

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 23, 2018**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Sept. 24	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
"	Tues.	Sept. 25	8:00 am	Jack Silvernale
"	Wed.	Sept. 26	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
"	Thurs	Sept. 27	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Sept. 28	8:00 am	John Culligan
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Gabriel Mallozzi <i>(Living)</i>
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Sept. 29	8:00 am	Jack Murray
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Donald Jones
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Sept. 30	8:00 am	Patricia Boyles
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

**"IT'S COMPLICATED"**

*Dear Friends:*

*I know you are going to roll your eyes and say to yourself "oh no, not again." Father Wilson is talking about football. "No not football"! But, forgive me, I am going to talk about football again. It is that time, and I am even watching football at this very moment. It is part of my life, and I can't get it out of my blood. Maybe I should get professional help!*

*But football is here now and it is, for me, as fun as ever. I even watched Colorado University defeat Nebraska. But there is something that has happened to football. It has become more complicated. There is the problem of concussions causing possible long term mental consequences. There is the controversy of kneeling for the National Anthem. And the players get paid too much! It is complicated.*

*But that is true of everything, isn't it? Everything has gotten complicated. Going back to school, which we are celebrating now, is more complicated then when I was a student (centuries ago). There is so much to worry about in terms of our children. There are forms to be filled out, concerns about teachers dealt with, and problems with bullying and hyperactivity and social media.*

*Oh, that social media. It has complicated everything. When I was a kid (centuries ago) we had a phone (at home) and television. I would have loved those video games. But with Facebook and Instagram and everything else, there is so much more potential for great good and so much more potential for great harm.*

*Then there is life in the Church. It is so complicated. We have the terrible and tragic problem of clergy abuse that is so much in the news. It has tested the faith of everyone and some have abandoned the Church because of it. It is a difficult, tragic and painful problem, and the Church must confront it today.*

*Yes, life has gotten so complicated. But we know that Jesus is still with us. He is the center of our faith. Our sacraments come from Him. The grace we need to face the world comes from God. May Jesus Christ grant us the strength and wisdom to face the future with hope.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**CROP HUNGER WALK** – The Pine Plains Council of Churches is sponsoring the 2018 Pine Plains Hunger Crop Walk on Sunday, October 7, at the Lion's Club Pavilion with registration beginning at 1:30 pm. Walkers should end up back at the pavilion by 4 pm. 25% of the funds raised are given to the Pine Plains Community Food Locker to alleviate hunger in our local community with the remainder of the funds going to global hunger issues. Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP. Pledge envelopes are on the back table under the bulletin board at St. Anthony's. Completed pledge envelopes and individual donations (enclosed in an envelope marked "CROP WALK") can be turned in at the registration table on October 7 or put into IC/SA's offertory collection at any time. Please consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause.

**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, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, 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, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Jennifer McRoberts, Leah Rost, Genevieve Minischetti Susan Consentino, Pat Boice and Ida Kain.

**BE A WITNESS TO LIFE:** Support life as you participate in the following Life Chains. All Chains will be held on Church Street in Poughkeepsie (between Market & Academy Streets) Sunday, Sept 30; 3:30-5pm / Sunday, Oct 7; 2-3:30pm / Sunday, Oct 28; 3:30-5pm. For more information, call 845-853-6529.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** September 26<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup> For information on the local campaign, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/poughkeepsie](http://www.40daysforlife.com/poughkeepsie) or call Maureen 845-853-6529.

**ST. PEREGRINE** - The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Healing Mass in Honor of St. Peregrine, Patron of those suffering with cancer, will be held on Tues., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the Chapel at Mt. Alvernia, Delavergne Avenue in Wappingers Falls. Blessing with a relic of St. Peregrine and Communal Rite of the Anointing of the Sick and a social will follow the Mass.

## ***We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe***

***The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
is in Thanksgiving for 150 years of Worship  
1868 – 2018***

**BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS** - The Second Vatican Council declared that “the future of humanity is in the hands of those men who are capable of providing the generations to come with reasons for life and optimism.” (GS, no. 31). No one can live without the hope that life has ultimate and lasting meaning beyond the concerns and struggles, the joys and satisfactions of each day. Catholics find that meaning and hope in Jesus Christ, whom God the Father has sent into the world for the salvation of all peoples.

But the world can be a disturbing place. There is war and anxiety because of terrorism. There is the fierceness of competition and injustices that come with greed. There are continuous distractions that come from the media, the numerous hours given to television, radio, and internet. There are the unrelenting demands of work and family life.

Yet in the midst of all this, people are generously loving within their families, with their friends, and for their communities. Nevertheless, a nagging question remains: Where is all this going? There is a persistent thirst for meaning and hope.

Many people find refuge in various types of spiritual activities and communities that promise serenity in a hectic world and refuge from its pressures. They look to meditation techniques and to well-publicized personalities for ways to find tranquility and some hope for themselves.

In the midst of such a culture, the Catholic Church offers a message that is not its own, but comes from God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ two thousand years ago, yet is ever new and renewing as it is received, celebrated, lived, and contemplated today. The Church offers to all people the possibility of encountering the living God today and finding in Him lasting meaning and hope. (*2018 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, September 15-16, 2018, we collected \$3,676.34 in our Regular Sunday Collection. 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.