

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 21, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FO

Amenia	Mon.	April 22	8:00 am	Martha Flanigan
“	Tues.	April 23	8:00 am	Deceased Members of the Proper & Mahoney
Family				
“	Wed.	April 24	8:00 am	Douglas Wink
“	Thurs.	April 25	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	April 26	8:00 am	Ralph Vinchiarello
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Natalino Guglielmetti
Amenia	Sat.	April 27	8:00 am	Fr. Thomas Kallumady
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Bertha Conway
Pine Plains	Sun.	April 28	8:00 am	Connell Furey
Amenia “	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“BLESSED EASTER”

Dear Friends:

**Behold the Lamb of God
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

We are all very familiar with these words as we say them again and again in preparation for communion. One part that some have asked about, is the unusual “enter under my roof” phrase. It seems a little awkward sometimes when I say it.

We know it comes from the Gospel story with the Centurion who acknowledges the holiness of Christ and his own humility. He does this by sharing with Christ “I am not worthy for you to enter under my roof.”

However, whenever I say this prayer, which is very often, I somehow think of it in a different way. For some reason it comes to me that I should say “Lord I am not worthy that you should enter into my life.” Sounds very different – but it kind of makes sense.

And many times we do feel unworthy that the Lord should reach out to us. It is very reasonable to say “Who am I that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, should come into my life?”

The Good News is, that, in spite of our sinfulness, we know that Jesus wants to enter into our life. The Bible and the Church tells us that. Even our liturgical year tells us that.

That is one undeniable message from both Christmas and Easter: That God loves us, yes, but more than that. That Jesus loves us, and wants to be part of our life, so much that He became a human, a child, to convince us of it.

And in Easter, we know that Jesus wants to enter into our life by some obvious signs: He gave His life for you and He was resurrected to show you the way to heaven. With Easter we know He wants to enter into our life and He wants to make our life last forever.

*A Blessed Easter to you all!
Fr. Wilson*

2019 CARDINAL’S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of April 12, 2019, we have received **\$21,665.00.** in pledges from **74** families. We need the support of all of our families in order to make our goal of \$39,500.00. I ask those of you who have not yet responded to prayerfully consider making a pledge or one time donation in an amount you can afford.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, 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, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Joseph Licurse, Renee Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjani, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons, Marlena Mittell, Marjorie Arni, John Haggerty, Teal Burns, Jane Bly and Robert Bartolomeo.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2019-2020 -. Please try and register your children in our Religious Education Program for next year (beginning in September) as soon as possible. All children must be registered by May 5th. Our program helps parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. You may either mail or drop off your registration form to the parish office. If your child is entering 1st grade in September, please call the office at 373-8193 and we will mail the registration form to you. Our program meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am.

EASTER HOLY WATER _ The Silver Holy Water receptacle is on the altar for you to take Holy Water home. Please bring your own container.

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Have faith in Him...  
And He will always be there for you!

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EASTER LILIES - The Easter season coincides with the beginning of spring, a time of renewal and rebirth. Before fully opening, lilies assume a trumpet shape. This shape symbolizes God the Father calling his Son Jesus home, which is a great source of joy for Christians. The choice of white lilies indicates purity and freedom from sin through Jesus's death on the cross. Legend holds that lilies grew wherever Jesus' tears fell, offering hope to believers. A special thanks to all of you who purchased lilies this Easter.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION - The Pine Plains Council of Churches annually offers a scholarship to a graduating Stissing Mt. High School senior who is actively affiliated with a Christian Church, or to any graduating senior who is actively affiliated with a PPCC member church. Applications are available from Fr. Wilson and must be returned no later than May 20, 2019.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, April 13-14, 2019, we collected \$4,121.00 in our Regular Sunday and \$950.63 for our School of Religion. 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

† **Sanctuary Light** †
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Susan Vinchiarello
In Loving Memory of Ralph Vinchiarello*

