

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 11, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Nov. 12	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
"	Tues.	Nov. 13	8:00 am	Janet & Mara Mahar
"	Wed.	Nov. 14	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
"	Thurs.	Nov. 15	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Nov. 16	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Gordon Weinstein
Amenia	Sat.	Nov. 17	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Mary Ellen & Francis X. O'Rourke
Pine Plains	Sun	Nov. 18	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Darnell Family

"HUMILITY"

Dear Friends:

I'm going to give it a try again. There are certain great ideas (in my opinion) that I propose to the good people of the Church. Sometimes these great and powerful ideas (in my opinion) are received positively. Many times (I don't know why) my great and powerful ideas fail to get any interest.

So here I go again, trying to present a great idea, hoping to inspire all of you. This is the virtue of humility. In my experience, this virtue is so important to the development of a solid and mature Christian life.

What is humility? There is the regular textbook definition: "modest estimation of one's importance, humility is never proud." Fine for a simple definition, but I prefer some of these other definitions:

St. Augustine: It was pride that changed angels into devils – it is humility that makes men angels.

Here's another one:

Sin came through the pride of Lucifer and salvation came through the humility of Jesus.

Are you convinced yet?

Here is a few of my favorite quotes on humility: "Humility is not thinking less of yourself – humility is thinking less about yourself." Or: "Pride is concerned about who is right – humility is concerned about what is right."

I hope this illustrates to you the beauty of the virtue of humility. Sometimes people think that humility means that you put down yourself, criticize endlessly yourself, and think less of your abilities and talents. Quite the opposite, true humility doesn't consist of demeaning yourself. True humility is an honest understanding of your gifts and abilities and your weaknesses and faults. Genuine humility is not weakness or insecurity, but a strength that is based on a knowledge that every human is deeply loved by God.

I hope this makes sense to you, and maybe it can bring you closer to God.

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, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, 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 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, Deborah McGovern, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello and Cecilia Cummings.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will be held on Monday, November 12th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

THE VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Patty O'Neil. The split was \$65.00. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, November 17th, at 10 am in our gym. All food donations are greatly appreciated, but we are especially in need of cold cereal, canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, bath soap, toilet paper and toothpaste. We are in need of volunteers for the food closet. Please call the office if you are able to help us out. The food closet is on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 am to 10:30 am.

PARISH OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND ST. SYLVIA - The Lady's Guild Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 17th, from 10 am to 4 pm at St. Christopher's School, 30 Benner Road, Red Hook. Admission is free. Shop for Christmas gifts and decorations, pose for a picture with Santa (11 am – 1 pm), enjoy the silent auction and much, much more. For info: stchrisredhook.org.

100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - Many parishioners may remember Sister Kathleen Lindsay who lived in the Immaculate Conception Convent for many years. Sister now resides at the mother house for the Sisters of St. Dominic in Amityville, New York and she will be celebrating her 100th birthday on November 28th 2018. I'm sure she would love to hear from her friends in Amenia. Her address is Sister Kathleen Lindsay, 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, New York 11701-1115

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND YOURSELF - *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matthew 22:39) commands us to treat other people with love. In truth, we can only love our neighbor to the extent that we love ourselves. Do you have trouble believing that you deserve love? Consider this:

God doesn't make mistakes. By nature he is perfect and can't make anything bad. God created each of us and *"looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good"* (Genesis 1:31). That means you, too.

Look with God's eyes. Don't chase after other people's approval. Too much of how we see ourselves depends upon how others see us. God loves us as we are and considers us precious. *"See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name"* Isaiah 49:16).

Love with God's heart. Spend time with Jesus by praying, reading Scripture, and attending Mass. When you let yourself be filled up with Jesus' love, you will find yourself so full that love will overflow to those around you – just like he commanded. (*Growing in Faith*)

SAVE THE DATE - Don't miss a golden opportunity to prepare for Christmas on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for an afternoon of Reflection – Our Advent Journey to Christmas. More details to follow.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, November 3-4, we collected \$4,164.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,226 for All Saints Day. 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.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY - Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor all those who have served in the nation's armed forces, whether they are living or dead. Let us ask God to guide and protect our troops serving in dangerous areas of the world. We pray that the Lord will hold our troops in His loving hands, protect them with His power and sustain them with His love, especially those associated with Immaculate Conception-St Anthony's Parish. Please keep the following service men and their families in your prayers: **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.**