

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 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.

Readings

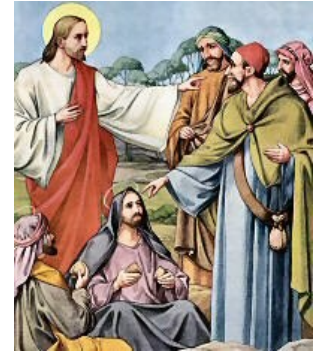
Reading I: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalm: Psalm 103

Response: "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Jim Kirkwood, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Norma Ross, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Susy Weiss, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Mass Intentions

For: Repose of the soul of +Inestella Infante on her heavenly birthday req: Marlene Swift

Gospel Message

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before (Ex.21:23-25). Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal charity in place of this Law of Talon. Every man should truly love his neighbor for he is his brother. What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbor must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that.

You would like your neighbor to help you to reach heaven. "You go and do likewise" to your neighbor, and you will both get there.—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Fr. Roger extends his blessings to everyone and continues to pray for the parishioners of St. Francis. Fr. also celebrated his 11th year of priestly ordination anniversary on February 16. Congrats Father Roger!
- St. Francis welcomes Fr. Dan Bain as our Mass celebrant.
- Congratulations to the following parishioners on their appointment to our parish council. Austin Schmitt, Chairperson; Stephanie Gerber, Co-Chair; Ruth Morton, Council Secretary; Marilyn Gilbert, member; Patti Highley, member; and John Morton, member.
- Save the dates: March 2—Ash Wednesday Mass at noon

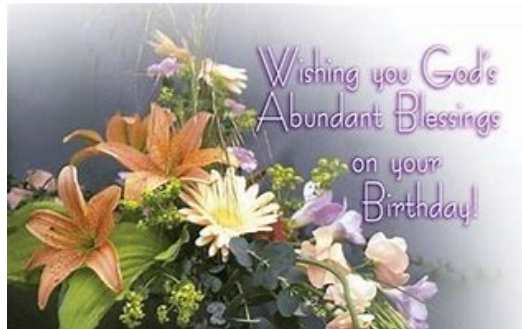
March 4—Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Fridays during Lent at 3 pm

Are you ready to Experience the Fullness of Lent's Forty Days? **A Holy Lent**, by the Good Catholic Company, will guide us on our personal journey into the Heart of Christ through the graces of His passion, death, and resurrection. If you would like to participate, please purchase your program online at [A Holy Lent - Good Catholic™](#) and send Patti Highley an email (patriciahighley@me.com) letting her know you would like to participate. As a group we will select a weekly time to meet to discuss our journeys. The program costs \$24.95.

Financial Report: Attached to today's bulletin is the six month summary report of the parish's financials. If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to any member of the Finance Council - Jim Meade, Jim Kirkwood, Rich Meyer, or Midge England. Thank you.

February Birthdays

Karen Baxter	3
Sharon Johnsen	9
Emily Seawell	10
Kathaleya Grant	12
Ginger Graffeo	16
Andrew Carter	21
Paula Davis	23
John Morton	25
Gene Onestinghel	26
Tracey Clarke	27



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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