

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 21, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Jan. 22	8:00 am	Lawrence McEnroe, Sr.
"	Tues.	Jan. 23	8:00 am	Ray Proper, Sr.
"	Wed.	Jan. 24	8:00 am	Thomas Fitzgerald
"	Thurs.	Jan. 25	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Jan. 26	8:00 am	Brother Donald Kelly
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Rocco Zacarolli
Amenia	Sat.	Jan. 27	8:00 am	Geneva Jolley
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Gisela Stefury

Pine Plains	Sun	Jan. 28	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Laszlo Paraszti

"FRUSTRATION"

Dear Friends:

I had an eventful last weekend here at Immaculate Conception/St. Anthony's. Or should I say "un-eventful." It all happened so fast, I am still processing the whole thing.

It began when I realized our phone didn't work. There was only static. I couldn't dial out. Me being an "ace detective" of home technology, I did several different tests of the phone system. Nothing worked. That was on Saturday, as I prepared for the 4:30 pm Mass.

Then, something else happened. I discovered that my Cable TV did not work. I thought, is this related? I concluded that there was no relationship. My cable box stopped working – however the other television and cable box worked fine. I could do without a phone, but I need to have some kind of TV. But I had another television in my home.

Suddenly, the phone started working again. Well, that problem was solved.

Soon, I had to face Sunday morning and temperatures of 5 to 10 degrees. I checked, as I always do, the heat in the Church at Amenia before I head to Pine Plains. The heater was not working in the Church! I checked the furnace - it had stopped. I called our heating service for help. Interestingly, I went back to the Church and pushed a "reset" button, and the heater started working.

This kind of weekend shows to all of us how dependent we are on technology and modern life. We are dependent in many ways, probably more on electricity than we know. No phones is tolerable, no TV is difficult, no heat very hard, but no electricity and all those things don't work!

Yes, we are dependent. But sometimes it is good to be reminded that there is more to life than these "things" that seem so important. We are reminded that we should be so thankful for what we have: our life, our family, our friends. And no matter what "things" we might lose, we always have our faith.

Fr. Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENT - I will be gone on retreat to Sicily/Malta from Thursday, February 1st to Friday, February 9th. Fr. Godfrey will be here, and will take up a special collection on February 3-4. Thank you.

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 : 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, Shirley Remsburger, 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, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Colton Culligan and Irene Smith.

PINE PLAINS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will host a Unity Prayer Service on Sunday, January 21st, at 4 pm at the Pine Plains Presbyterian Church located on Church Street. Please join in feeling the "oneness" with our fellow Christian neighbors as we pray for continued unity in Christ.

TAKE THE "ORDINARY" OUT OF ORDINARY TIME ! Spend some extraordinary time with God and gain the type of peace that only Jesus can give. Join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation on Saturday, February 3rd at 10 am at St. Anthony's. No experience necessary – God meets us where we are!

FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE - The Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition and AARP Tax Aide Foundation offer free tax preparation assistance for low to moderate income individuals, families and seniors. IRS certified volunteer tax preparers assist filers and ensure those who may be eligible for tax credits and refunds receive these valuation credits. There are many sites throughout the Hudson Valley including libraries, community centers and churches offering this free service. No age restrictions and AARP membership is not required. Daytime, evening and weekend appointments available. To schedule an appointment call United Way's Help Line 2-1-1 or 1 (800) 899-1479 today!

WHAT IS "STEWARDSHIP"? Remember the parable of the three servants who looked after the master's money while he was gone? The first two servants invested the money wisely, but the third was punished for having done nothing with what was given to him. (See Matthew 25:14-30). He was a poor steward of his master's goods.

A steward is someone trusted to manage an employer's affairs and possessions. We have each been trusted with talents and strengths to use in God's service and to further His mission. He expects us to use these gifts to help others know Him, love Him, serve Him, and be happy with Him in heaven. Today, stewardship means committing the best portion of our time, talent and treasure to the mission of the Church. Generous sharing of resources is central to caring for God's Church and His people. When you realize that everything you have and everything you do is from God, then you want to give back to God in thanksgiving. That's modern day stewardship in action. (*Growing in Faith*)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - If you need a copy of your financial statement for 2017, please call the office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, January 13-14, 2018, we collected \$4,727.28 in our Regular Sunday Collection.. I thank you for your 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
was donated by Patty Barron
In Memory of Ray Proper, Sr.*