

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 27, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 28	8:00 am	Philomena L. Ketchum
	Tues.	Aug. 29	8:00 am	Nelson Morris & Renner Families
“	Wed.	Aug. 30	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
“	Thurs.	Aug. 31	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Sept. 1	8:00 am	Charles Renner
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Christopher Soracco
Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 2	8:00 am	Daniel Kenny
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Walter McDonald
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Pine Plains	Sun	Sept. 3	8:00 am	Norma Keeler
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“VOCATIONS III”

*For All Eternity, God had a
special mission designed for you –
a mission only you can fulfill*

Dear Friends:

I have been speaking to you about vocations: I have talked about the vocation of single people, and the vocation of married people. I just realized I had neglected to reflect on the vocation of married people who have no children. These couples should never be overlooked; they have given so much to the Church in many ways. I want to express gratitude for all they have done.

But today I want to reflect briefly on those who have chosen to dedicate their lives to the Church as Deacons, Priests, Sisters or Brothers. I speak obviously from the prospective of a priest. That colors all that I do in my life. But, hopefully, it helps me to see the blessings that are abundant in all of the lives of these dedicated people.

I think I spoke of Deacons a few weeks ago, so I want to elaborate here. Here in Immaculate Conception/St. Anthony's we are blessed with the ministry of Deacon Dave Weinstein, so you can see his contributions up close.

One thing I want to communicate to you is the joy that comes from living out a call from God. Many think of the life of a sister or priest as kind of drab and monotonous. Nothing could be further from the truth. There are challenges, no doubt. There are moments of disappointment and discouragement. But there are so many moments of great joy, moments of real success, moments of experiencing the real love of God active in the world.

Priests, Sisters, and Brothers face great difficulties in their work. It is not an easy time for those who give their life to God and the Church. But I can say for myself, without a doubt, that I would not want to do anything else.

Fr. Wilson

CONFESSION - Confession is available every Saturday afternoon from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm at Immaculate Conception in Amenia. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing by which we receive God's merciful forgiveness for our personal sins and experience the powerful love of God.

“At last, I have found my vocation. My vocation is love!”
~Saint Therese of Lisieux~

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, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Ann Marie Russolillo, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Hilda Delgado, Luz Pelkey, Diana McPadden, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Katherine Cooper, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks and June Heckelman.

FIRST FRIDAY - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, September 1st, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Won't you consider spending a half hour with our Lord?

ROSE THRIFT SHOP - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Immaculate Conception Church, Route 22, Amenia,. will be closed on Wednesday, August 30th in order to re-stock. The Shop will re-open for business on Saturday, September 2nd. Please stop by and bring a friend.

VINE & BRANCHES - Last Saturday, we provided food for 20 families, approximately 80 people. We wish to thank all of you who purchased 50/50 tickets, donated food and volunteered at the food closet. We especially want to thank Marge Lutz who donated fresh corn, the North East Community Center who donated milk, eggs and boxes of fresh vegetables as well as Sandra La Place of Silo Ridge who donated boxes of different types of onions. Together we really made a difference in helping our community. Thank you one and all.

PINE PLAINS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. ANTHONY'S - Under the leadership of Maureen Blackburn, Christine Henderson, and Jackie Reynolds a successful community Vacation Bible School concluded at St. Anthony's Church on August 18th. The ecumenical and enthusiastic adult and student helpers worked with elementary aged students from various faiths as everyone enjoyed learning Bible lessons, singing songs, completing crafts and playing games. Thank you to all who volunteered in assisting this diverse group of children to work together harmoniously.

LIFE'S VALUES

To realize the value of a sister, ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years, ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years, ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year, ask a student who has failed an exam.

To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week, ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who has missed the bus or plane.

To realize the value of one-second, ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time Waits for No One.

Treasure Every Moment You Have.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, August 19-20, 2017 we collected \$3,590 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$958.00 for the Assumption. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: . Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza, Nathan Tong, Mark Hall and Michael Pomeisl. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

† Sanctuary Light †

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Larry, Mary & Laurie Hardisty
In Loving Memory of Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.*