

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 30, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 1	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
"	Tues.	Oct. 2	8:00 am	Ann Bida
"	Wed.	Oct. 3	8:00 am	Diane McEnroe Martello
"	Thurs	Oct. 4	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Oct. 5	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Angelina Mallozzi (<i>Living</i>)
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 6	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Ray Proper, Sr.
Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 7	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Marilyn Louey

FROM THE DESK OF TIMOTHY MICHAEL CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York:

Over this difficult summer, I've done a lot of listening. Many of you have told me that you are upset, angry, bewildered, and frustrated about the ongoing crisis of sexual abuse in the Church. I am not afraid to say that so am I. This has been a painful period for all Catholics. Some of you may have heard me talk about my own mother, now 90 years old and in assisted living, telling me she's embarrassed, as a Catholic, to go into the dining room with her fellow residents.

Most stinging, though, is hearing, "Cardinal Dolan, we are beginning to lose trust in you bishops." And without that trust, I don't have a lot left.

Yes, since 2002, the Church has made great strides in combating the crime and sin of sexual abuse of minors, especially by "zero tolerance" of any guilty priest, deacon, or bishop, and by reaching out to victim-survivors, who must remain our first concern. I will be announcing some new initiatives today on how to enhance our efforts to protect children as well as vulnerable adults. I will be putting my statement on my blog at www.cardinaldolan.org, and I hope you take the time to learn about what we're doing, and that this becomes a good first step in strengthening that trust. But this brief letter is not meant to defend our record or provide a comprehensive list of programs and abuse prevention efforts. There will be time for that later.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that, as your archbishop, I am with you, and I am committed to transparency, accountability, and action. That's what I've heard you request.

Last week, I had the sad duty of celebrating the funeral Mass of a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, who died way-too-soon at the age of 49. There were several dozen priests present, and, as you would probably expect, the Church's current crisis was a major topic of discussion.

As the procession made its way down the center aisle at the start of Mass, I was moved and inspired by the huge number of people who were there to pray for the repose of the soul of a man they knew to be a good and faithful priest, and to thank God for the gift of his priesthood. The congregation even stood in a prolonged ovation for him at the end of Mass. "Cardinal Dolan," the pastor said to me, "The people here loved Father Charlie. They love their faith and their priests. They just want to know that the bishops understand the problem and are acting correctly."

A good reminder.

Might I ask for your prayers – first and foremost for the victim-survivors of abuse, but also for all of our good and faithful priests and deacons who are suffering, and, finally, for me as your archbishop that the Holy Spirit will guide me as, together, we face this current crisis.

*Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York*

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 DeLuca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Mary Ann Mullen, 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 Niranjani, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Genevieve Minischetti Susan Consentino, Pat Boice and Ida Kain.

MEN'S CLUB - The next Men's Club meeting will be held on Monday, October 1st, 2018 at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia.

VINE & BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, October 4th. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, October 20th, at 10 am in the gym. All food donations are much needed and greatly appreciated.

FIRST FRIDAY - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, October 5th, at 7:30 pm in Amenia. Please consider spending a half hour with our Lord.

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**THANK YOU !**

*Let me take this opportunity again to thank all of those special people who made our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration so wonderful. Thank you to our Cardinal Dolan for coming up here to encourage us. I am so grateful to our office staff for all the work they did. Thank you to our Choir, under Regina Syversen, for bringing us excellent music (as always), and also thanks to our Altar Servers, Ushers and Lectors. One group I forgot to mention on Sunday was our Altar Rosary Society, who are always so helpful. We were very impressed with the food, provided by the "World of Food" caterers from Valley Cottage. Thank you to the priests who concelebrated the Mass. A big thank you to all of you who came: what a great crowd! And finally, we express our eternal gratitude to all the people who came before us here in Amenia and the surrounding towns, who have built and maintained and supported this great parish over these many years. May we be blessed with many more years to come for all of us!*

*Just another thought: In our faith life, we need moments that give us the inspiration and hope to keep going. Our celebration, for me, was one of those moments, a moment of grace, power and hope. I thank you for that!*

*~ Fr. Wilson ~*

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CROP HUNGER WALK – The Pine Plains Council of Churches is sponsoring the 2018 Pine Plains Hunger Crop Walk on Sunday, October 7, at the Lion's Club Pavilion with registration beginning at 1:30 pm. Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP. Pledge envelopes are on the back table under the bulletin board at St. Anthony's. Completed pledge envelopes and individual donations (enclosed in an envelope marked "CROP WALK") can be turned in at the registration table on October 7 or put into IC/SA's offertory

ST. JOSEPH'S CYO REGISTRATION - Kim Knittel, the CYO Director at St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook, wants to extend an invitation to any children in our parish (grades 4-8) who be interested in playing CYO basketball. Registration in person will be held at St. Joseph's School on Sunday morning from 9 – 11 am: 9/30 and 10/14 and on Monday evening from 7:15 – 8:30 pm: 10/1 and 10/15. Any questions, contact Kim Knittel at 845-264-0440 or kimberly.knittel@outlook.com.

ROSARY FROM COAST TO COAST - On Sunday, October 7th at 4:00 pm in St. Joseph's Church at 15 North Avenue, Millbrook, we will join Catholics throughout our nation in praying the Rosary. All are Welcome to join us. For more information, google: Rosary Coast to Coast.

BIRTHRIGHT'S 50th ANNIVERSARY - Come Celebrate Birthright's 50th Anniversary at a Fashion Show on October 15th at St. Columba School, Hopewell Junction from 7-9 pm for Fashions, Gourmet Desserts, Wine, and Beverages. \$20 per person. Call Joan 845-226-5870 or Margie 845-896-8664 for reservations.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 22-23, 2018, we collected \$4,640.47 in our Regular Sunday 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.

SPECIAL THANKS - I wish to thank everyone who attended the 150th Anniversary Mass for our Parish.

The Church was filled to capacity as we gathered together to remember all those who came before us and to give thanks for the steadfast faith and commitment of our parishioners. It was so wonderful to have Cardinal Dolan as well as his secretary, Fr. Ferreira celebrate this very special Mass with us together with Msgr. Leonard, Msgr. Sullivan, Fr. LaMorte and Fr. Pomeisl. Fr. Durkin, although unable to be with us for this celebration, sent his thoughts and prayers to all. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thanks to:

- Regina Syversen and the Choir Members as well as the Sisters of Life who joined them in song
- The Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers
- The Parish Staff, the Altar Rosary Society, and the volunteers who set up for the barbecue in our gym
- Special thanks to Suzan Porter who provided the delicious food from World of Food, in Valley Cottage; and
- Mrs. Kathleen Metz who gave our grounds a manicured look for this special occasion

I hope we all took home wonderful memories of this very special day and know that I already booked Cardinal Dolan for our 175th Anniversary!