

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 10, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	June 11	8:00 am	Janet Mahar
"	Tues.	June 12	8:00 am	Charles Cuningham
"	Wed.	June 13	8:00 am	Joseph H. Smith
"	Thurs.	June 14	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	June 15	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	James V. & Elizabeth A. Moriarty
Amenia	Sat.	June 16	8:00 am	William Kain

Pine Plains	Sun	June 17	8:00 am	Jerry Henry
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	William V. McEnroe, William T. McEnroe and Harrison Hardisty

"FREEDOM"

Dear Friends,

"Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free"
John 8:32

Freedom is one of the basic needs of the human spirit. In our recent world history, governments that have tried to take away freedom struggle. Humans don't easily give up their freedoms.

In our own country we have fought wars to maintain our freedoms. Countless brave souls have given their lives for the "land of the free."

But I feel it is always helpful to think about our freedoms in this country and what they mean. I think this will help us to contrast freedoms of our government and the freedoms given to us through Jesus Christ.

I have always been fond of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 4 freedoms as stated in 1941: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear. We can see how essential these freedoms are to our life in the U.S. We are especially concerned these days with Freedom of Worship. We have to be extremely vigilant to make sure that we are able to worship in the way that God calls us to.

But the freedom of Jesus Christ is related but different. I have often said that freedom from sin and death are the two fundamental freedoms that Jesus gave us with His death and resurrection. This is so critical for all of us especially if we are struggling with sin and anxiety.

The freedom which comes from God that is so meaningful for all of us is the freedom to choose. God, our Creator, gives each of us free will. We are not robots. We are free to choose. What a blessing that is. But, obviously, we have to choose the right thing to do.

That is why it is so vital that we fight for freedom here and around the world. God gave us freedom and the desire to grow in that freedom to be the best person we can be. Our governments must let us do that, so that we can also be the person that God wants us to be.

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, 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, Lori Downing and Anthony Mottola.

SICK LIST - We ask that you review the sick list and if your friend or loved one has recovered from their medical emergency, and is out and about, to please call the office so we can remove them from the list. Should another health issue arise, don't hesitate to call and we will certainly place them back on the prayer list.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, June 11th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

AND THE LORD SAID, "LET IT GO..." - *"It is good sense to be slow to anger, and an honor to overlook an offence"* (Proverbs 19:11). Human nature entails taking offense when someone says or does something we don't like. When it happens often, however, being offended doesn't just hurt our feelings, it compromises our happiness and wellbeing. Try these ideas to let it go...

Assume the best. Most people aren't out to get us. Unless proven otherwise, believe that others have good intent and don't mean to offend. They're just living their lives.

Step back. We often get upset because others disagree with or don't share our opinions. Opinions are separate from identities. Someone can disagree with what we think but still enjoy who we are.

Don't make it about you. Thinking that what others do or think reflects on you is fertile soil for being easily and often offended. Most of what happens around us has nothing to do with us. Allowing others to live their own lives regardless of you and yours takes a huge burden off our shoulders.

Break the habit. Taking offense easily is a habit that, fortunately, can be broken. Instead of noticing what others are doing "to" us, we can choose to note what is done "for" us by God and others. Practicing gratitude is more pleasant than feeling hurt. ~ *Growing in Faith* ~

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS - Father's Day cards for the living and deceased are available in the back of Church. You may leave your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office.

CAN YOU SEE GOD? Are you aware of God's presence in your life? Looking for ways in which He blesses us rather than thinking about prayers He hasn't yet answered makes us more aware of how He moves in our lives. Of course, God is always with us whether we see Him or not. Ask Him to give you eyes to see Him.

"Trust always in your God. He does not lose battles," ~ St. Josemarie Escriva

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, June 2-3, 2018, we collected \$4,745.05 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,094.36 for Black & Indian Missions. 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 Denise & Bob Conway
In Loving Memory of Philomena & Eugene Ketchum*