

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-6a

Lector 1: Sandy Brown (Saturday)

Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalm: Psalm 146

Response: "Lord come and save us."

Reading 2: James 5:7-10

Lector 2: Marilyn Gilbert (Saturday)

Lector 2: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Hansen (Saturday)

Larry Lamanna (Sunday)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 10 Repose of the soul of +Nelly Anez req: Austin Schmitt

Sunday, Dec. 11 Repose of the soul of +Matthew Thomas Ryan req: Bill and Maureen Chesney

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, Peggy Sexton, Rick Shoman, Joyce Spiaggi, Laurence Spiaggi, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel

The **Gospel** is taken from *Matthew 11:2-11*. The Church brings John the Baptist, the man who prepared the people for Christ's public mission, before our minds today, as an example that we should follow, even if only from afar. John prepared himself for the test of welcoming and introducing Christ to others, by a life of self-mortification and penance. He told the people that the first essential for getting Christ, and profiting by his coming, was that they should turn away from sin and give up any evil ways, which hitherto they had followed. He himself practiced what he preached and his preaching, therefore, bore fruit among many of his hearers. John is calling on us too today, to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming this Christmas, by turning away from sin, and by the mortification of ourselves in many ways.—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Advent Reconciliation Service is after our 1 pm Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 14.
- **It's not to late** to start some spiritual reflection in preparation for Christmas. Grab a Little Blue Book from the table in the narthex. It has daily reflections for Advent and the Christmas season.
- On the narthex table there is a sign-up sheet to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15. If you pay by check please make it out to St. Francis and put poinsettia in the memo field.

Meals on Wheels Team B is in need of another member starting in January 2023: Our thanks to Gail Curtin for her many years of service leading this team. Team B meets on the fourth Monday afternoon of each month for about 90 minutes. We prepare nourishing meals for Amherst County senior shut-ins for MOW drivers to pick up. Please join our team as we support our community. Call Jackie Lamanna @ 434-826-9410 or email her @ larijac73@gmail.com for more details.

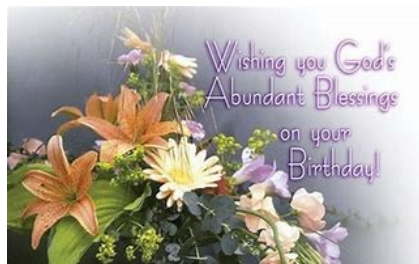
December Birthdays

John Herr	2
Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Stanley Borowski	7
Dave Richter	14
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Luke Cockerham	19
Genna Cockerham	23
Pat Onestinghel	26
Sue Hunnicutt	29
Cindy Burns	29
Kathryn Cockerham	29

Christmas Mass Hours

Saturday, Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil Mass is at 4 pm

Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass is at 8 am



Mass Times: Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

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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