

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## May 20, 2018

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	May 21	8:00 am	Patricia Hinck
	Tues.	May 22	8:00 am	Beverly Way Bosley
“	Wed.	May 23	8:00 am	Malvina Chodan
“	Thurs.	May 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	May 25	8:00 am	Bud Marona
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Joanne Amelio (Living) - For a Special Intention
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	May 26	8:00 am	Msgr. Neil Graham
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Joseph Ducillo, Sr.
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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	May 27	8:00 am	Cleto Guglielmetti
<b>Amenia</b>	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

### “TECHNOLOGY”

*Dear Friends,*

*There is no question that technology has changed our lives. From our automobiles to our home appliances, so many changes have made things easier and sometimes more complicated. One of the most transformational changes has taken place in communications, Telephones and computers today would be a complete shock to anyone living in 1988, just 30 years ago.*

*Part of the revolutions that computers has brought us is the worldwide internet. It is an amazing tool, so easy that even I can use it. Just fire up your computer or phone, and you can access any information in the world, as well as send and receive e-mails. I can even get a sermon for Sunday in a few minutes.*

*When the internet began developing, people saw it as a source of great benefit for humans. In education, children in school could learn so many different things so quickly. Classes could be given “online” so that they could be conducted with students staying at home.*

*Human relationships could also be enhanced by intensifying communication through the internet. Families could talk to each other, with live video, across the country, and across the world. Social networks such as “Facebook” would build up relationships between peoples, bringing human beings together in more beneficial ways.*

*However, as often happens, things weren’t always positive. Indeed, the internet has resulted in some very destructive behavior. “Facebook” has come under fire for violating the privacy of its users. The internet has been used as a place for “bullying”, and child pornography is transmitted online. Terrorist groups and hate groups have used the internet to build membership and to plan violent acts. Neo-Nazis, at one time had neither a platform or a Town Hall – now they have both; It’s called the internet.*

*One thing that the overly optimistic pioneers of the internet probably never thought about was the basic fact of human nature: what we call Original Sin, a doctrine of the Church. Original Sin has always been with us. It is with us even today, with our I-Phones and our Google. We must be willing to fight it wherever it is. We must also remember that Jesus Christ is with us, and He has conquered sin and death!*

*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.

**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, 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, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Colton Culligan, Irene Smith, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Lisa Missailidis and for Baby Jack Thomas Farrell, Lori Downing and Janet Mahar

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**CONFIRMATION** - Our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class will be receiving Confirmation on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Bishop Peter Byrne will be confirming our students. All are welcome to attend this very special Mass. Please keep the following young people in your prayers: Dante Abad, Hunter Bischofsberger, Dalton Burns, Grace Chapman, Lillian Chapman, Ashton Colangelo, Destiny Darnell, Iris Espinosa-Lopez, Brian Furey, Emily Henry, Elizabeth Herena, Joshua Ibarra, Priscilla Ibarra, Robert Runge, Nicole Sanchirico, Ryan Sanchirico, Emily Sedor and Taylor Whitehead.

**PENTECOST** - Pentecost is the liturgical season after Easter which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, ushering in a new era for the people of God. In Acts:2:1-41, the Holy Spirit descended upon apostles in which they were able to speak their native Galilean dialect but were understood by people of many different languages and nations. Pentecost begins the eighth Sunday, or 50 days, after Easter Sunday. Some people regard it as the birthday of the Church because from that point on the apostles carried the message of Christ to the whole world. It is indeed a new age of the Church through which Christ works in different means for our salvation. In other words, in the absence of Christ's physical presence to us due to His fulfillment of Scripture by His death and resurrection, Jesus has left us the sacraments through which the Holy Spirit conveys the grace of God in a physical and tangible way. Pentecost marks the beginning of this new, sacramental era in which we live today. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red.

On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the following seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: ***Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.*** These gifts helped the Apostles to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. For us, too, these gifts – granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls – help us to live a Christian life.

**FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE** - On Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to Honor the Feast of Corpus Christi from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm and from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm we will have Rosary and Benediction Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company and give Him your sincere love and devotion. As we need to have someone present during the entire time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, there will be a sheet in back of the Church to sign-up for 15 minute intervals for those who wish to participate.

**THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST** - St. Christopher-St. Sylvia will explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in the Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. All are invited to join them on Tuesdays, May 22 and May 29 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel, 30 Benner Road, Red Hook. For more info, please call the rectory at 845-758-3732.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER TAG SALE** - The Parishes of Saints Christopher and Sylvia are having their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tag Sale at the St. Christopher's School located at Benner Road in Red Hook on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. All are welcome.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, May 12-13, 2018, we collected \$3,795.31 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$1,415.80 for Utility & Energy and \$1,200.00 for the Ascension. 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Norm & Carol Cayea  
For the Bosley Family in the loss of their Mother*