neighbor has its beginning within a man, in his intellect and will; the evil design is the forerunner and instigator of the evil deed. --Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Please welcome Fr. Dan Bain to St. Francis. He will be our celebrant on Saturday.
- This weekend, Sat., Aug. 28, Bishop Knestout has requested a second collection to assist in Haiti's recovery efforts.
- **Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7, Fr. Joseph Mary (our temporary administer) will celebrate Mass every Tues. at 1:30 pm at St. Francis.**
- Friday rosary at 10 am continues for Father Roger as we pray for his return. Please join us!
- Please note: Due to the rise in Covid cases, there will be no singing and while not mandated, we strongly encourage mask wearing in all areas of the church for the health and safety of your fellow parishioners.
- **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.

## Ministry Schedule

Aug. 28 Lector 1: Ann Tucker

Lector 2: Marilyn Gilbert

Eucharistic Minister: Matthew Pietsch

Gifts: Jeff & Mary Hansen

Ushers: Karen Baxter/Glenn Johnson

Altar Serving: Patti Highley

## August Birthdays

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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