

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 16, 2023

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: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Lector 1: Jim Clarke (Saturday)

Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalms: Psalm 118

Response: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Lector 2: Marilyn Gilbert (Saturday)

Lector 2: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Hansen (Saturday)

Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

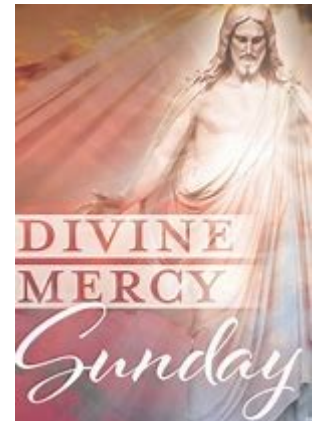
Mass Intentions

April 16: 99th Birthday Blessings for Leonardo Infante req: Marlene Swift

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Stephanie Gerber family, 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, Sharon Musch, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Peggy Sexton, Rick Shoman, Laurence Spiaggi, Vinney 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:

We can thank the Apostles and especially Thomas, the last to give in, that our faith in the resurrection and divine glorification of Christ is that much the stronger. Our Christianity which would have ended before the first Easter week had passed, if Christ had not risen in glory, spread rapidly to the then known world and is still spreading because its author was none other than Christ "our Lord and our God." How prophetic were the words of the Gamaliel at the meeting of the Sanhedrin which tried to prevent the Apostles from preaching the new Christian faith: "if this plan or work is of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow it" (Acts 5:38-39).—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings, Cycle A*, by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



St. Francis News and Notes...

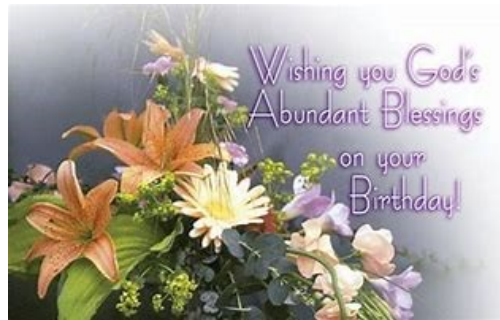
- Shirley Kanthack's memorial service will be held April 15 at 11 am. Following the service there will be a reception at her farm—176 Clearwater Drive, Amherst. All are invited to attend.
- George Winfield's service will be held April 22 at 11 am. Please join the family as we celebrate George's life.
- Next Family Dinner is Saturday, May 6 after our 5 pm Mass.

Collections Report FY 2022-23

	March	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4804.00	\$ 49,053.89
Catholic Relief	\$209.00	
Parish Partnership	\$439.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 66,250.00
YTD Budget		\$ 49,687.51
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		(\$633.62)

April Birthdays

Faith Dione	1
Patricia Meznarich	6
Pat Gibbons	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: 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 **Email:** parish@stfrancisamherst.org

Website: <http://www.stfrancisamherst.org> **Facebook:** stfrancis/amherst/va

Parish mailing address: POB 663, Amherst, VA 24521