

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 15, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 16	8:00 am	Philomena Ketchum
	Tues.	Oct. 17	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Wed.	Oct. 18	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Thurs.	Oct. 19	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Oct. 20	8:00 am	NO MASS
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	NO MASS
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 21	8:00 am	Rev. Robert Arce
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Theresa Walsh

Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 22	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	Richard A. Belliveau

“GRATITUDE”

Dear Friends:

In my sermon last week, I talked about the essential quality of gratitude in the Christian life. I spoke of the sin of envy, where people want the things that other people have. The sin of envy, a problem that has plagued humanity since Adam & Eve, leads people to be resentful and bitter. If you desire something someone else has, and become obsessed with it, you are angry you can't have it. This anger leads to bitterness and sometimes even acts of violence. You only have to read the newspapers to see the fruits of envy.

There is a good reason that one of the commandments is “Thou shall not covet thy neighbors' goods.” God understands how serious this is in the human heart.

As I have said, the daily living out of gratitude every day is a direct antidote to the poison of envy. If I am constantly reflecting on how thankful I am for all the gifts I have received, I won't have time to be jealous or envious, much less even bother being resentful or angry over “what I don't have.”

So what are we really thankful for? It takes time to build up a list, but it is worth it. My suggestions, or ideas: Thankful for our life, our family, our friends. Thankful for our faith, our Church, for what Jesus Christ has done for us. Thankful for the air we breathe, the food we eat, the country we live in. You can make your own list.

The real challenge is being thankful when things don't go right. There are times in our life where events happen that test our faith, our happiness, our thankfulness. That is a very real and very human challenge. We always hope those difficult times don't come. But if they do, there are no easy answers. My humble suggestion is that a strong faith, a strong network of relationships, a strong connection to the sacraments can certainly help. But nothing should take away our gratitude and our faith.

Fr. Wilson

DAILY MASS CANCELLATION - There will be no Daily Mass from Tuesday, October 17th through Friday, Oct. 20th as Fr. Wilson will be attending the Archdiocese Pastors Conference.

ALL SOULS DAY - All Souls Day envelopes are available on the back table of both Churches. You can place them in the collection basket, drop them off at the parish office or hand it to Father 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : 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, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Shirley Remsburger, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Linda Staab, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Diana McPadden, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Lisa Coon Pedersen, Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, John Bray, Kevin Flanigan and Karen Grimaldi.

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LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS - All young people in Grades 4 and over are welcome to join the Ministry of Altar Serving. It is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and help our Church celebrate the Mass. Please contact Fr. Wilson or call the office (845-373-8193) if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server.

VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Barbara Ridilla. The split was \$126.00. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 10 am in our gym. We are thankful for all food donations but we especially are in need of cold cereal, canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, rice, toothpaste, bath soap and toilet paper.

THANK YOU - Sincere thanks from Fr. Edward Dougherty from the Maryknoll Fathers to all the parishioners of Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony's for their warm welcome and generosity in the 2nd collection. You will be a grateful remembrance in their Masses and prayers.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND YOURSELF - *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matthew 22:39) commands us to treat other people with love. In truth, we can only love our neighbor to the extent that we love ourselves. Do you have trouble believing that you deserve love?

Consider this:

God doesn't make mistakes. By nature he is perfect and can't make anything bad. God created each of us and *"looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good"* (Genesis 1:31). That means you, too.

Look with God's eyes. Don't chase after other people's approval. Too much of how we see ourselves depends upon how others see us. God loves us as we are and considers us precious. *"See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name"* (Isaiah 40:16).

Love with God's heart. Spend time with Jesus by praying, reading Scripture, and attending Mass. When you let yourself be filled up with Jesus' love, you will find yourself so full that love will overflow to those around you – just like he commanded.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN EVENTS - Saturday Mornings with Mary – Public right-of-way outside 17 Noxon Street, Poughkeepsie. Saturday, October 21st and November 4th, 8 am to 12 Noon. Pray rosaries and Marian prayers/hymns asking the intercession of our Blessed Mother to end abortion.

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER - Do you have a few hours a week to volunteer? Why not join us at Birthright? We are a pregnancy crisis center in need of someone like you. Training will take place on November 4th, at the 141 Boardman Road Library, from 10 am to 3 pm. We need volunteers for weekdays as well as Saturdays. Help us help Moms with unplanned pregnancies. To register, please call our director Honey-Jo at 914-475-9434.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October 7-8, 2017, and we collected \$4,059.28 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,137.90 for Utility & Energy. I thank you for your presence, generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and I 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, Michael Pomeisl and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

† **Sanctuary Light** †
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
is for the Health and Holiness of Gene Meenagh*