

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 14, 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:** Jeremiah 38:4-6

**Psalm:** Psalm 40

**Response:** "Lord, come to my aid!"

**Reading II:** Hebrews 12:1-4

**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53



### Prayer List

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Dr. George Gray, Brandon Greaves, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Gary Greaves, Sr., Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom Hunnicutt, Alex Infante, Beverly Infante, Leonardo Infante, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

### Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Aug. 13: For repose of the soul of +Paul Graffeo req: Ginger Graffeo

Sunday, Aug. 14: For repose of the souls of +Scott Brown and +James Willard req: Sandy Brown

Monday, Aug. 15: For repose of the souls of +Rosevilla Dael Barrera & +Jonathan Barrera req: Norma Heinemann

### Gospel

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 12:49-53*. We who appreciate what he has done for us, and who are striving hard against our natural weaknesses to profit by his salvific work, can do something to console him for the desertion of so many that he still loves dearly. God wants no human being lost eternally. He detests sin but he still loves the sinner. He is always ready to grant a full pardon for each and every sin a man commits, if only the sinner has the humility to say "mea culpa."

Let us put aside all past prejudices and opinions. Neither we nor our separated brethren are responsible for the sins and failings of our ancestors in the eleventh or the sixteenth centuries. We are responsible for our own actions today. We are failing Christ if we do not take a sincere and active interest in the noble and truly Christian work of ecumenism. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- ◆ Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Mon., Aug. 15 at 1 pm.
- ◆ We **will** have Mass on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 1 pm. Father's schedule changed so he's now available to offer Mass.
- ◆ Rosary continues every Friday at 10 am.
- ◆ A date change for our Sunday Gospel reflection for children. We will begin the third Sunday of August (21st) instead of the 14th. Matthew Pietsch, one of our altar servers, will lead our children from the sanctuary just before the Gospel reading, to our classroom. The children will be following a program designed for the 6/7 year old age group. They will return to their parents by the Prayers of the Faithful.
- ◆ There is a need for several volunteers to assist Matthew. These volunteers will be the second adult as part of the diocesan requirement. If you do not have Virtus training and would like more information, please see one of the parish council members or Father Roger.
- Sweet Briar College is hosting a Community Resource Fair and St. Francis has been invited to participate. The goal is to raise awareness to the students of what our area has to offer especially our churches. We're looking for a volunteer to attend the fair on Sept. 2 from 11-2pm. Patti and I went last year and we enjoyed speaking with the students about our church. **If you can help out, please call the office.**
- ◆ Thank you to Peggy, Gail and Ruth for preparing another Family Dinner. A wonderful time with delicious food & fellowship! Great job ladies as always!

### August Birthdays

Dave McGarry	1
Jerry Sanita	2
Austin Schmitt	6
Mary Greenwood	13
Jim Kirkwood	13
Bill Chesney	18
William Newcomb	21
David Swift	21
Yvonne Westcott	22
Robert Hieber	25
Jacob Cope	26
Mary-Caroline Cockerham	30



**Mass Times:** Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30 pm –4:50 pm & by appt.

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

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