

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 16, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Dec. 17	8:00 am	Joseph B. & Lillian McEnroe
"	Tues.	Dec. 18	8:00 am	William McEnroe Family
"	Wed.	Dec. 19	8:00 am	Salvatore Capaccio
"	Thurs.	Dec. 20	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Dec. 21	8:00 am	Ann Chamberlain
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Clementina & Louis Guglielmetti
Amenia	Sat.	Dec. 22	8:00 am	Ray Proper, Sr.
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	Sun	Dec. 23	8:00 am	Jeanette Malarchuk
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"NOTES ON THE JOURNEY"

Dear Friends:

This week we will have a commitment appeal for our Rebuild & Renew Campaign. Please be as generous as you can. We need your help in order to continue with our infrastructure needs over the next few years (which includes the roof in the Parish Center building and the parking lot at St. Anthony's). Please remember this is a commitment on your part for 5 years (stretching out your payments) and that 74% of your donations will come back to us here in Pine Plains and Amenia.

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Last week I talked about our Immaculate Conception's Food Pantry (known as the "Vine & Branches"). I would like to mention the food pantry in Pine Plains run by the Pine Plains Council of Churches. They help over 35 families in Pine Plains every month with their food needs. Our parish is proud of the volunteers there including Pat Nannetti, Ted Mallozzi, Peter Hage and Pat Mara. We are very happy to help this important ministry.

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We were very much saddened by the sudden death of our maintenance man, Larry Farnham. Larry has worked for us several years, and he was a very humble man and very kind in many ways. He will be greatly missed. Please pray for him and his family members.

This means, of course, that we are looking for a part-time maintenance man to work in Amenia. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Office as soon as you can.

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Finally my dear brothers and sisters, I come to you again about our Christmas Collection. I am reluctant to always ask for money but our obligations are many and growing. You have been so generous in the past, and I ask that you please be as generous as you can this Christmas. I am so very grateful for your continued support and commitment to our Parish.

Fr. Wilson

RECONCILIATION MONDAY & TUESDAY - In preparation for Christmas, you are welcome to come celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at Immaculate Conception in Amenia on Monday, Dec. 17th between the hours of 5 pm to 8 pm and at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains on Tuesday, December 18th, between 7 pm to 9 pm.

RENEW AND REBUILD - As many of you heard last week, we are in the process of fundraising for major projects in our parish. Needless to say, this is very important for us. All of you are very generous, and I hope you will continue to be in this effort. It is important that we wrap up pledges from you by the end of the year. The weekend of December 15th and 16th will provide an opportunity to do so at all the Masses. Thank you so very much for your continued support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, 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 Niranjana, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Genevieve Minischetti, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Deborah McGovern, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Simmons, Dolores Russo and William Edwards.

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VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the Vine & Branches was Helene Mann. The split was \$79.00. Many thanks to all of you who support our Vine & Branches each month by purchasing 50/50 tickets, donating food items and giving of their time to help us distribute the food..

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY - Fr. Godfrey has arrived and will be staying with us through Christmas. We will have a second collection next weekend, Dec. 22-23, for the benefit of Christ the King Seminary in Nigeria.

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**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



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Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, 2018

4:00 pm - Amenia
6:00 pm - Pine Plains
10:00 pm - Amenia

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018

8:00 am - Pine Plains
10:45 am - Amenia

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**ALTAR ROSARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** - The Altar Rosary Society is planning a Luncheon at The Ponds in Ancramdale on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. All are invited. If you wish to attend, please contact Margaret Gregoire at (518) 789-3337 or the Parish Office (373-8193). Reservations and the price of your dinner should be given to Margaret no later than Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, December 8-9, 2018, approximately **356** people attended Mass and we collected \$4,706.25 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$1,326.75 for Retired Religious and \$1,280.00 for the Immaculate Conception Holy 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.

**NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP** - Our Annual New York City Bus Trip is scheduled for Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please see the insert for details. You can sign-up by contacting Chris Ferri at 845-373-9192 or email him at [ctmferreri@optonline.net](mailto:ctmferreri@optonline.net).

**MEANING OF ADVENT WREATH** - The 3<sup>rd</sup> candle is traditionally pink or rose and symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Patty Barron  
In Loving Memory of John X. Smith*