

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 12, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

Amenia	Mon.	May 13	8:00 am	Martha Flanigan
“	Tues.	May 14	8:00 am	Agnes Mahoney & Margaret Proper
“	Wed.	May 15	8:00 am	Mother's Day
“	Thurs.	May 16	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	May 17	8:00 am	Mother's Day
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Mother's Day
Amenia	Sat.	May 18	8:00 am	Barbara Hosier
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Frank (Babe) Foley Family

Pine Plains	Sun.	May 19	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia “	“	“	10:45 am	Rudolph Eschbach

“WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?”

Dear Friends:

I came across a quote recently that got me to thinking. It comes from the French poet and essayist Charles Peguy. He suggested that when we come to the gates of heaven we will all be asked “Mais ou sont les autres?” (“But where are the others?”)

It is, to me, a very profound and timely thought. Like all great quotations it could be interpreted in several helpful ways.

“But where are the others?” It could be interpreted as meaning that at the final judgment God will ask us “where are the people who helped you? Couldn't you bring them with you?”

Each of us walk ahead in our life with Jesus with the help of others. We cannot do it alone. Every step we take to get closer to God is aided by others. Some are very close to us; others might play a small role.

In our sometimes crazy and frustrating world, it is tempting to “go it alone.” You may think to yourself, I can do so much better with doing everything on my own. That may work sometimes, but in the long run, most of us need help. I know I need a lot of help.

“But where are the others?” Another way to look at this quote is to reflect on who we have brought into the faith along with us. “Who did you help to come with you to the joys of God's kingdom?” We all know that part of our covenant with Christ is that we are to make disciples. Certainly not easy work, and often frustrating.

But this missionary work must be done, and we must remember that this work will be directly powered by the Grace of God. But we have to do it. Think of the millions of Catholics before us who have done so much to make our religious life possible today.

So, “where are the others?” It is a thought-provoking reminder that we are not “loners” in this faith. Many have helped us to get where we are. And many are waiting for us to bring God to them. What a blessed faith we have! We get to share it with many others every day!

Fr. Wilson

SAD NEWS - Fr. John L. Durkin, who faithfully served as Pastor at Immaculate Conception from 1988 to 2009 has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. Tentatively the wake will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Monday, May 13th, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Funeral Mass will take place on Monday, May 14th, at 10:30 am at Immaculate Conception. Confirmation of said information will be forthcoming.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society meeting is cancelled for Monday, May 13th. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception.

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 DeLuca, 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.

SPECIAL THANKS - I would like to thank Mrs. Marilyn Tyree our 2nd grade teacher who did a wonderful job preparing our second graders (Reilly Demczar, Jack Elliott, Nolan Howard, Michael O'Connor, Braelyn Paraszti) for their First Communion last Saturday.

MAY CROWNING - By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As is our tradition, our First Holy Communion children will participate in the crowning of our Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 12th, (Mother's Day) after the 10:45 am Mass in Amenia. All parishioners are invited to join in this public display to honor our Blessed Mother.

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**MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**  
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Loving God, you wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children.
We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives:
our own mothers who brought us into this world,
the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families,
our grandmothers, who took time for us,
and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children.
Bless all the mothers of the world today.
May they know the fullness of love they have shared
and be blessed every day of their lives.
Amen.

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**VINE & BRANCHES** - The winner of the 50/50 was Victoria Perotti. The split was \$34.50. The next food distribution will be held in the gym at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

**MOST HOLY STIGMATA FRATERNITY – ORDER OF FRANCISCAN SECULAR** - Are you 18 years old or older and want to learn more about the life of St. Francis? Do you want to grow in your relationship with Christ? You are cordially invited to join us at our Information Night on Thursday, May 23, 2019. Orientation at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm Gathering at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, Delavergne Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, (845) 297-5760. For more information: 845-223-3641; cpmunger@aoll.com.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION OF DUTCHESS** - On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic School Region of Dutchess will host the inaugural Hope on the Hudson event in support of Catholic schools in the Dutchess region. The event will be held at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie with special guest Timothy Cardinal Dolan. For more information, please contact Alyson.Vetter@archny.org or call (646) 794-3330.

**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, May 4-5, 2019, we collected \$4,897.83 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL** - The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Denise & Bob Conway  
In Loving Memory of Bertha Conway & Philomena Ketchum*