

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 27, 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:** Sirach 27:4-7

**Psalm:** Psalm 92

**Response:** "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45



### 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: Blessings for good health for Sue & Tom Hunnicutt req: Ginger Graffeo

### Gospel Message

The **Gospel** is taken from St. Luke (6:39-45). These statements of Christ spoken centuries ago to his fellow Jews of Palestine are as true and as crystal clear today as they were in the year 29 A.D. They are the words of him who was the Truth. They are put before us today for there are few amongst us who do not need to be reminded of their lesson. We are all so prone to see the neighbor's faults and shortcomings and so inclined to cover up or deny our own.

It is for the very same purpose the Church has selected this particular lesson for us today. We are all guilty of rash judgment and unjustified criticism, to a greater or lesser degree. Let us turn this criticism on ourselves rather, and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct. We shall not become saints in a week or a month but little by little, imperceptibly at first perhaps, we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian and therefore more charitable towards our neighbor and less critical of the faults of others. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- St. Francis welcomes Fr. Joseph Mary as our Mass celebrant.
- After Mass, Callahan Patrick Cochran, son of Isaac & Hannah will be baptized.
- Mini Mardi Gras party in the Social Hall after Mass—enjoy snacks & drinks & fellowship!
- March 2—Ash Wednesday Mass at noon
- March 4—Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Fridays during Lent at 3 pm. We need readers for the Stations of the Cross. Sign up sheet is on the narthex table.
- Lenten readings and Catholic Relief Services rice bowls are available in the narthex.
- 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 Highly 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.
- Next weekend is the monthly collection for our Parish Partnership Program. A bit of history - when our church was being built, the Catholic Extension Society donated \$50,000 to our building fund (see the plaque in the narthex). In response, once our building was built and paid for, Pastoral Council launched the Parish Partnership Program to assist two rural churches, one in Southwest Virginia and the other in South Dakota. Your donations make a great difference to those parishes!

## 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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