

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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 19, 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:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Psalm:** Psalm 54

**Response:** "The Lord upholds my life."

**Reading II:** James 3:16-4:3

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37



## **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 18: For: +Paul Dascher req: Jeff Hansen

For: +Wallace Camper req: Marie Camper

September 21: +Maria Luisa Infante req: Marlene Swift

## **Gospel Message**

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:30-37. The Apostles were still very worldly-minded. They were full of the hope that Christ would establish an earthly messianic kingdom, that he would not only free their holy land from the hated pagan rulers but that he would set up a worldwide empire for the people of God. Many of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament spoke of a worldwide kingdom; all nations would submit to the descendant of David; Jerusalem would be the magnet which would attract all peoples. The prophets, however, were speaking of the true messianic kingdom, the spiritual kingdom that Christ would establish. The Apostles were as yet unable to see the true meaning of these prophecies. They took them as referring to a worldly kingdom. They had come to believe that Christ was the promised Messiah, therefore, he would overcome all enemies and all opposition and set up this kingdom. How, therefore, could his enemies overpower him much less put him to death before he had accomplished his task? Thus they refused to believe his prophecies concerning his coming tortures and death. --Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Please welcome back Fr. Dan Kelly to St. Francis. He will be our celebrant on Saturday.
- Lynchburg Daily Bread needs help. Some of the canned items requested are: green beans, raviolis, carrots, apples, canned chicken, pork 'n beans, spaghetti sauce. They also need canned food in #10 cans. Please check the expiration date on food items that are donated. We have a shopping cart located in the narthex. Thank you!
- Join us every Tuesday for Mass at 1:30 pm at St. Francis. Our celebrant is Fr. Joseph Mary.
- Tillie Winfield requires surgery for a broken hip. Please keep her in your prayers. Get well wishes can be sent to: 134 Shawnee Court, Madison Heights, VA 24572
- Kudos to our Flower Committee who provide beautiful floral arrangements every week that brighten up our church. Thank you to Karen Clarke, Rose Barcosky, Carol Charles, Midge England, Sue Hunnicutt, Emily Seawell, and Marlene Swift.
- Save the date! Oct. 7 at 6:30 pm (central time so 7:30 pm our time) the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary will be held. This is a worldwide virtual event to gather together to pray the rosary. You do need to register in advance at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/avilafoundation/568089#>

## Ministry Schedule

Sept. 18 Lector 1: Midge England

Lector 2: Mary Greenwood

Eucharistic Minister: Larry Lamanna

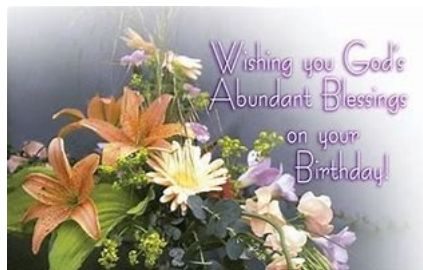
Gifts: Jeff Hansen/Marie Camper

Ushers: Glenn Johnson/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



**Mass Times:** Tues., 1:30 pm & Sat., 5:00 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

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