

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## December 30, 2018

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Dec. 31	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Janet and Mara Anne Mahar
"	Tues.	Jan. 1	8:00 am	NO MASS
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	James V. & Elizabeth A. Moriarty
<b>Amenia</b>	Wed.	Jan. 2	8:00 am	Alan Carroll
"	Thurs.	Jan. 3	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Jan. 4	8:00 am	Francis (Babe) Foley
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Santino Delfino <i>(Living)</i>
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Jan. 5	8:00 am	Msgr. Thomas P. Leonard
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Mary Hardisty
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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Jan. 6	8:00 am	Robert Wilkinson
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

### "THANK YOU"

Dear Friends:

*This is my official end-of-the-year thank you note. So if you are tired of reading thank you notes, I guess you could go on to the rest of the bulletin. But I suggest you read this because the "Thank you" expressed may be for you!*

*First, many thanks to those who helped with the Christmas celebrations. Thanks to the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers for your essential assistance. A very special thank you to Regina Syversen and the Choir (some who traveled back and forth from Amenia to Pine Plains). A big high five also to Regina's talented family, including Therese, Anthonette and Erik.*

*Many thanks also to those who really pitched in decorating the Church, including Bob & Denise Conway, Patty Barron and Miriam Devine. They put in a lot of work.*

*I want to also express, on behalf of Father Godfrey, your generosity in terms of his collection just a few days before Christmas. You blessed him with over \$6,100 for his incredible seminary in Nigeria. It is encouraging to hear about his courageous work in a challenging country.*

*A very big thank you goes to those of you who responded to the "Rebuild & Renew" appeal on the weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Final figures are still approximate, but we began the weekend with over \$150,000 in pledges from some very generous parishioners. Then during the appeal at the Sunday Masses we achieved another \$70,000 in pledges to reach at least \$220,000 (pledges are still coming in). As you probably know, these pledges will eventually be used to deal with some important infrastructure issues in both Churches. I am amazed at your response.*

*It goes without saying that I am also very thankful for the gifts that you gave to me and to Fr. Godfrey in the Christmas season.*

*And finally as I always say at the end of Mass, I thank you for your presence at the Masses at Christmas. I know preparing for Christmas is a very busy time. We are so grateful that you chose to spend time with us. I thank you for your time and I thank God for your faith.*

*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.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** - I really want to thank all of the Religious Education Students and their parents, as well as our parishioners for the beautiful cards, and gifts given to me at Christmas. Your generosity was overwhelming.

**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, William Edwards and Mary Wilkinson.

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**VINE & BRANCHES** - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in our gym. I also want to thank everyone who so generously donated food items from the Christmas tree at Immaculate Conception Church for the benefit of our Vine & Branches Food Closet. Our shelves are stocked.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Please consider spending a half hour with our Lord.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - Poinsettias were also donated around the altar of Immaculate Conception Church by: Marjorie Arni in Memory of the Arni Family Living and Deceased, by Betsy Clark in memory of the John Stanton Family and by Kristie & Kyle Arnold in memory of Jack Mark.

Poinsettias were also donated around the altar of St. Anthony's Church by: Gary & Susan Cooper Family-Mike & Justin in Memory of Katherine Kay Cooper, Otto Mahn and Robert Trabold and by Bernard & Maria Heaney in Memory of Timothy, Shawn, Kerry Heaney, William & Julia Heaney and Bonfiglio & Adelina Mazzocchi.

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### **NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, 2018**  
4:30 pm - Amenia

**New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019**  
12 noon - Pine Plains

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**NEW YEAR'S PRAYER** - God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. (*Loyola Press*)

**MANY THANKS** - My thanks to all of the Religious Ed Students/Parents for your Christmas cards and gifts.. It was so thoughtful of you to think of me. ~ Virginia Bida ~

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, December 22-23, 2018, we collected \$3,948.23 in our Regular Sunday Collection. Approximately **611** people attended Mass on Christmas and we collected \$11,666.71 in our Christmas Collection. I thank you for your presence, your amazing generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** - Fr. Wilson is looking for someone to help with the Altar Linens in Pine Plains. If you are able to help out, please give him a call.

**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 Bill Mahar  
In Loving Memory of Janet Mahar*