

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 26, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

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| Amenia | Mon. | May 27 | 9:00 am | Deceased Members of the Parish <i>(Mass to be held at the Amenias Cemetery)</i> |
| " | Tues. | May 28 | 8:00 am | Joe Delango |
| " | Wed. | May 29 | 8:00 am | Jack Murtagh |
| Pine Plains | " | " | 7:00 pm | Jane Wells (Ascension) |
| Amenias | Thurs. | May 30 | 8:00 am | Doug Winslow (Ascension) |
| " | " | " | 7:00 pm | Mary Hardisty (Ascension) |
| " | Fri. | May 31 | 8:00 am | Michael Murphy |
| Pine Plains | " | " | 12 noon | Elizabeth Brizzie |
| Amenias | Sat. | June 1 | 8:00 am | Kristine Shepard |
| " | " | " | 4:30 pm | Leo, Sr., Dorothy McEnroe & Family |
| Pine Plains | Sun. | June 2 | 8:00 am | People of the Parish |
| Amenias | " | " | 10:45 am | Ed & Lois Pomeisl |

"THE LESSON OF HISTORY"

Dear Readers:

I'm sure you are tired of me making references to history, as you can see the title above is "The Lesson of History". Here goes Father Wilson again, talking about boring history and putting us to sleep.

Well, I can't help it. I have a Master's degree in Church History, and I am fascinated by history and what it can tell us. After all, it is said that those who don't understand history are bound to repeat it. I hope that with our example here that you can at least see what history can teach us, even in a little way.

I came upon some statistics about religious activity that I found striking. Churches in Europe in the 1800's were very worried about the growing lack of participation by the people in the Churches. In 1851 it was revealed that in most large towns in Britain fewer than 10 per cent of the people had attended Church on a given Sunday. In Berlin in 1895, sixteen percent of members of the Church received communion. In London in 1900, 22 percent of the people attended Church, while in Paris 15 percent attended Mass at that time.

Sound familiar? Our struggles in the modern Church in America are not new nor unique. During different stages in history, there are always great challenges to Church participation. We struggle with it today, but many have struggled with it throughout history.

Sometimes we think that our time, our "age", is the worst ever. There are those who constantly complain about how the world is at the worst stage ever. There are those in the Church who think that also – that the Church is in complete disaster mode – and nothing can be done. The statistics above give us pause when we see things were bad over 100 years ago.

But the statistics show us also that things can get better. Even with those negative numbers over a century ago, the Church is still here, and alive in every part of the world.

Fr. Wilson

MEMORIAL DAY MASS - Our annual Memorial Day Mass which is held in the Amenias Cemetery will be on Monday, May 27th, at 9 am. All are invited. For your comfort, we ask that you bring a "folding chair". In case of rain, the Mass will be held in Immaculate Conception Church.

HONOR THE MEMORY - Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. Though their names may fade with the passing generations, we must never forget the sacrifices they made to ensure our freedom.

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 Bartolome.

VINE & BRANCHES - Last weekend we provided food for 20 families and approximately 69 people. Thanks to all those who purchase 50/50 tickets, donate food and volunteer at the food closet each month - we couldn't do this without your support. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, June 15th, at 10 am in the gym.

NEWLY BAPTIZED - The following children were born into the new life of Christ in the waters of Baptism at Immaculate Conception Church:

Genesis Faillos, daughter of Christian Fiallos and Diana Leon was baptized on March 9th, 2019; Thomas Norman Miller II, son of Nicholas Miller and Evelyn Sterry was baptized on April 27, 2019; Korben James Smith, son of Zachary Smith and Casey Sheridan was baptized on May 11, 2019 and Isabella Marie Weber, daughter of Louis Merolle and Kristy Weber was baptized on May 11, 2019.

We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on these children, watch over them and fill them with peace and joy.

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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** - Ascension Thursday, May 30, 2019, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass Schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019 -- 7:00 pm Mass -- St. Anthony's, Pine Plains**

**Thursday, May 30, 20189 -- 8:00 am Mass -- Immaculate Conception, Amenia  
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PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Lord, please watch over 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 who are presently serving in the Military.

"Almighty and eternal God, protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord." Amen.

CELEBRATE PENTECOST WITH PRAYER! Please join us for our next Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation on Saturday, June 8th, at 10:00 am at St. Anthony's Church in Pine Plains.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, May 18-19, 2019, we collected \$3,494.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$941.07 for Central & Eastern Europe. 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

SPECIAL THANKS - I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped in the preparations for Fr. Durkin's Wake and Funeral Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. I especially want to thank Regina Syversen and the Choir who sang so beautifully. Fr. Durkin devoted 21 years of faithful service to our Parish - please remember him in your prayers.

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS - Father's Day cards for the living and deceased are available in the back of Church. You may leave your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
donated by Pat Delango
In Memory of Joseph Delango*