

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Third Sunday of Lent

March 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: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Psalm: Psalm 103

Response: "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



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, 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 +Colin Luck req: Sandy Brown

Gospel Message: Our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruit in keeping with the graces we have received. But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live and, as St Peter teaches, he is "forebearing towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." But God's clemency should not lead us to neglect our duties and become lazy and comfort-seeking, living sterile lives. He is merciful, but he is also just and he will punish failure to respond to his grace.

"There is one case that we should be especially sorry about — that of Christians who could do more and don't; Christians who could live all the consequences of their vocation as children of God, but refuse to do so through lack of generosity. We are partly to blame, for the grace of faith has not been given us to hide but to share with others. We cannot forget that the happiness of these people, in this life and in the next, is at stake. The Christian life is a divine wonder with immediate promises of satisfaction and serenity — but on condition that we know how to recognize the gift of God and be generous, not counting the cost" —*The Navarre Bible, St. Luke*

St. Francis News and Notes...

- St. Francis welcomes Fr. Jay Biber as our Mass celebrant.
- Each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross and Adoration and Benediction will be at 3 pm. Want to do Lenten Stations of the Cross but can't make it on Fridays at 3:00? Enjoy being outside in the lovely spring weather? Our outdoor Stations of the Cross (on the columbarium side of the church) are available for quiet reflection and meditation on Christ's walk to Calvary. There is a Stations booklet located in a ziplock bag at the first station; feel free to use it and return it for the next person to use. The Stations are open during daylight hours; the area is not level or paved so wear appropriate footwear for uneven surfaces.
- A sign-up is on the narthex table for purchasing an Easter lily in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$15 and checks are payable to St. Francis. Please put "lily" in the memo field.
- Below is a link to an on-line survey to gather responses to the Synod Questions on "Journeying Together." Please follow the link and fill out and submit the form by March 20th.

<https://forms.gle/bgdYSQQTzV8h95ym6>

- February E-giving: \$823.40. If you wish to donate to St. Francis electronically, go to: [Catholic Diocese of Richmond \(richmonddiocese.org\)](http://CatholicDioceseofRichmond.richmonddiocese.org) (press Ctrl key & click on link). At the top of the page on the right, there is a red heart and inside is the word "Donate". Click on that and fill out the form. It's that easy.

Easter Services

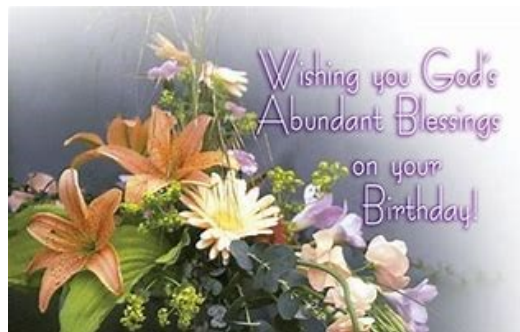
Holy Thursday: (April 14th). Mass 4:00 P.M.

Good Friday: (April 15th). (No mass) Veneration of the Cross, 3:00 P.M.

Easter Vigil: Holy Saturday (April 16th) Easter Vigil Mass 5:00 P.M.

March Birthdays

Ron Horwege	5
Carol Meade	9
Norman Carson	9
Joan Thompson	10
Christine Furlong	12
Karen Kruse	12
Ruth Morton	29
Ann Tucker	30
George Winfield	30



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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