

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**April 24, 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:** Acts 5:12-16

**Psalm:** Psalm 118

**Response:** "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

**Reading II:** Revelation 1:9-11a

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31



## 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: Birthday Blessings for Leonardo Infante on his 98th birthday req: Marlene Swift

## Gospel Message:

The **Gospel** is John 20:19-31, doubting St. Thomas. It may surprise and amaze us that the Apostles were so reluctant to believe that Christ had risen from the dead, to live forever in glory with his Father in heaven. But we must remember that during their two or three years with him they saw nothing in him but a mere man, one with divine powers, but yet a man; certain prophets of the Old Covenant had some such powers also. Christ had "emptied himself of his divine nature, and he had foretold his resurrection many times. But that he could be really God, as well as man, was something they could not then grasp, and if he was a mere man death had to be the end.

We can thank the Apostles and especially Thomas, the last to give in, that our faith in the resurrection and divine glorification of Christ is that much the stronger. Our Christianity which would have ended before the first Easter week had passed, if Christ had not risen in glory, spread rapidly to the then known world and is still spreading, because its author was none other than Christ "our Lord and our God." How prophetic were the words of Gamaliel at the meeting of the Sanhedrin which tried to prevent the Apostles from preaching the new Christian faith: "If this plan or work is of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow it." (Acts 5: 38-39).

## St. Francis News and Notes...

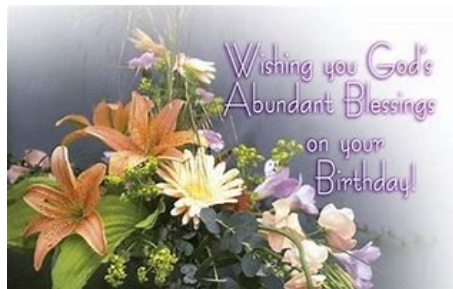
Thank you to those parishioners who assisted in preparing our church for Holy Week. Your hard work and dedication was evident in our beautiful services at St. Francis. We were especially blessed with the return of Fr. Roger!

### **Special Announcements: Father Roger has finalized Mass changes at both churches. St. Francis' new schedule is as follows:**

- ⇒ Wednesday Mass will resume on April 27 at 1 pm.
- ⇒ Fr. Roger will celebrate Mass, Adoration and Benediction every first Wednesday of the month.
- ⇒ We will have Sat. & Sun. Mass every weekend with the exception of the first weekend of the month which will be Sat. Mass only. At that mass, we will have a gathering together in the Fellowship Hall for a pot luck, and to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.
- ⇒ Our first Sunday Mass will be May 8 at 8 am.
- ⇒ Special occasion masses will be held on Saturday only.
- ⇒ Father will speak about these changes to you at Mass on Saturday, April 23.

### **April Birthdays**

Faith Dione	1
Patricia Meznarich	6
Marlene Swift	7
Phil Greenwood	15
Hannah Cochran	16
Isabel Newcomb	19
Nancy Goulde	20
Marsha Baron	22
Nancy Herr	24
Rose Marie Hieber	25
Amanda Douthat	25



**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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