

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 1, 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 5:27-32

**Psalm:** Psalm 30

**Response:** "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

**Reading II:** Revelation 5:11-14

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19



## Prayer List

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Brandon Grees, 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.**

## Gospel Message:

The **Gospel** is from St. John, 21:1-19, The primary purpose in recounting this appearance of the Risen Christ to his Apostles, was to stress the actual conferring of the Primacy on Peter. From this very first meeting with Christ at the Jordan (Jn. 1:42) the Savior had told him that his name Simon bar-Jonah would be changed to Cephas, which means Rock. Some year or so later, at Caesarea Philippi, this change took place when Christ said to Simon, "You are (Peter) Rock. and upon this Rock I will build my Church . . . and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:18-19).

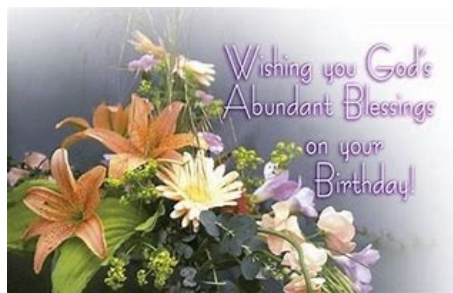
This promise, that Simon would be the foundation, the source of strength and unity, in the new Christian community, was made factual on the occasion described here by John. Christ uses a new metaphor—Simon (Peter) is to be the new shepherd—he would take the place of Christ, as head and director of the Christian flock. He would provide protection and pasturage for Christ's sheep and lambs. He would, in other words, be the keeper and head of Christ's Church. —Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- ⇒ Family Dinner after our 5 pm Mass (April 30). Please bring a dish to share. We also need some clean-up help after our dinner. Thank you!
- ⇒ Wednesday Mass is at 1 pm.
- ⇒ Fr. Roger will celebrate Mass, Adoration and Benediction every first Wednesday of the month.
- ⇒ Our first Sunday Mass will be May 8 at 8 am.
- ⇒ May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother and on Mother's Day, Mary will be crowned.
- ⇒ During the month of our Blessed Mother, Father will say the rosary after Mass, except for May 4, as we will have Adoration and Benediction after Mass.
- ⇒ New office hours! Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:30
- ⇒ In an emergency, please leave a message for Father at the rectory at 434.361.6007 or you may call Karen at 315.720.8737
- ⇒ If you have an upcoming anniversary, please notify the office so we can recognize your special day.

## May Birthdays

Larry Lamanna	1
John Onestinghel	3
Jane West	6
Julia Cope	11
Kelly Kraft-Meyer	13
Joseph Albert	17
Stephen Luther	20
George Stish	21
Tina Dionne	22
Sandra Horwege	23
Teresa Golden	29
Jean Camm	31



**Mass Times:** Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

**Office Hours:** Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3:00 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:45 **Office phone:** 434.946.2053

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