

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 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: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm: Psalm 18

Response: "I love you, O Lord, my strength."

Reading II: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



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, Jim Kirkwood, Janine Lamanna, 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 30: For: Repose of the soul of +Walter John Heinemann Jr. req: Norma Heinemann

Gospel Message

The **Gospel** is from Mark 12:28-34. The personal lesson which comes over loud and clear for every sincere Christian from today's gospel, is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. As our Lord says: "there is no other commandment greater than these." All the other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these two commandments into daily practice. For example: why am I forbidden to murder my neighbor? Simply because he belongs to God; it was God who gave him his life, and God has commanded me to love and respect him. Taking his life is interfering with God's rights, and disobeying him as well. Likewise, the prohibition of idolatry, refraining from insulting God's name, keeping the Sabbath day holy are the principal ways of indicating how we should love God.

The keeping of God's commandments, the prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition which daily we offer, the attendance at Mass and other liturgical functions, these are the means God gives us of showing our love, our recognition of total dependence on him and our gratitude for all he has done and is doing for us. God does not need any of these signs of our submission and reverence and respect, but we need them absolutely, for they are the means he has given us of fulfilling his purpose in creating us—to share his eternal glory with him. To love God then, is not an obligation imposed on us by some demanding superior but a privilege granted us so that we can become worthy of the greater gifts he has in store for us. --Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Fr. David Mott joins us as celebrant on Saturday, Oct. 30.
- Communion for parishioners who are hospitalized, in nursing homes, or homebound will resume next week. Please contact our Pastoral Care coordinator, Carol Charles with requests. Her no. is: 434.333.5758

Save the Dates! Future calendar of events

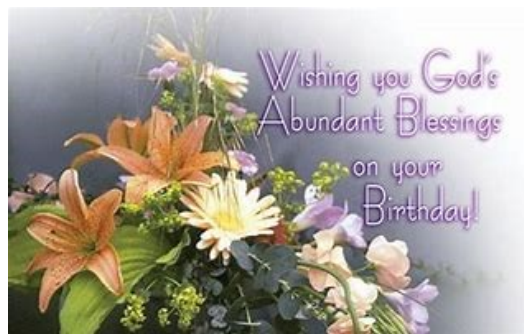
- Nov. 1 Solemnity of All Saints—Mass is at 1 pm
- Nov. 2 Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed—Mass is at 1 pm. You may bring pictures of deceased family members to put on our memorial table.
- Nov. 5 St. Mary's—Art show—6:30 pm
- Nov. 7 Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov. 14 Begin ordering your poinsettias-\$15-sign up sheet is on narthex table
- Nov. 21 We will have an Advent wreath making for all parishioners, including children on Sunday, November 21st at noon. Pizza will be provided by the church at noon with wreath making following.
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Potluck in our Fellowship Hall—Please sign up
- Nov. 28 Advent Begins
- Dec. 1 Faith Formation Series begins-Advent Reflections-\$5 book fee—Please sign up

October Birthday

George Clarke 31

November Birthdays

Tom Simonetti	2
Rebecca Grey	2
Madison Luther	2
Jackie Faria	3
Julianne Albert	7
Regina Rice	8
Marilyn Gilbert	11
Tim McGarry	14
Matthew McGarry	16
Niall Furlong	19
Deborah Walker	19
Emily Hubbard	20
Sharon Simonetti	20
Samia Mills	21
Garold Cockerham	21
Gail Curtin	24
Elizabeth Douthat	28
John McFadden	29



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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