

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## December 2, 2018

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Dec. 3	8:00 am	John Joseph Salig
"	Tues.	Dec. 4	8:00 am	Charles Renner
"	Wed.	Dec. 5	8:00 am	Martha J. Flanigan
"	Thurs.	Dec. 6	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Dec. 7	8:00 am	Mary Fitzpatrick
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	NO MASS
"	"	"	7:00 pm	Richard Delgado
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Dec. 8	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Theresa Walsh
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Dec. 9	8:00 am	Salvatore Capaccio
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

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### "ANGER MANAGEMENT"

Dear Friends:

*It was an evening I will never forget. I was northbound on Rte. 22. A truck was tailgating me, obviously upset at my slow pace. He could not pass. Finally, I pulled over to stop so he could pass. He passed, then stopped his truck in the middle of the road, got out of the truck, and started yelling obscenities at me. I was scared to death. Finally his girlfriend in the truck said to stop and get in the truck. The man was very "out of control." Anger had taken him over.*

*Every day we read events where a person is arrested for being overtaken by anger. Sometimes fueled by alcohol or drugs, these poor souls lose control and commit acts of violence against innocent people.*

*There is, admittedly, something we call "constructive anger." This is when someone uses positive emotional arguments to make important changes in certain situations. This happens all the time in our world.*

*But this is not what we are talking about. We are talking about destructive anger. This anger can destroy jobs, families, relationships and lives. It is something that must be dealt with, and somehow conquered. There is no question that this kind of anger sometimes is more harmful to the angry person than to others.*

*One of the lessons I've learned in life is that it is useless to be angry about something you cannot change. Millions of people walk around angry about things that they cannot control. Do you want to live your life as a miserable, grumbling, aggressive figure? I hope not. It's healthy for everyone to just let the anger go.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**PROPERTY UPDATE -** I just want to let you know that we are preparing to sell the rectory house property at St. Anthony's. It has been empty for several years, and is in need of constant maintenance. The sale will take some time, but it is better that someone live in it and take care of it. Thank you for your understanding.

**THE GIVING TREE -** Due to many families struggling during the holidays, the giving tree will be for the benefit of our Vine & Branches Food Closet. Your donations will enable us to give extra food items to those families in our community who need extra help. You can make a difference.

**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 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 Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjan, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Genevieve Minischettl, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Deborah McGovern, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Simmons, Dolores Russo and William Edwards.

**MEN'S GROUP** - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel in Amenia. New Members are most welcome.

**VINE & BRANCHES** - The 50/50 drawing for the Vine & Branches will be held on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - There will be no Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, due to the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass Schedule.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST DAY** - Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of obligation. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

**Friday, December 7 - 7:00 pm in Pine Plains**  
**Saturday, December 8 - 8:00 am in Amenia**

**OUR ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY** - Our Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:45 am Mass. There will be animals, light refreshments, a bake sale, a cash and carry table, and craft vendors. Please join us and bring a friend!

**TO ALL BAKERS** - Just a reminder to all our Bakers to bring your baked goods to the gym on Sunday morning, December 9<sup>th</sup> for our "Bake Sale".

**THRIFT SHOP** - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, will have their "**BAG SALE**" on Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 2 pm. The shop will close for the season at the end of the business day on Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to everyone who supported the shop throughout the year. We will re-open in the Spring.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, November 24-25, 2018, we collected \$3,724.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$815.00 for Periodic Literature. 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.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** - There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sacristies in Amenia and Pine Plains for the Christmas Schedule for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. Please place your name on the schedule for the time you are available to serve. You are most needed and greatly appreciated.

**SAVE THE DATE** - The New York City Bus Trip is scheduled for Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Details will follow.

**MEANING OF ADVENT WREATH** - The Advent Wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The Advent Wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. The lighting of the first candle symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

