

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 8, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Sept. 9	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
“	Tues.	Sept. 10	8:00 am	Jack Emerson
“	Wed.	Sept. 11	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
“	Thurs.	Sept. 12	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Sept. 13	8:00 am	Paraszti Family
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Jane Wells
Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 14	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Grace H. McGowan

Pine Plains	Sun.	Sept. 15	8:00 am	Albert Nolletti
Amenia“	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“FROM COLUMBINE TO CHRIST”

Dear Friends,

Every school day for almost 2 years, Jenica Thornby would spend her lunch hour in the library at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Every day except for April 20, 1999.

She had on that day a sudden urge to leave school. She found a friend and they left school – looking back they saw hundreds of students running out of school. They thought it was a fire drill.

Back inside the school, two students entered with guns and killed 12 students and wounded 20 other people. Many of the casualties took place in the library, where on any other day Jenica Thornby would have been sitting,

Jenica remembers thinking “why wasn’t I there?”

Two decades later, Thornby is now Sister Mary Gianna, D.L.J.C.

At the time of the shooting, Jenica wasn’t Catholic – she wasn’t even religious. She struggled in High School and didn’t see anything good in her future.

She joined a Catholic Youth Group in her senior year. She discovered in that group that life could be happy and that God loved her. After High School, she attended Franciscan University of Steubenville, where she became Catholic in 2002.

In 2010 Jenica Thornby entered religious life as a member of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and was given the name Mary Gianna and in 2018 took her final vows. Sister serves now in Pittsburgh.

Sister Mary Gianna, reflecting on the day at Columbine High, thought about the student Rachel Joy Scott. At the tragic scene, one of the gunmen asked her if she still believed in God. Rachel replied “You know I do.” The gunman shot her in the head.

Sister Mary Gianna said “Even in the midst of tragedy, God can bring good. God could bring life out of death. The worst tragedy was Jesus being put to death on the cross and it lead to our salvation.”

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, Nora Miller, Allen McPeck, Diana LaCurto, Genevieve Minischetti, Jeanne Allyn, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Scott Traver and Douglas Wilson.

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ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will be held on Monday, September 9th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2019-2020 PROGRAM - Our Religious Education Program begins on Sunday, September 8th at 9:15 am. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Virginia Bida our Religious Ed Coordinator and our Catechists (Tami Burns, Marilyn Tyree, Miriam Devine, Cindy LaBella, Deborah Galente, Kristen Lazarus, Hilda Delgado, Lisa Shay and Ken Pomeisl, who volunteer each Sunday to teach our children about our precious faith. I also want to thank the parents for allowing us to assist you with your child's religious education. I am confident that by working together, we can help our children develop a loving, lasting relationship with God.

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

*O God, our Heavenly Father,
you have given us the gift of these catechists
to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.
We lift them up to you in thanksgiving
and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.
May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them,
a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges,
is compassionate and consoles.
We pray that our parish family will always be blessed
with those who have responded to the call to
share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.
May we too be open to the universal call to service
that Christ addressed to all His disciples,
contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

PRAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR 9/11 - Lord of Mercy, Prince of Peace -- This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory. We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others. We remember all those who suffered and died, we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends. And it is right that it should not pass from our memory. But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our most ancient and holy desire, peace among God's children. Lord give us peace. Amen. (*Taken from Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago*)

FALL INTO A GOOD HABIT-PRAYER ! - Please join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation on September 14th, at 10:00 am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains. We welcome seekers, skeptics, and sinners like us!

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, August 31 – September 1st, we collected \$4,048.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,147.88 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.

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.