

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 22, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Sept. 23	8:00 am	Richard Delgado
“	Tues.	Sept. 24	8:00 am	Mary Adamitis
“	Wed.	Sept. 25	8:00 am	Deborah Downey
“	Thurs.	Sept. 26	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Sept. 27	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Avel Jimenez
Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 28	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Donald D. Jones
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Pine Plains	Sun.	Sept. 29	8:00 am	Gabriel Mallozzi (<i>Living</i>)
Amenia “	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish
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“FALL IS COMING”

Dear Friends,

Yes, I know, fall isn't here yet. Technically, it doesn't come until September 23rd. But it feels like fall is here.

The weather is getting cooler. School has started. The trees are starting to change (I don't know why the grass is still growing!). And, of course, football is back! (Thank God).

The change in seasons also affects our work here at the Church. We obviously have started the Religious Education Program. We also have to start looking at the calendar in preparation for the upcoming season of Advent, not to mention Christmas.

There is no question that things get much busier in the coming months. That's not to mention the coming winter, where we always have to be ready for higher expenses and work in regards to heating and snow removal.

There is also no question that as we get older, the time goes by faster. It is sometimes just a blur, as the days speed by and we don't remember what day it is.

As the time flies by, I think of another aspect of our life that no one wants to think about. I hate to say it, we are getting older. I know I turned 65 this year, and when I visit my brothers, they are all older than me. I know you don't like to hear it, and neither do I. But it is reality.

There are good things about aging (really?). We get wiser, and we are less prone to jump to conclusions about people or things. We also, I hope, become more calm and serene in regard to the world.

I recently read about the idea of the soul living inside us. The soul in us is immortal and we hope will live on in heaven. But the soul is also part of us now and the soul, I think, does not age as our body does. Therefore we have a soul in our life that is still young and still very much alive. God Bless our souls!

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 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, 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.

WE CAN MAKE A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD - Ordinarily we think of violence as physical – a blow, a gunshot, a bombing. It seems that we hear and read about acts of war every day. But wars escalate from everyday acts in homes, neighborhoods, and communities that can be as subtle as words or gestures that dampen the spirit of another person. As Christians, we can prevent violence by living our faith.

Embrace diversity – don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

Develop more empathy - see situations from another's perspective. It's the best way to understand the impact of our actions on those affected by them.

Treat everyone with dignity – don't ignore others as a way of expressing anger or disapproval. Giving the "silent treatment" instead of working out problems denies much needed human contact and fails to solve conflict.

Choose entertainment carefully – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and so see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, pray for victims of violence and for the souls of those who perpetrate it.

Detach – value people more than things. Share what you have. Don't take more than you need. Don't get so attached to achieving an outcome that you forget that love matters more. *(Growing in Faith)*

AARP 6 HR. DRIVER SAFETY COURSE - AARP 6 hour Driver Safety Course is being offered on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (with a one hour lunch break) at Immaculate Conception Parish Center at 11 Lavelle Road in Amenia. The fee is \$20.00 for AARP members and \$25.00 for non-members. Cash or check only. Class size is a maximum of 25 participants. Call Ed between 4 to 8 pm at 845-373-8108 to register. Bring your AARP card.

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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Ignore more. Ironically, it actually feels good to walk away from a fight. Jesus knew that when He said, "*When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well*" (Matthew 5:39). He wants us to make a point of ignoring slights or insults, even if they sting. Next time you feel annoyed or hurt, turn your cheek and walk peacefully away.

"We love because He first loved us"
(1 John 4:19)

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 14-15, 2019, we collected \$3,863.35 in our Regular Sunday Collection and an additional \$415.00 for the Propagation of Faith. 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Denise & Bob Conway
In Memory of Glen Euvard*