

# SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## January 6, 2019

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Jan. 7	8:00 am	Alan Carroll
"	Tues.	Jan. 8	8:00 am	Ida Kain
"	Wed.	Jan. 9	8:00 am	Dorothy Kaval
"	Thurs.	Jan. 10	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Jan. 11	8:00 am	Harold J. Morford, Sr.
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Robert Wilkinson
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Jan. 12	8:00 am	John Tobin & Paul Benson
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Frieda & Henry Eckardt
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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Jan. 13	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Janet & Mara Anne Mahar

**"HAPPY NEW YEAR"**

Dear Friends:

*I begin this letter with a prayer for you and your families. I'm hoping that this New Year is one that is Happy, Healthy and Holy for all of you. Let us all go to God in these first days of 2019 and plead for a better world and a more peaceful world.*

*It might be good to look at the New Year and vow to be less opinionated and confrontational. I know that I, myself, have sometimes become too angry about my opinions and try to force my ideas on others. I just think it would be good to take a break from yelling at each other and try listening more. After all, God gave us two ears and one mouth. Perhaps that means we should listen twice as much as we speak.*

*It's a time for resolutions as we enter the new year. But many of these resolutions are somewhat self-centered (losing weight, a better job) as opposed to making resolutions in regard to other people and their needs. It seems to be a modern quality that people are more self-centered and selfish. It might be a good resolution to stop thinking about our needs or problems so much and reach out to those around us.*

*Another modern problem we see so often is that people are so busy (it seems sometimes so busy doing things that are somewhat unimportant). And the busy-ness is now taking place on cell phones and computers. It seems like sometimes our infatuation with phones and tablets is taking the place of personal and real communication. It might be time to take an hour and just look at the trees and the sky.*

*One thing I believe needs to happen in your life and mine is to make God a bigger part of our daily life. There is no question that God and religion are becoming less a part of our life. It is so easy to go through the day and completely forget the faith that is our treasure. It might be a very big change in your life to make God more of the center of your existence. We at Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony Church will be here to help you every step of the way.*

*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.

**EAGLE COURT OF HONOR – TROOP 3029** - On December 22, 2018, the Dutchess District Hudson Valley Council Boy Scouts of America, presented three young men, **Nicholas Jasmin, Nicholas Lopane** and **Nicodemus Smith** with the Eagle Badge. Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, Eagles do their best each day to make their training an example, their rank and their influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in their troop, in their community, and in their contacts with other people. To this they pledge their sacred honor. It was my privilege and honor to attend this ceremony, especially as all three young men and their families are members of our parish. I am so very proud of their accomplishment.

**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.

**MEN'S CLUB** - The next Men's Club meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. New members are most welcome.

**CHRISTMAS IS OUR EPIPHANY** - "Epiphany" is defined as a sudden revelation or insight. The celebration we call "The Epiphany" commemorates the moment when three foreign kings visited the newborn Jesus and experienced the revelation that He was a divine king.

The visit of the Magi was prophesied in the Old Testament. *"The kings of Tarshish and the Islands shall offer gifts, the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him"* (Psalm 72:10-11). *"Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord."* (Isaiah 60:6). St. Matthew recorded that they brought three gifts:

Gold – the gift for a king, Frankincense – the gift for a priest, and Myrrh – a burial ointment.

The kings witnessed to the presence of the Messiah on Earth, and the fulfillment of God's promise of a Savior. Christmas is our reminder that God is always faithful. Christmas is our epiphany into God's eternal love.

**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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, December 29-30, 2018, we collected \$3,183.00 in our Regular Sunday 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.

**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

**PINE PLAINS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES** - The Pine Plains Council of Churches is sponsoring a unity service for the greater Pine Plains area on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at the Pine Plains Methodist Church located at 3023 Church Street. Please consider joining us as we pray for unity among the Christian congregations.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by the Parishioners  
in Memory of Larry Farnham  
in Thanksgiving for his service to our Parish*

