

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Psalm 126

Response: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11



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 +Betty Stahl on Betty & Ed's 69th wedding anniversary req: Ed Stahl

Stewardship: E-giving for March: \$678.12

Gospel Message:

The **Gospel** is from St. John, 8:1-11 and is about the woman caught in adultery. "The two of them were left on their own, the wretched woman and Mercy. But the Lord, having smitten them with the dart of injustice, does not even deign to watch them go but turns his gaze away from them and once more writes on the ground with his finger. But when the woman was left alone and they had all gone, he lifted up his eyes to the woman. We have already heard the voice of justice; let us now hear the voice of gentleness. I think that woman was the more terrified when she heard the Lord say, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her,' . . . fearing now that she would be punished by him, in whom no sin could be found. But he, who had driven away her adversaries with the tongue of justice, now looking at her with the eyes of gentleness, asks her, 'Has no one condemned you?' She replies, 'No one, Lord.' And he says, 'Neither do I condemn you; I who perhaps you feared would punish you, because in me you have found no sin.' Lord, can it be that you favour sinners? Assuredly not. See what follows: 'Go and sin no more.' Therefore, the Lord also condemned sin, but not the woman' (St Augustine, *In Ioann. Evang.*, 33, 5-6).

St. Francis News and Notes...

- St. Francis welcomes Fr. Dan Kelly as our Mass celebrant.
- 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.
- A reminder that the annual Diocesan appeal is still ongoing. To donate please use this link. [2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal | Catholic Community Foundation \(richmondcatholicfoundation.org\)](https://www.richmondcatholicfoundation.org)
- Reconciliation will be held on Friday, **April 8, at 12:30.**

Seder Meal – Wednesday, Apr. 13, 6 p.m.

Still some seats available for our Seder Meal. The Seder is an opportunity to experience a representation of the Passover meal which Jesus and his disciples shared between Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday. The script we use includes five recommended recipes for the dinner. We are looking for volunteers to prepare these dishes.

We are limiting attendance to 20 to manage safe spacing for seating. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Narthex or you may email Peggy McFadden at: mhmf.boxleyfarm@gmail.com

Ukraine Relief Benefit Dinner, Friday, April 29. Sign-up sheets are available on the narthex table. Please fill out the form, enclose a \$15 check per dinner (payable to Knights of Columbus Council #16535) and submit to the office. Please note the dinner location has been changed to Nelson Center, 8445 Thomas Nelson Hwy (Rte. 29), next to the library. The cut-off date for dinner sign-ups is **April 10.**

Easter Services

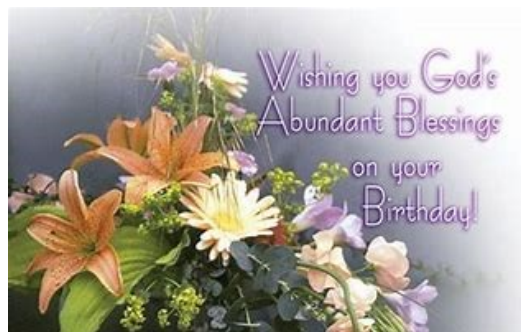
Holy Thursday: (April 14th) Mass 4:00 P.M.

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.

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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