

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 2, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

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| Amenia | Mon. | Sept. 2 | 8:00 am | Rudolph Eschbach |
| " | Tues. | Sept. 3 | 8:00 am | Frank Foley |
| " | Wed. | Sept. 4 | 8:00 am | Rudolph Eschbach |
| " | Thurs | Sept. 5 | 8:00 am | NO MASS |
| " | Fri. | Sept. 6 | 8:00 am | Patrick Bookout |
| Pine Plains | " | " | 12 noon | Santino Delfino (Living) |
| Amenia | Sat. | Sept. 7 | 8:00 am | Mary Lyman |
| " | " | " | 4:30 pm | Frank Foley |
| Pine Plains | Sun | Sept. 8 | 8:00 am | People of the Parish |
| Amenia | " | " | 10:45 am | Deacon Jim Lawlor |

"IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-ST. ANTHONY PARISH"

On the 17th of January 1898 a mission was opened by Rev. Thomas F. Cusack and William J. Guinon D.D. of the New York Apostolate. The mission was crowned with great success. People came to the Sacraments who were not known as Catholics. The second week of the mission was given at Taylors Hall to non-catholics. Over one hundred protestants attended the mission every night. Two hundred copies of Fr. Searle's book Plain Facts for Fair Minds were distributed to them. Many conversions were effected.

On April 17th 1898 a mission to non-catholics was opened at Barton's Hall Millerton by the Rev. James E. Goggin and Daniel Cuninion of the New York Apostolate. The hall was crowded every evening with non-catholics. Besides the doctrinal leaflets that were distributed to them every evening, three hundred copies of Plain Facts for Fair Minds were given to them gratis. The results were most gratifying. The number of confessions heard during that week was one hundred fourteen.

On the 22nd of December 1899, Fr. Dennis Coyle replaced Fr. McEntyre. The school had grown and now required two teachers with Miss Jane McEnroe teaching the older children. Fr. Coyle instructed the younger ones, until he was able to secure the services of a group of French nuns from the Order of St. Ursula of the Blessed Virgin. In addition to teaching the basic educational requirements, French, Embroidery, Art and Music were taught on Saturday afternoons and parents as well as children availed themselves of the opportunity. Perhaps, due to difficulties with the language and cultural differences these nuns, however, remained only about a year.

Fr. Coyle managed to remove the remaining \$2000 debt, primarily, by allowing Martin Griffen to raise funds by asking donations from private persons and community officials. All responded generously, as an evening of entertainment was given for the benefit of the church. Over \$1300 was raised in this manner, and the following year the entire debt was removed.

Fr. Francis Lavelle, ordained and educated in Rome, succeeded Fr. Coyle in 1907 and spent forty-three years with his devoted parishioners. His older brother was the Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Lavelle of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Manhattan. During his tenure, he managed to acquire the Gurensey Estate and a substantial amount of land, to which he returned in his later years when Fr. Hughs took over the pastorate.

Fr. Wilson

PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.

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, 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, 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, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjan, Lisa Missailidis, Lori Downing, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Jennifer McRoberts, Leah Rost, Genevieve Minischetti Susan Consentino, William Jayne, Carol Jayne Gershkowitz and Pat Boice.

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MEN'S GROUP - There will be no Men's Group meeting on Monday, September 3rd, due to the Labor Day holiday.

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM 2018-2019 - Our Religious Ed Program begins on Sunday, September 9, 2018. All students and families in grades 1 – 8 are to meet in Immaculate Conception Church promptly at 9:15 am for a brief Opening Ceremony. The Confirmation Class, grade 9, should go directly to their classroom in the Parish Center accompanied by a parent.



Lord Jesus we ask for Your help as our students begin this new school year. Allow them to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before them. Open their eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year will bring. Open their hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers. Give them a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with their studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help them to be attentive to one another and let them experience Your presence in all that they do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALLING ALL BAKERS – The 150th Anniversary of our Parish is coming up fast. I am hopeful that everyone will try and attend the 10:45 am Mass on Sunday, September 23rd, as we gather together and give thanks to God for our Church. I look forward to seeing you all at the delicious barbecue afterward. We are giving a shout- out for the bakers in our parish to add to our dessert table i.e. cookies, brownies, cupcakes etc. Thank you in advance for your delicious treats.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, August 18-19, 2018, we collected \$3,819.01 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,038.90 in the Assumption Collection. 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.

***“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure”
~ Colin Powell ~***

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 and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Patty Barron
In Memory of Mary Hardisty*

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE POOR - One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad." "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Oh yeah", said the son. "So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them." With this the boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are".

Give thanks for all the bounty we have.