

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 16, 2016**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Mon	Oct. 17	8:00 am	Linda Wood
Tues	Oct. 18	8:00 am	Barbara & Ray McEnroe
Wed.	Oct. 19	8:00 am	James M. Murphy
Thurs.	Oct. 20	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri	Oct. 21	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
Sat	Oct. 22	8:00 am	Harold Sackey
		.4:30 pm	Leo & Marie McEnroe

Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 23	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:45 am	Richard A. Belliveau

“STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND”

Dear Friends:

There is a peculiar experience when you leave your own country and enter a different country. I write this on my last night in Mexico City, preparing to leave on Tuesday, the 11th, back to New York.

It is the soul shifting experience of being in a strange land and having to adjust rapidly to a very new environment. To be sure, there are many who visit a foreign country and just continue acting as if they never left home. Not to be too critical of them, but they expect to eat the same food as home, and they expect the people to speak and understand their language. That is a choice one can make, but it kind of reduces the person’s incredible educational opportunities available.

On the other hand, you can try to really reach out to the very different persons you encounter. That means trying different food, and working hard to understand someone who is speaking. It is much more difficult to do, and often results in awkward moments. But one not only learns more, but one leaves a better impression on the other person.

Related to this, another difficulty is having to enter a totally new and strange environment. We feel lost, confused, upset, and yes, very awkward. We don’t know how to act. We don’t know how to be polite. We, as I pointed out before, have to eat strange food, listen to a strange language, travel in a strange and forbidding city, and encounter customs and cultures we have never seen before. It is unsettling.

But it is valuable in at least one way. We can understand what it is to be a “foreigner.” We can understand what it means to be a stranger in a strange land. This can very much help us to understand and empathize with those foreigners around us. Remember, Jesus calls us to welcome them into our community – no matter who they are.

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.

VINE & BRANCHES – The winner of the 50/50 was Donald McGinness. The split was \$138.00. Thanks to everyone who donates food, buys 50/50 tickets and volunteers at our food closet. We could not continue this important ministry without your help.

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 and Nathan Tong. Please keep our servicemen and their loved ones in your prayers. Please call the office (373-8193) if you wish to add a friend or a loved one serving in our military.

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, Billy Carroll, Jordana Bell, Marty Nolletti, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Baby James Ryan Farrell, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard & Mary Ann Valinsk, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Andrea Scholmeyer, Winifred Capowski, Roger Gregoire, Arthur Nadeau, Barbara Moissonnier, Nina Williams, Judy Carroll, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Delores DeMarinis, Shirley Remsburger, Teresa Schell, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, John Kemmerer, Jr., Alan Carroll, Baby Effie Clark, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin and Daisy Abruzzo.

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CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR - All children are invited to participate in the Children's Choir which will sing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass this year. All are welcome, including those children who play an instrument. Practice will begin on Sunday, October 16th, directly following the 10:45 am Mass. Practice lasts approximately 20 minutes.

CATHOLICISM SERIES – THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS - St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook will be showing Bishop Barron's new series on Catholicism's Pivotal Players. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, the Convert, will be shown on Thursday, October 27th, at 7 pm in their Parish Hall.

FOUR WORKSHOPS ON THE SACRAMENTS - The third workshop Part 3 – Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick is being offered on Thursday, October 20th @ 7 pm and again on Saturday, October 22nd @ 2:30 pm at the Parish Center of Immaculate Conception, Amenia.

CROP HUNGER WALK – The Pine Plains Council of Churches and the Pine Plains Community Food Locker thank you for your participation in the 2016 Crop Walk. If you wish to contribute, you may do so online at: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/pineplainsny>.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – A DOUBLE BLESSING - When we pray for others, we offer powerful help for someone in need. It's the best action we can take for others. Intercessory prayer is also a gift for the one who prays.

Prayers of friends can save. Remember when a group of friends lowered a paralyzed man through a roof so Jesus could cure him (Mark 2:1-12)? Jesus was clearly touched by their devotion. His usual response when asked for healing was, "your faith has saved you." This time he said, "The faith of your friends has saved you."

Place friends' needs before Jesus. In the Gospel story, Jesus changed the man's life and amazed all who watched. Imagine the kind of difference we can each make when we ask Jesus to help our friends.

Prayer blesses both the one who prays and the one prayed for. Those for whom we pray are blessed by the positive effect of our prayers. We are also blessed by the connection prayer gives us to God and by seeing the results of our prayers.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - September 28th to November 6th. We are already at the mid-point of the campaign God is using to transform our community to *Life*. Join us this evening **Sun., 10/16 from 6-7 pm** at the local vigil site: Planned Parenthood, 17 Noxon Street., Poughkeepsie – for a **Mid-Point Prayer Vigil** to thank God and to pray for strength to finish the race. For more info, log onto www.40daysforlife.com, call 845-853-6529 or email 40dfpoughkeepsie@gmail.com.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last Sunday, October 9th, we collected \$3,173.25 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$803.00 for our School of Religion. The sacrificial offering you provide to our Parish is your expression of loyalty, love and support. Thank you for your generosity.

† **Sanctuary Light** †

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at St. Anthony's Church
will be in celebration of*

Margaret and Roger Gregoire's 45th Wedding Anniversary