

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 20, 2019

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Jan. 21	8:00 am	Dorothy Kaval
"	Tues.	Jan. 22	8:00 am	William A. Grimm
"	Wed.	Jan. 23	8:00 am	Sean Kelly
"	Thurs.	Jan. 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Jan. 25	8:00 am	Lawrence McEnroe, Sr.
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Fr. Vincent Bartley
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Jan. 26	8:00 am	Charles Moore ( <i>Living</i> )
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Alan Carroll
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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Jan. 27	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	William Henry Edwards ( <i>Living</i> )

### "PRO-LIFE"

Dear Friends:

*The New York Legislature, now that it is run by one party, (in unity with the Governor) is about to pass, at least in my eyes, the most radical and frightening abortion bill I have ever seen.*

*It is called the "Reproductive Health Act." It is due to become law on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. What this law allows for is shocking. It will make it legal for a woman to have an abortion in the last three months of pregnancy. It will permit non-doctors to perform abortions, and repeals protections for babies that are accidentally born alive during an abortion. The bill removes abortion from the state's penal code, which closes a criminal avenue to pursue if a baby dies in the womb through an act of domestic violence or another crime. The bill has language that seems to be a direct threat to pro-life pregnancy centers and health facilities that help a woman to bring a baby to term and birth. For more information, please look at our insert. The insert also includes what actions you can take to contact your government.*

*As I listen to the political conversations in the media, I see that the powers that be in New York, especially the Governor, want to portray this bill as simply to attempt to battle the current U.S. administration and the growing national trend toward restricting abortion. The argument, as I hear it, is made that this Bill is only put forward to protect current abortion services in New York. As I read it, it is nothing of the sort. It is, to me, a radical and dangerous bill that goes beyond what most reasonable people would want.*

*Abortion is a difficult issue. Battle lines have been drawn and people, no doubt, are very polarized on the issue. I have thought this issue through, time and time again, and I cannot escape the one thing: that there is a human life there. It is not "fetal tissue," it is not a "lump of cells," it is not a "potential" human. It is human. It is someone's son or daughter. "It" is a real person. He or she is a creation of God. What kind of society do we have here where this can happen, where we treat human beings in this way? Innocent, defenseless human beings.*

*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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - It would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Colonel Lisa Shay on her retirement from the Army. Colonel Shay was a graduate of West Point and last served as a professor there. She and her family are parishioners and Lisa is a catechist for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. She is also an associate of the Sisters of Charity. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and we thank her for 30 years of devoted service. Well done!

**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, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons and Marlana Mittel.

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK** - The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name and the Childhood of Jesus. It is also time to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme for the 2019 National Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." The annual observance starts on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and runs until Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community. Below are the dates and times for Open Houses at our Dutchess Elementary Schools. We welcome you and your families to visit our schools and see firsthand the true value of a Catholic education. We hope that you will stop by!

The next Touring Tuesday is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11 am. or by appointment. Reservations are required and can be made online at CatholicSchoolsNY.org or by calling their bilingual phone line 646-794-2885.

**Holy Trinity School:** ( 20 Springside Avenue, Poughkeepsie – 471-0520): Jan. 27, from 8 am – 2 pm; Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am - 11 am.

**St. Denis-St. Columba School:** (849 Route 82, Hopewell Junction – 227-7777): Jan. 27, from 10 am to 1:30 pm; Jan. 30, from 9 am – 11 am.

**St. Martin de Porres School:** (122 Cedar Valley Road, Poughkeepsie – 452-4428): Jan. 29, from 9 am to 2 pm.

**St. Mary School:** (106 Jackson Street, Fishkill – 896-9561): Jan. 29, from 9 am – 11 am.

**St. Mary's School:** (2 Convent Ave., Wappingers Falls – 297-7500): Jan. 27, from 10 am – 11 am; Bilingual Tours available from 1 – 2 pm; Jan. 29, from 9 am – 11 am.

**St. Peter School:** (12 Father Cody Plaza, Hyde Park – 471-6600, ext. 200): Jan. 27, from 1 pm – 3 pm, with Bilingual Tours available; Jan. 29, from 9 am – 11 am.

**The Ark and the Dove Preschool:** (602 Beekman Rd., Beekman – 227-5232): Jan. 27, 10 am – 1 pm.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, January 12-13, 2019, we collected \$3,552.25 in our Regular Sunday Collection. 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 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 Denise & Bob Conway  
In Loving Memory of Anthony Mottola*