

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 7, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	July 8	8:00 am	Rene Cobuzzi
“	Tues.	July 9	8:00 am	Mary Ellen Phelan
“	Wed.	July 10	8:00 am	Bessie Lee
“	Thurs.	July 11	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	July 12	8:00 am	Fr. John L. Durkin
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Timothy Straub
Amenia	Sat.	July 13	8:00 am	Robert Cooper
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Antonia & John Sferratore and Mary, Sam & Marjorie Crodelle
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Pine Plains	Sun.	July 14	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia “	“	“	10:45 am	Rocco Martello
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“THE NEW EVANGELIZATION”

Dear Friends;

I'm asking you to bear with me. This may seem like an academic exercise, or a dry philosophical rambling that doesn't mean much to the normal person in the pew. But this letter is about very critical material for us and for our Church.

There has been talk of a “New Evangelization” in the Church. What exactly does that mean? In the old days, when we spoke of evangelization, we talked of the “missions.” That meant far-away lands with different and foreign cultures, where missionaries brought the Gospel to these “new” peoples. That was evangelization in the “old days.”

And it was great. This classic missionary work accomplished a great deal. I started thinking about evangelization because July 1st was the Saint's day of St. Junipero Serra. St. Junipero was a Franciscan who worked in the missions in the 1700's in Mexico and California. He established missions in present day San Diego, San Luis Obispo and Ventura in California. He dedicated his life to bringing the Gospel to Mexicans and Native Americans. That's what I would call an “old-fashioned” missionary.

But now the “new evangelization” refers to something very different. The Catholic Church has encountered, in 2019, a new situation. Many Christian countries who have practiced the faith for centuries, are beginning to lose the faith. Countries like Ireland, France and Italy, once devout Christian and Catholic environments, have changed into something more secular and non-religious. The same thing is happening in the United States.

Thus the dramatic need for a “new—evangelization.” Our countries of Europe and America are in need of a fresh presentation of the blessings of the faith in Jesus Christ. That's where you come in.

It has been said that the most important moment in the Sunday Mass celebration is what we decide to do when we walk out the Church door. It might be important to consider this Sunday what you can do to bring back the Catholic faith to the community you live in.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, 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, 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, Robert Bartolomeo, Jennifer Boice and Mary K. Spear.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, July 8th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to join them in saying the Rosary.

TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY IN STOCKBRIDGE, MA - The Rosary Society is planning a trip to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Thursday, July 18th. We will meet in the St. Patrick's Church parking lot in Millerton at 10:30 am and arrange car pooling up to the Shrine. They offer confession from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, Mass at 2:00 pm and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm. They have beautiful grounds, including Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine, the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, the outdoor life-size Stations of the Cross, the Holy Family Shrine, and the Lourdes Grotto/Immaculate Conception Candle Shrine as well as a gift shop. We also plan on stopping at the Great Barrington Brewery for Lunch on the way home. If you are interested in visiting the Shrine, please call Margaret Gregoire at (518) 518-789-3337.

WHERE IS GOD WHEN YOU NEED HIM? God can be found one hundred times every day if we look for him. *"So it was you all along. Everyone I ever loved, it was you. Everything decent or fine that ever happened to me, everything that made me reach out and try to be better, it was you."* (C.S. Lewis)

When you need encouragement, God sends you a kind glance or a friendly word. Look for his face in the person who gives it.

God surrounds us with beauty to help us think of him and remind us of his love for us. Don't miss the chance to appreciate a lovely garden or a mighty tree.

When you are anxious or lonely, God comes to you in the sympathetic friend who listens, or the stranger who smiles at you.

When we are on unfamiliar ground, God sends us a colleague to make us feel comfortable at work or a neighbor to help us feel more at home.

Where is God when you need him? He is everywhere you are.

LATIN MASS SOCIETY OF THE HUDSON VALLEY - The Latin Mass Society of the Hudson Valley and St. Mary's Poughkeepsie will host a Solemn Latin High Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16th at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 97 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie. This is a special celebration of the Mass in the Church's Latin tradition with many beautifully sung parts of the Mass. Fr. John Wilson, parochial vicar of St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights, will be the celebrant. A reception will follow Mass in the Church basement. For more information, please visit latinmasshv.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, June 29-30, 2019, we collected \$4,188.00 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.

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. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Denise, Vera & Linda
In Loving Memory of Rene Cobuzzi*