

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER May 5, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

Amenia	Mon.	May 6	8:00 am	Joseph Delango
“	Tues.	May 7	8:00 am	Antonia Robustelli
“	Wed.	May 8	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	Thurs.	May 9	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	May 10	8:00 am	Margaret Sicord
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Elizabeth Brizzie
Amenia	Sat.	May 11	8:00 am	Larry Farnham
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Bill Kain

Pine Plains	Sun.	May 12	8:00 am	Mary J. Drohosky
Amenia“	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“MATTHEW 25”

Dear Friends:

I am on the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Dutchess County. At our most recent meeting, we were reflecting on the retirement of Monsigneur James Sullivan, who is retiring from the board as well as retiring from his position as Pastor of St. Martin de Porres in Poughkeepsie. We all wish him a very relaxing and healthy retirement.

In his final goodbye talk, he commended the work of Catholic Charities and reminded us of the great gospel, Matthew 25.

To me, Matthew 25 ranks very highly in importance in the Gospels, because it is so clear, and so direct. It is the words of Jesus, Himself.

The gospel speaks of the “sheep and the goats.” The sheep are the “good people,” meant to enter eternal life, while the goats are the “bad people” meant to enter into damnation. And what is the difference? As Jesus tells us, the “good people” are those who gave Jesus food when He was hungry, drink when He was thirsty, and other acts of helping and charity. The “bad people” are those who did not give Jesus food when He was hungry, and did not do other acts of helping. Those listening to Him said, “Lord when did we do these things to you?” Jesus replied, “when you did it for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me.”

The message is clear: if we are to make eternal life, we must do acts of charity for those around us. And that is why the Catholic Church has hospitals, schools, organizations for the poor, cemeteries, and countless charitable endeavors. That is why Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony’s Church has two food pantries, a Thrift Shop, a Religious Education Program, and giving and devoted parishioners.

How can we really live the way that Jesus wants us to live? From Matthew 25, we know that to live a Jesus – centered life is to give one’s life in service of others. There is no better way to live.

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.

MOTHER’S DAY CARDS - Mother’s Day cards for the living and deceased are available at the entrance of the Church. You may leave your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office.

2019 CARDINAL’S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of April 26, 2019, we have received **\$22,965.00** in pledges from **80** 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. No amount is too small.

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.

MEN'S GROUP - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, May 6th, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. New members are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - MAY CROWNING As is our tradition, we ask all the First Communicants to wear their communion outfits and attend the 10:45 am Mass on Sunday May 12th and participate in the "May Crowning" following the Mass.

20th ANNUAL MASS AND DEVOTION TO SAINT DYMPHNA - Saint Dymphna is the Patroness of those suffering from emotional and psychological difficulties, autism and Alzheimer's disease. The 20th Annual Healing Mass, including the communal rite of anointing the sick and a blessing with a relic of St. Dymphna, patron saint of mental health, will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 7 pm in Mt. Alvernia Chapel in Wappingers Falls, NY. A social follows the Mass. For directions to Mt. Alvernia Retreat House call (845) 297-5706 or visit www.mtalvernia.org.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD - It's a hot ticket! Don't miss out on the Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County (CCSDC) event of the year! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 4th at 5:30 pm and plan to attend the 2019 Spirit of Service Awards dinner and auction at the Villa Borghese, Wappingers Falls. The parish and community spirit is once again sure to fill the room as we honor St. Anne Daniel Young, former Principal of St. Denis-St. Columba School, Humanitarian Award; Fred Apers, retired Executive Director Cardinal Hayes Home for Children, Light of Hope Award; Paggi Engineering, Lawrence Paggi, Corporate Citizenship Award; and Mary L. Marshall, retired Executive Director, CCSDC, Founder's Award. Visit catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org to purchase sponsorship, ads and tickets! Questions: Kim.Whelly@archny.org or 845-451-4299.

JESUS ALWAYS GIVES MORE THAN WE ASK - During His time on Earth, Jesus exceeded people's expectations. He always gave more than was asked – but exactly what was needed.

A paralyzed man sought a cure for his body but Jesus cured his soul (Mark 2:1-12). A man's friend brought him to Jesus to heal his body, but Jesus forgave his sins. As God, Jesus has the power to heal. As man, He identifies with our deepest needs and gives us what is required to overcome them.

A widow needed strength to bury her son but Jesus gave him life (Luke 7:11-17). God's love for us is bigger than we can imagine and moves Him to shower us with miracles.

Invited to attend a wedding, He elevated the marriage to a Sacrament (John 2:1-12). At His Mother's request, Jesus blessed a new marriage by replenishing their empty wine stocks with better refreshment than they could have imagined. When we ask for her help, she makes sure her Son gives us what we need and more than we can imagine.

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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, too). Turn to her for guidance and protection and she will bring you to her Son: *"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."*

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, April 27-28, 2019, we collected \$3,654.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$1,122.00 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.

† Sanctuary Light †
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Keane & Marlowe LLP
In Memory of Antonia Robustelli*