

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)
June 3, 2018**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	June 4	8:00 am	Thomas James, Sr.
"	Tues.	June 5	8:00 am	Msgr. Joseph Gallagher & Gavin McEnroe
"	Wed.	June 6	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
"	Thurs.	June 7	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	June 8	8:00 am	Elmer & Agnes Sequin
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	James V. and Elizabeth A. Moriarty
Amenia	Sat.	June 9	8:00 am	Janet Mahar
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Mary Ellen & Francis X. O'Rourke
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Pine Plains	Sun	June 10	8:00 am	Anthony Capaccio & Ann Marie Russolillo
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"CORPUS CHRSTI (PART II)"

Dear Friends,

Last week we talked about the fact that the Eucharist is the center of our Catholic lives and how the Church has worked so hard over the centuries to bring the Sacrament to every corner of the world.

But now I would like to consider some little known benefits of the Sacrament in our life. They may be "little known" benefits, but they are incredible when we consider what they are.

The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ presents us with the mercy of God. The Mass liturgy itself is filled with references to forgiveness. There is the penitential rite at the beginning ("Lord, have mercy) and the Lamb of God before communion ("have mercy on us").

I learned with joy that if you have any venial (non-serious) sins on your soul, that they are forgiven at the Mass when you receive communion.

I was so aware that the Sacrament of the Eucharist was intimately connected to my state of grace and the presence of sinfulness in my heart that I began making an act of contrition every time I receive communion. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is intimately helpful in our spiritual healing.

The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ is also related to our physical healing. That is why communion is so helpful to those in nursing homes and hospitals.

We are so concerned today with what we eat. I know I am. I read the "nutrition facts" on the things I eat every day. I don't think in the history of human beings has there ever been such an interest in the health of our food.

But when I think about it, Jesus wants to give us healing. It make real sense to me that Jesus, who provides us with real food and drink in the Eucharist, would provide us with healing through that food. The Eucharist is real medicine for our souls and bodies.

The spiritual and physical health of our lives is a real concern of the divine Physician, Jesus Christ. We know He wants to heal us, to really heal us.

Fr. Wilson

PINE PLAINS - We are happy to celebrate Mass this feast of Corpus Christi with Father Vincent McCambley's Chalice. Father Vincent was the first Pastor of St. Anthonys in 1958. This Chalice, which we refinished, was Father Vincent's Ordination Chalice (which was in 1932).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : 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, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Colton Culligan, Irene Smith, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Lisa Missailidis, Lori Downing and Anthony Mottola

MANY THANKS - I want to thank all those who attended the Confirmation Mass on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Immaculate Conception and witnessed our 18 Religious Ed Students (Dante Abad, Hunter Bischofsberger, Dalton Burns, Grace Chapman, Lillian Chapman, Ashton Colangelo, Destiny Darnell, Iris Espinosa, Brian Furey, Emily Henry, Elizabeth Herena, Joshua Ibarra, Priscilla Ibarra, Robert Runge, Nicole Sanchirico, Ryan Sanchirico, Emily Sedor, Taylor Whitehead) receive the Holy Spirit during the Mass celebrated by our Bishop Peter Byrne. Many thanks to Regina and Anthonette Syversen, our Choir members, Virginia Bida our Religious Ed Coordinator, Lisa Shay our 8th Grade Teacher and Ken Pomeisl our 9th Grade Teacher. Special thanks to our Ushers, Joe McEnroe and Jerry Wilcox. Thank you all for a job well done!

VINE & BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, June 7th. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, June 16th, at 10 am in our gym. All food donations are greatly appreciated but we are especially in need of bath soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toilet paper.

THERE ARE CALMER WATERS AHEAD - Following current events can feel like floating in a row boat without oars. Tossed about in a sea of indifference, battling the waves of terrorism, rocked by swells of immorality gives the impression disaster is looming. As children of God, we know there are calmer waters.

Pray. Prayer keeps us moored to God. It is during prayer that we hear God's voice and learn his path for our lives. During prayer, especially the Rosary when we reflect on Jesus' salvation journey, God fills our hearts with the peace and grace we need for our travels.

Hope. Hope is what keeps us moving forward no matter how rough the seas. Children of God know that when we surrender to God's care, His promise of a better future will be fulfilled. *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life..."* (Luke 12:22).

Detach. In rough seas, the right amount of weight can float or sink a boat. To survive, we can lean on God for what we need and throw the rest overboard. Either we live spiritually or we live materially. We can't do both.

Obey. There is one captain on this ship. If we follow His commands, we will survive any storm. Remember, though, there are many other voices vying for our attention. **Obey one. Obey His.**

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS - Father's Day cards for the living and deceased are available in the back of Church. You may leave your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, May 26-27, 2018, we collected \$5,866.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,667.00 for Cemetery Care. I thank you for your presence, your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Patty Barron
In Memory of Janet Mahar*