

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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 3, 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:** Genesis 2:18-24

**Psalm:** Psalm 128

**Response:** "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."

**Reading II:** Hebrews 2:9-11

**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

## **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, Susy Weiss, Kevin Williams, and George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

## **Mass Intentions**

October 2: For: +Rudy Atz req: Rose & Bill Barcosky

## **Gospel Message**

While Christianity is a religion of reason and conforms in all its aspects to the rational nature of man—its basis is the revelation of God who is the author and foundation of all rationality—yet it is the heart of man rather than his intellect which Christ means to capture. The assent of the intellect to the doctrine revealed by Christ is not sufficient of itself for a Christian to earn the eternal kingdom; faith is the total acceptance and commitment of the believer to God through Jesus Christ. The man of true faith commits himself to God with a filial childlike trust, assured that if he does all that he can God will do the rest.

Therefore, our Christian faith must be childlike, a trusting, humble and obedient faith. This is the kind of faith that will move mountains—the mountains that loom so large in the vision of too many Christians today—the mountains of doubt, selfishness, unwillingness to be subjected to authority. Christ asks us, if we would be his followers: to take up our daily cross and climb the way to Calvary after him.

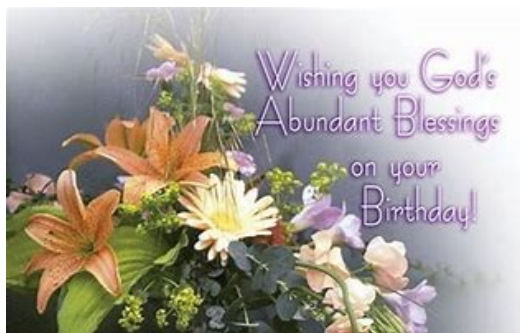
--Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Please welcome back Fr. David Mott to St. Francis. He will be our celebrant on Saturday.
- Tuesday, October 5 after our 1:30 mass, Fr. Joseph Mary will hold a “Blessing of the Animals” to give your best friends a special blessing.
- Every Tuesday Mass is at 1:30 pm at St. Francis. Our celebrant is Fr. Joseph Mary.
- Join us for six weeks starting Wednesday October 6 at 10:30 and Thursday October 7 at 6:00 pm for “a smart, serious explanation of Christianity for skeptics, seekers, and non-believers”. We will investigate what the Catholic Church believes and what we mean every time we pray the Nicene Creed. **The Creed**, by Bishop Robert Barron will be presented through a film series and small group discussion. For more information, visit [NEW - The Creed - Word on Fire Digital \(wofdigital.org\)](http://www.wofdigital.org) or contact: Stephanie Gerber at [skaygerber@gmail.com](mailto:skaygerber@gmail.com) or (804) 399-8998
- Save the Date! St. Francis is having a fellowship picnic on Sunday, October 10 beginning at 1 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your beverage. The church will provide pulled pork barbeque sandwiches. Sign up if you’re attending so we have a head count for food ordering information.

## October Birthdays

Kelly Knapp	1
Jeff Hansen	2
Glenn Johnson	3
Michele Smith	4
Steven Clarke	5
Tom Hunnicutt	7
Paul Golightly	8
Steven Davis	9
David Rider	11
Hunter Meyer	12
Patricia McGarry	14
Lydia Carter	15
Germaine Crites	17
Eric Douthat	18
Fr. Roger	19
Bonnie Boylan	19
Jiovanni Grey	19
Catherine Mary Kyle	20
Rose Barcosky	21
Bill Tucker	22
John Goulde	25
George Clarke	31



**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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