

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 29, 2018**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	July 30	8:00 am	Rev. Donald Fussner
"	Tues.	July 31	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
"	Wed.	Aug. 1	8:00 am	Gregory Rost
"	Thurs	Aug. 2	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Aug. 3	8:00 am	Lois Kain
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Jeanette Malarchuk
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Aug. 4	8:00 am	Elizabeth Brizzie
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Cynthia Goggins
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Aug. 5	8:00 am	Cleto Guglielmetti
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

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**"CATHOLIC CHARITIES"**

*Dear Friends:*

*I have been privileged to be on the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities in Dutchess County for several years. It has been a great education for me as I learned about budgets, services, staffing and a thousand other details. I am also very happy to be able to know many very dedicated and selfless people who work for a better world.*

*One of those fine workers was Mary Marshall, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities in Dutchess County. She is retiring in October of this year, after over 20 years at the job. Mary, who is from Millbrook, is a remarkable leader who is efficient, knowledgeable and humble. She will be greatly missed.*

*Many have asked, "What does Catholic Charities do?" My response is basically that Catholic Charities fulfill the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ to help the poor, to reach out to those who are on the struggling edges of society. We all know these things must be done by any Church that is faithful to the Gospel. Catholic Charities does these things.*

*Are they perfect in carrying out this mission? No, but I suppose perfection is not possible in this world. But if we are to be true to our commitment to Jesus and His mission, we must continue to help others with all of our strength.*

*Many people don't realize that Catholic Charities in Dutchess County is primarily funded by the Archdiocese of New York. When you make a donation to the Archdiocese, your donations are helping Dutchess County. Next year, the Archdiocese is sending over \$800,000 to Catholic Charities in Dutchess County.*

*The work of Dutchess County Catholic Charities changes with the needs of the people. At present, they are deeply involved with those experiencing problems with immigration. They have social workers to develop plans for the working poor. They provide free counseling services. They even help administer the CYO athletic programs. They do these things and do so much more.*

*Could they do more? No question. But they are on the front lines, out there with those who are struggling in this world. They deserve our support and our prayers.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**VACATION TIME** - Fr. Wilson will be on vacation from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to the end of August. Fr. Godfrey will be filling in for Fr. Wilson during this time.

**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, 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, Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, 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, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Lisa Missailidis, Lori Downing, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Jennifer McRoberts, Leah Rost and Genevieve Minischetti.

**VINE & BRANCHES** - The 50./50 drawing will be held on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Last Saturday, we provided food for approximately 75 people. I want to thank everyone who donates food and purchases 50/50 tickets. A special thanks to our volunteers for their commitment in helping out each month at the food pantry – we couldn't do it without them.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - We will have the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Won't you consider spending a half hour with our Lord?

**HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH ANYONE** - It's human nature to want to share what excites us. Yet we often find ourselves shying away from opening up about the wonders of our Catholic faith. After all, Jesus told us to *"Go and make disciples of all nations..."* (Matthew 28:18). While this command can seem daunting, the truth is that anyone can be an evangelist.

**Be a vessel of God's grace.** How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. One way to do this is to frequent the Sacraments and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

**Let the faith shine.** Show that you are proud to be Catholic. Certainly we do that when we attend Mass weekly. We also show our Catholicity when we reverently wear Miraculous Medals and Crucifixes. But we can also speak about how Christ's love influences our lives or let someone know that he or she is in our prayers.

**Remember that God is in control!** As instruments of God's grace, we don't have to worry if we don't immediately see the fruits of our evangelization. We know God is at work. Our prayer to God can always be, "Lord, use me as you will."

**2018 PINE PLAINS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - The Pine Plains Community Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon at the Episcopal Church of the Regeneration at 18 Pine Street in Pine Plains with registration on Monday, Aug. 13 from 8:45 am. While you can fill out a registration form on the first day your child attends the VBS, bringing a filled-in form with you will make the registration process more efficient. Registration forms will be available in the back of Church. Please speak with Fr. Wilson or call the office should you need additional information..

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, July 21-22, 2018, we collected \$4,219.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$2,183.72 for the Propagation of Faith. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE** – Please save the date of Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church. We will begin with the 10:45 am Mass. As we gather together to give thanks to God for our Church, Cardinal Dolan has agreed to celebrate Mass with us on this very special occasion. A barbecue will follow in the gym. I hope you can join us.

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATION** - Little Way of Love. St. Therese of Lisieux found large jobs intimidating, so she dedicated herself to small tasks done with love. Over a lifetime, small, loving contributions can add up to something wonderful. She called this her "Little Way of Love."

*"Again Jesus spoke to them saying, 'I am the Light of the world: he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'"*

(John 8:12)