

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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 9, 2022**

**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 42:1-4

**Psalm:** Psalm 29

**Response:** "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

**Reading II:** Titus 2:11-14

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16



### **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, 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, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, and George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

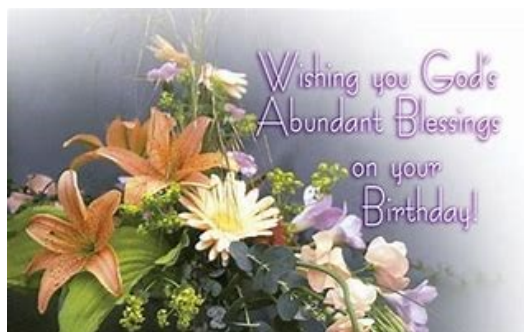
Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Thank you to Jim Clarke and John Morton for their hard work in clearing the fallen tree from our driveway!
- St. Francis welcomes our Mass celebrant from St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Calendars are in! Be sure to take one home.

## January Birthdays

Isaac Cochran	5
Jim Clarke	7
Austin Luther	7
Emma Luther	7
Kaelynn Smith	8
Richard Mundy	18
John Pelissier	19
Pam Gouldthorpe	19
Michelle Douthat	22
Shirley Kanthack	23
Jacob Alger	29
Margaret Golightly	30
Fiora Grey	31



**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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