



## **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Palm Sunday**

**March 24, 2024**

### **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.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Through the grace of God, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Francis of Assisi aspires to be a family-oriented and Christ-centered community.

### **CORE VALUES**

- Spiritual devotion
- Devotion to the family unit and church family
- Charity work
- Respect for and promotion of human dignity
- Offering fellowship and help to our community in God's name

### **Pastor's Message**

I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors. St. Francis of Assisi is where we work, pray and journey as one united family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.

Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano  
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi

### **Readings**

**First:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Psalm:** 22:8-9

**Second:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Mark 14:1-15:47

### **Parishioner Prayers for:**

David Swift

## ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

### March

- 24 Palm Sunday – 8 am
- 26 Seder Meal – 6 pm – please sign up if you're attending
- 27 Healing Mass – 1 pm followed by Lenten Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 28 Holy Thursday – 5 pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 29 Good Friday – Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion – 3 pm. There will not be a Mass.
- 30 Easter Vigil – 5:30 pm Mass
- 31 Easter Sunday – 8 am Mass

**Please note: When leaving the church, please make sure the front door is tightly closed. Thank you**

### Spaghetti Dinner Proceeds to:

Amherst County Humane Society - \$718  
Girls on the Run - \$447  
Habitat for Humanity - \$421

### Collections Report FY 2023-24

	February	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 5024.55	\$ 45,765.20
Parish Partnership	\$ 243.50	
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00
YTD Budget		\$ 45,266.68
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 498.52

### March Birthdays

Ron Horwege	5
Carol Meade	9
Norman Carson	9
Joan Thompson	10
Christine Furlong	12
Ruth Morton	29
Ann Tucker	30

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

**Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month after 1 pm Mass and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

**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

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