

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 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 52:7-10

Lector 1: Jim Meade (Saturday)

Lector 1: Jim Clarke (Sunday)

Psalm: Psalm 98

Response: "All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God."

Reading 2: Hebrews 1:1-6

Lector 2: Karen Baxter (Saturday)

Lector 2: Sandy Brown (Sunday)

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Hansen (Saturday)

Larry Lamanna (Sunday)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 24 Repose of the soul of +Bob Kanthack req: Shirley Kanthack

Repose of the soul of +Betty Stahl req: Ed Stahl

Sunday, Dec. 25 Repose of the soul of +Mae Gallagher Edwards req: Maureen & Bill 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 Christmas feast is a festival full of joy. The Eternal Word has become Man and dwells among us. The longings of the patriarchs and prophets are fulfilled. With the shepherds we hurry to the manger and adore the Incarnate Son of God, who for us and for our salvation descended upon earth. The purpose of the Christmas feast is beautifully expressed in the Preface of the Nativity: "For by the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind; so that while we acknowledge Him a God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen."

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St. Francis News and Notes...

- Parish office is closed Dec. 26-Dec. 28
- No Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 28
- Collection envelopes are in the narthex for you to pick up. 2023 calendars will be here soon.

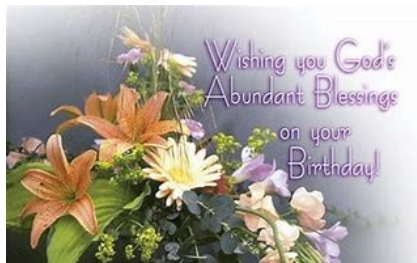
December Birthdays

Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Stanley Borowski	7
Dave Richter	14
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Mildred Szarnicki	19
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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Website: <http://www.stfrancisamherst.org>
Facebook: stfrancis/amherst/va
Parish mailing address: POB 663, Amherst, VA 24521



In memory of/honor of



Ron, Mary and Charles Rosul

MaryLee & Harold Lilly

Andrew Nagy

Albert & Lila Hamel

James & Kathleen Meade

Our Parents

Elva & John Spiaggi

Dick & Lillie Rider

Stephen & Mildred Lamanna

Jack & Sadie Nelson

Our Parents & Bernard Atz

In honor of our children

In honor of our grandchildren

Our Parents

Deceased family members

Bruna & Buenaventura Paglinawan

Charles H. Seawell

Pete & Carolyn Mastin

In honor of our parents

In memory of all our beloved
family members

Joan Thompson

Sue Hunnicutt

Marsha Baron

Jim & Carol Meade

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Jeff & Mary Hansen

Dave & Edie Rider

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Larry & Jackie Lamanna

Larry & Jackie Lamanna

Rose & Bill Barcosky

Jim & Karen Clarke

Jim & Karen Clarke

Phil & Mary Greenwood

Pam Gouldthorpe

Genevieve Plail

Emily Seawell

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Cockerham Family

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