

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 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

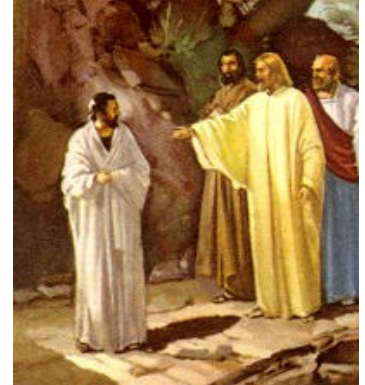
Reading I: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Psalm: Psalm 116

Response: "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living!"

Reading II: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Sandy Brown, 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

September 11: For: +Paul Graffeo req: Ginger Graffeo

Gospel Message

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 8:27-35. We need not be surprised at the slowness of the Apostles in grasping the messiahship of Jesus. He did not want the crowds who flocked to him to know this until later — after his resurrection — because they had the idea that the Messiah would be a political leader who would set them free from their subjection to pagan Rome. It was not until this occasion, near Caesarea Philippi, somewhat over a year after he had called them, that he admitted to his Apostles that he was the Messiah. He charged them not to make this fact known outside of their own limited circle. To forestall and erase any wrong ideas of a political leader which some of the Apostles might have, he immediately foretold the sufferings and death he would have to endure at the hands of the leaders of the Jews. He would be conquered and humiliated by his enemies but their victory would be short-lived -- death would not hold him -- he would rise triumphant on the third day. Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Please welcome back Fr. David Mott to St. Francis. He will be our celebrant on Saturday.
- We have some families in need of food. Please help us provide for them by donating non-perishable food items. Thank you!
- **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!
- Thank you to our lawn maintenance team for the upkeep of our grounds. Thanks to Jim Clarke, Jim Meade, Tom Simonetti, John Morton, and Dave McGarry. We appreciate all your efforts!
- Another big thank you to Jim Meade for his hard work on our church electrical upgrades.
- We're accepting donations for our feline friends at the Amherst Humane Society as they have an influx of cats.

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 4 Lector 1: Bruce Curtin

Lector 2: Mary Greenwood

Eucharistic Minister: Midge England

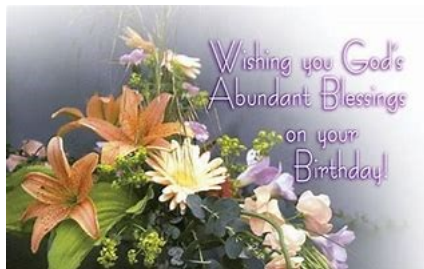
Gifts: Ginger Graffeo/Ruth Morton

Ushers: Marilyn Gilbert/Tom Simonetti

Altar Serving: Patti Highley

September Birthdays

Marti Sanita	2
Karen Clarke	4
Patti Highley	5
Eileen Furlong	5
Peggy McFadden	9
Donna Baer	10
Jim Meade	13
Bill Meznarich	13
Andrew Schroeder	14
Laura Schroeder	14
Claudia Szarnicki	17
Jackie Lamanna	21
Luc Dionne	23
Bruce Curtin	24
Donna Cockerham	28
Michael Baer	28



September 11, 2001

Never Forget! Our prayers for all the lost souls.



Mass Times: Tues., 1:30 pm & 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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