

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 2, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	July 3	8:00 am	People of the Parish
“	Tues.	July 4	8:00 am	Mae Kain
“	Wed.	July 5	8:00 am	Micha K. Carroll
“	Thurs.	July 6	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	July 7	8:00 am	Lucia Iandolo
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	James V. & Elizabeth A. Moriarty
Amenia	Sat.	July 8	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. J. Downey, Sr.
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Pine Plains	Sun	July 9	8:00 am	Angelo & Rita Cutone
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“DEACONS”

Dear Friends:

As I was on retreat last week, I spent a week not only with the Monks at Mt. Saviour Monastery, but also with 3 permanent Deacons from The Archdiocese of New York. One man was from Port Jervis, one from Carmel, and one from Poughkeepsie. They were all ordained 3 years ago, and they went on retreat every year together.

We had a good time sharing prayer and conversations together as we spoke of common experiences. It was clear to me that they were 3 very special men who had made a serious life choice to serve in the Church. It was great to share their stories in their respective parishes.

Permanent Deacons make quite a commitment. When they choose to begin the journey, they face 4 years of formation. The formation is fairly intense. If they are married, their wives participate with them in many of the activities. They are evaluated and tested.

I have a friend from Fishkill, Paul Smith, who decided to become a deacon a few years after I left Fishkill. I helped him through the whole process. Paul is a retired High School teacher with 4 grown children. His wife, Sarah, is a convert to Catholicism who manages a Pre-K program at St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction. He was ordained a few years ago and I was privileged to celebrate at his ordination in St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was, and is, an inspiration to me.

Here in Immaculate Conception/St. Anthony's we have, as a permanent Deacon, Deacon David Weinstein. He helps us here a great deal. All of these deacons are great stories of responding to the call of Jesus Christ to serve the Church. We thank God for them and for their families that support them. Thank you Deacons!

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.

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - My sincere thanks to the **102** families who have pledged or made a donation to the Cardinal's Appeal. To date, we have received **\$37,279.00**. and are only **\$4,221** short of our goal of **\$41,500**. To those of our parishioners who have not yet contributed, I ask that you consider supporting this Appeal. It's not necessarily the large donations that enable us to reach our goal. Perhaps the true measure of success is when all our families are able to make a contribution to the Cardinal's Appeal regardless of the amount.

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, Hilda Delgado, Luz Pelkey, Diana McPadden, Averie Burke and Ricky McGhee.

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MEN'S GROUP - The Men's Group will meet on Monday; July 3rd, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. New members are welcome.

VINE & BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, July 6th. The June winner of the 50/50 was Frank Foley. The split was \$76.00. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, July 15th, at 10 am in our gym. We are in need of toothpaste, deodorant, bath soap, toilet paper and Kleenex. I am so very grateful to all our volunteers who help us distribute the food each month, purchase 50/50 tickets and donate food for the benefit of our Vine & Branches food closet. Together we really make a difference.

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

NEWLY BAPTIZED - Logan Matthew Hundersmarck, son of Christopher Hundersmarck and Lea Schreiber, was baptized on June 11th at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on this child; water over him and fill him with peace and joy.

THE ROSE THRIFT SHOP - The Rose Thrift Shop is located in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church and is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. A special thanks to our Volunteers who do such a fantastic job displaying the clothes and many treasures. Please stop by and give a look.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL CORNER: The seeds of Catholic education are planted by both our parish communities and our families. By establishing strong academic and spiritual roots, Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York are putting students on a path that allows them to grow in faith and knowledge as they achieve their full potential. As the school year comes to a close, we would like to thank you for your support of Catholic education in our region. Our schools are vibrant, safe, nurturing dwellings. Seats are still available in most grades. Our schools are on a summer schedule but we are available to meet with you to discuss enrollment. Please call 646-794-2885 to schedule a tour or appointment or visit www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org to apply today. Thank you and have a restful and blessed summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - This summer St. Anthony's Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School for the children in Pine Plains. The dates are August 14 to 18 from 9 am to noon. As the host Church, we need several helpers for Vacation Bible School. There is a meeting on Monday, July 10th at 7:00 pm for all volunteers. Since many of the long time Vacation Bible School volunteers from the Pine Plains community are not available this summer, we need about 5 more helpers to step forward. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. The meeting to be a volunteer is Monday, July 10th, at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's. If you want to volunteer, you must go to the meeting on July 10th. Please see Jackie Reynolds or Christine Henderson.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, June 24-25, 2017, we collected \$3,622 in our Regular Sunday Collection. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are. I thank each and every one of you for your generosity and steadfast commitment.

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 and Mark Hall. 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 Virginia Bida
For a Special Intention*

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased at a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen. (Mary Fairchild)

