

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 16, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	April 17	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty Jr.
“	Tues.	April 18	8:00 am	McEnroe & Fay Families
“	Wed.	April 19	8:00 am	William P. Murphy
“	Thurs.	April 20	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	April 21	8:00 am	Sal Garzetta
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	MASS CANCELLED
Amenia	Sat.	April 22	8:00 am	Jane Wells
“	“	“	4:30 pm	William McEnroe

Pine Plains	Sun	April 23	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	Sun	April 23	10:45 am	Bertha Conway

“HAPPY EASTER”

Dear Friends:

As Easter comes in the spring time, it lifts our spirits in the same way the weather does: more sunlight, warmer, fresh air and hints of summer. We are happy at both our experience of the resurrection of Jesus and the end of the snow and the ice.

It is a very impressive time for us and our faith. We have journeyed in the long darkness and sacrifice of Lent. It has been sometimes hard, sometimes disappointing. At the same time, we struggled through a typical New York winter with the challenges that entails. But we made it! Easter is a victory and a relief.

Easter is also a time for new Christians. Around the world, at the Easter Vigil, people receive the sacraments for the first time. Imagine the joy that they experience as they come to know Jesus in the real way for the first time in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. We are so happy for them.

Easter is also a time where people return to the church after a long or short absence. There may be many reasons. Some have drifted away through inertia. Some had an event in their life that harmed their relation with the church. Some have left because of some kind of hurt, imposed by a priest or nun or another church person. Some left because they are angry with the church for some reason. Whoever they are, it is important for them to know that they are all welcome to the Church – you are all welcome.

I recently read a prayer for returning Catholics that might be very helpful to anyone wishing to return:

*My God, you are infinite Mercy, you are Love itself.
You know how I struggle. Help my unbelief.
Help me to discover the beauty, the goodness,
and holiness within the Church, which is sometimes
obscured and hidden by the moral failings of its members.
Help me to love the Church not in spite of but precisely
because of her many human weaknesses and failures.
Allow me to be your instrument to help heal your Church.
Amen*

*Wishing you all a Blessed Easter,
Fr. Wilson*

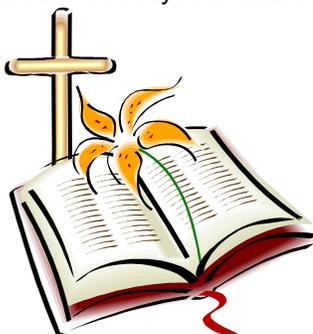
CANCELLED MASS - Please note that the 12 noon Mass at St. Anthony's on Friday, April 21st has been cancelled.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Ralph Cummings, Ann Bida, Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, Janet Stiles, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Evelyn Bouffard, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Rudy Eschbach, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Baby James Ryan Farrell, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard & Mary Ann Valinsk, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Barbara Moissonnier, Nina Williams, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Shirley Remsburger, Teresa Schell, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Bernard Heaney, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Ann Marie Russolillo, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Joe Kain and Jerry Carroll.

EASTER HOLY WATER – The Silver Holy Water receptacle in the front of the Church is for you to take Holy Water home. Please bring your own container.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2017-2018 - Please try and register your children in our Religious Education Program for next year (beginning in September) as soon as possible. All children must be registered by May 7th, as the books must be ordered by May 31st. Our program helps parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. You may either mail or drop off your registration form to the parish office. If your child is entering 1st grade in September, please call the office at 373-8193 and we will mail the registration form to you. Our program meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Have faith in Him...  
And He will always be there for you!

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CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY - The celebration of the hour of great mercy will be celebrated at St. Columba Parish on Sunday, April 23rd at 3 pm. The devotion will include Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy. A priest will be available for confession at 2:30 pm and will be available throughout the duration of the celebration. Please join us in prayer, adoration and reflection as we pray...Jesus I Trust In You! Come and give thanks to God for His great gift of Mercy upon the whole world this Special Day! Ask for Mercy. Receive Mercy. Be Merciful!

VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Donald McGinness. The split was \$112.50. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, April 22nd, at 10 am in the gym.

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of April 7th, our parish has received **\$31,650** in pledges/gifts from **74** families. Our parish goal is \$41,500. My sincerest thanks to those of you who have responded so generously to the Appeal. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the many programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese, from providing meals to those families in need to caring for the sick and educating our youth. I ask those of you who have not yet responded, to prayerfully consider making a pledge or one time donation in an amount you can afford. Thank you.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, April 8-9, 2017 (Palm Sunday), we collected \$4,757.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

† Sanctuary Light †
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church and St. Anthony's
was donated by Kathryn Garzetta
In Loving Memory of the Salvatore Garzetta*