

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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 5, 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:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

**Psalm:** Psalm 146

**Response:** "Praise the Lord, my soul!"

**Reading II:** James 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37



### **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 4: For: +Francis, +Caroline, and +Frank Vroman req: Ginger Graffeo

### **Gospel Message**

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 7:31-37. During his discussion with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, our Lord told her that "salvation was to come from the Jews" (Jn. 4 : 22). This was in accordance with God's plan when he took Abraham from his pagan family and surroundings, and elected him to be the father of a Chosen People from whom God's blessing would come for all nations (Gn. 12: 1-4). This was the historic beginning of "salvation" for men. It was, as yet, a vague generic promise but down through the following eighteen-century history of the Chosen People (Abraham's descendants) this blessing eventually became crystallized in the Messiah — the anointed and holy one of God. It was He who would introduce the messianic age of which the prophets so often had spoken, and it was in Him that all peoples, Jews and Gentiles, would find their true "blessing." --Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Please welcome back Fr. Dan Bain 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!
- Our donations to the Amherst County schools continues. Please help if you can. Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, personal hygiene products are in need for the students.

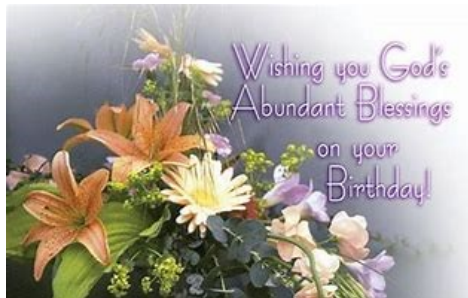
### Ministry Schedule

Sept. 4 Lector 1: Shirley Kanthack  
Lector 2: Karen Kruse  
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
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:** 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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