

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 27, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

Amenia	Mon.	Jan. 28	8:00 am	Msgr. Thomas Leonard
"	Tues.	Jan. 29	8:00 am	John Leonard Monaghan
"	Wed.	Jan. 30	8:00 am	Al Cobuzzi
"	Thurs.	Jan. 31	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Feb. 1	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Shannon Smith Kent
Amenia	Sat.	Feb. 2	8:00 am	Charles Moore <i>(Living)</i>
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Richard J. Kain

Pine Plains	Sun	Feb. 3	8:00 am	Louisa Repetti
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"SNOW DAYS & HOLIDAYS"

Dear Friends:

I am very much amused by the TV advertisements that talk about how a person, when insuring their house, is starting to become like his parents. There is a man portrayed who acts like a complete "nerd" at a nightclub, to the dismay of his friends.

I find that I am becoming like my parents. My mom, in her later years, was obsessed with the mail and the bank (in a healthy way). I find myself also, in my later years, obsessed with the mail and the bank (in a healthy way).

That is why on holidays when the bank and post office are closed, I find myself disconcerted and "discombobulated." The routine of the day is gone. What do I do?

The same thing happens with big snow days. The snow interrupts and delays my daily activities. Sometimes a person can't even drive. What do I do?

These kinds of days are so beneficial, even though we may seem somewhat lost and confused. These kind of "empty" days provide us with that spectacular resource: time.

I find that when these days come, whether snow days or holidays, they are beautiful opportunities. They can help us to catch up with long lost errands or housekeeping jobs. They can help us to take a relaxing hour of doing "nothing." Or these open times can give us a moment to visit someone.

We are often extremely disturbed at "snow days" and the problems they cause. I know many of our parents are very disadvantaged by snow days, searching for daycare and transportation.

But, so I said, these holidays and snow days give us a chance to really "catch up." We get so tied up in schedules and commitments that we lose our peace and serenity. We all need that. We all need "dead time" to get our minds cleaned out and our bodies refreshed. It might be good to thank God today for our snow days and holidays.

Fr. Wilson

FIRST FRIDAY - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, February 1, 2019, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Please consider spending a half hour with our Lord.

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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - If you need a copy your 2018 Financial Statement with respect to your contributions to Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony's Church, please call the office.

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 Niranjani, 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 Marlena Mittel.

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THE ABORTION EXPANSION ACT - The Governor and the Democratic leadership in the New York State Legislature want to go even further, and make abortion less safe and more expansive than it is now. They've promised to enact the so-called "Reproductive Health Act" early in 2019. As explained in last week's insert, this extremism goes far beyond *Roe vs. Wade*. *It will allow non-doctors to perform abortions. It will allow abortions for any reason in the third trimester of pregnancy right up to a mother's due date. It will remove our state's protections for infants accidentally born alive in the course of an abortion.*

We need to take action now. We need to stand-up in unison and make our voices heard on behalf of women and their unborn children. To voice your objection, it will only take a few minutes

Simply go to the New York State Catholic Conference website at www.nyscatholic.org. Click on "Stop Abortion Expansion." Enter your home address information, then select "Send Message." Your message will automatically be sent to your State Senator, State Assembly Representative and the Governor. Please try and do this as soon as possible. It is so important to register our strong protest.

"Fewer women would have abortions if wombs had windows"
(*Dr. Bernard Nathanson, former abortionist turned Pro-Life*)

HEALING MASS - A Healing Mass, with a free flow of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1925 Rte. 82, LaGrangeville, NY. Guest Celebrant will be Fr. Pancrose Kalist, new Pastor of St. Kateri. Praise and Worship begins at 7:00 pm; Mass at 7:30 pm. Adoration and individual prayers for Healing follow Mass. The event is sponsored by Spirit Wind Prayer group of St. Kateri. All are welcome. Weather Cancellations on WHUD Storm Center 100.7 FM and follow the Arlington School afterschool directives. For more information, call Pat or Joe at 845-440-3519.

FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE - The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program and Hudson Valley CASH Coalition offer free tax preparation assistance to low to moderate income individuals, families and seniors. IRS certified volunteer tax preparers assist filers and ensure that those who may be eligible for tax credits and refunds receive these valuable credits. There is no age requirement and AARP Membership is not required. To schedule an appointment call United Way's Help Line, 2-1-1 or 1 (800) 899-1479.

MAKE IT A GOOD DAY - A good day is one spent in God's presence. Start the morning by offering your efforts to God. Throughout the day, look for evidence of His nearness to you as you go about your business. Don't let minor irritants affect your mood.

***"I don't care to inquire why they cannot believe an earthly body can be in heaven,
while the whole earth is suspended on nothing."***
(*St. Augustine*)

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, January 19-20, 2019, we collected \$1,847.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$598 for Utility & Energy. 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Denise Conway
In Celebration of Kathryn Garzetta's 98th Birthday*