

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 13, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 14	8:00 am	Fr. James Burke
“	Tues.	Oct. 15	8:00 am	Elizabeth Brizzie
“	Wed.	Oct. 16	8:00 am	Jane Wells
“	Thurs.	Oct. 17	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Oct. 18	8:00 am	Fr. John Reardon
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Maria Monzeglio
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 19	8:00 am	James M. Murphy
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Marilyn Louey

Pine Plains	Sun.	Oct. 20	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia“	“	“	10:45 am	Msgr. Thomas Leonard

“SAINT CARDINAL NEWMAN”

Dear Friends,

As I am a convert to the Catholic Church, I was indebted to many writers who helped to draw me into the Church. One of those great people who inspired me was the great theologian and English writer, John Henry Cardinal Newman.

Newman, who lived from 1801 to 1890, was a famous clergyman in the Anglican Church, and it was shocking news when he became Catholic in 1845. As a Catholic priest, he was a profound writer and theologian. His theology was timeless yet modern. One reason I was drawn to his writings was because they are so clear and elegant, to me soaring examples of English prose.

I actually wrote my Master's Degree thesis in the seminary on John Newman's influence in America, especially on the Diocese of New York. I was very happy to discover a previously unknown letter to an American priest written by Newman himself.

I was very happy to learn that Cardinal Newman is due to be canonized on October 13th of this year (this Sunday). It must bring great joy to the Catholic Church in England as well as Anglophiles like me (an Anglophile is a person who loves English things).

The second miracle required by the canonization process for Cardinal Newman is an especially heartwarming story. Melissa Villalobos was pregnant in Chicago in 2013. She had severe problems with her pregnancy. She was taking care of her 4 children when she was afflicted by dramatic bleeding. Her husband wasn't home and she was upstairs and didn't know what to do. She prayed: "Please Cardinal Newman make the bleeding stop." The bleeding stopped. She said "Thank you Cardinal Newman." She suddenly realized that not only was she okay but her baby was okay.

On December 27, 2013, Melissa gave birth to Gemma. Gemma is now a 5 year old girl, and Melissa has given birth to two more children, one of whom was baptized John Henry. Melissa, David and their seven children will be at the canonization ceremony in Rome on October 13th for Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman.

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.

PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.

THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, October 14th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel at Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

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, 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 Niranjana, 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, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPeck, Diana LaCurto, Genevieve Minischetti, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Scott Traver, Douglas Wilson, Donna Whalen and Stephen Bida.

VITA MEETING - In recognition of Respect Life Month, please join us for the showing of "The Gift of Life" hosted by former Gov. Mike Huckabee with profiles of leaders in the Pro-life Movement, at St. Joseph's in Millbrook on Thursday, October 17th, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us if your time permits at 6:45 pm for Rosary for Life in the Church. For more info, please call St. Joseph's Rectory at 845-677-3422.

FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD ! Celebrate autumn in prayer – join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation on Saturday, October 19th at 10 am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.

VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Julie Gilbert. The split was \$81.50. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, October 19th, at 10 am in our gym. All food donations are much appreciated but we are especially in need of toothpaste, shampoo, bath soap, toilet paper and kleenex. "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*" (Matthew 25:40)

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY - The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm will be having their Annual Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 19th, at St. Teresa's – the Motherhouse of the Carmelite Sisters, located in Germantown, New York, just north of Clermont State Park at 600 Woods Road. The outdoor Rosary procession begins at 2 pm on the picturesque grounds. Mass will follow immediately after in the Chapel. Any questions, please call 518-537-5000.

***"We are all like one-winged angels.
It is only when we help each other that we can fly."
~Luciano de Crescenzo~***

FOLLOW THE ROSARY TO TREASURE - The Rosary is like an ancient treasure map. It has led countless faithful to the treasures of peace, joy, clarity, and contentment. If you follow where it leads, you'll find that a devotion to praying the Rosary can transform your life.

Shelter in a chaotic world. Leading hectic lives can fog the mind, unsettle the soul, and turn us away from God. Yet, our souls are made for peace. Praying the Rosary settles our thoughts. It puts us at ease, creating a peace that is otherworldly.

Perspective. Humans are constantly changing, thus our relationship with God changes. The Rosary provides the context, the format, and the process for God to speak to us about all these things.

Mary's blessing. Nobody sees the life of a child the way that child's mother does. Our Lady has a mother's perspective of Jesus' life. Learning and sharing that perspective helps us ponder the life of Jesus through the eyes of his Mother. This is a powerful experience if we enter into it fully.

MORNING OF ENRICHMENT FOR LECTORS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS – Please join us in the Parish Center on Saturday, October 26th, from 9:00 am to noon. This is ongoing education for existing ministers. We will reflect on our experiences and explore how we can deepen our relationship with God and each other.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October 5-6, 2019, we collected \$3,880.00 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.

WE ARE BAPTIZED AND SENT! Next week is World Mission Sunday, in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to a part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can....PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work...OFFER financial help and charity through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - 'How beautiful is the gaze with which Jesus regards us – how full of tenderness! Let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God.' (Pope Francis)