

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 20, 2019**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Oct. 21	8:00 am	Fr. John McKenna
“	Tues.	Oct. 22	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Wed.	Oct. 23	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Thurs.	Oct. 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Oct. 25	8:00 am	Fr. Virgilio Competente
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Delio Guglielmetti
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Oct. 26	8:00 am	Gerard Blenkle
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Gregory McEnroe

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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	Oct. 27	8:00 am	Rosemary Smith
<b>Amenia“</b>	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

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**“THE BENEDICT OPTION”**

*Dear Friends,*

*In recent years, Catholics in America have been reflecting seriously on how to live in a culture that is becoming less religious. Some parts of American culture have even become hostile to religion in American life. How is a faithful Catholic going to live out his or her faith in this difficult environment?*

*Some have suggested the “Benedict Option.” When I first heard of the Benedict Option, I thought it referred to Pope Benedict XVI. But it refers to the great founder of monasticism, St. Benedict. St. Benedict, many centuries ago, founded the first monastery and began the great Benedictine Monastic Movement.*

*The Benedict Option is the attempt by faithful Catholic (and Christians) to deal with the difficulty of living a religious life in modern society. Through the Benedict Option, men and woman and families move into small communities (like monasteries) to live a simpler life.*

*Josh and Laura Martin moved their family of six from Dallas to the hills of Oklahoma. They didn’t know they were participating in the “Benedict Option.”*

*Josh said “We just wanted to get out of the city and raise our family in a more protected, slower paced environment.” They moved to be close to the Benedictine Monastery at Clear Creek, Oklahoma, where dozens of other families from around the country have gathered over the last 15 years. The monastery serves as a worship site for the growing community.*

*The “Benedict Option” is controversial. Many critics say that it is not Christian to withdraw from the world. Christians must stay in the world and bring Christ to the multitudes of people who are looking for comfort and salvation. Benedict Option proponents respond that they can also bring Christ to others within their own local communities. There is no doubt that many people feel a need to “retreat” from this difficult world. As Christian communities evolve and grow, perhaps we can find a “happy medium” between avoiding the world’s movement away from God and still be able to bring Christ to a world in need of salvation and comfort.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**DAILY MASS CANCELLATON** - There will be no Daily Mass from Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> through Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, as Fr. Wilson will attending the Archdiocese Pastors Conference.

**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, 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 Niranjan, 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, Stephen Bida, Leah Eurvard and Meghan King.

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**MORNING OF ENRICHMENT FOR LECTORS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS** – Please join us in the Parish Center on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**TRANSFORMED** - Transformed is a 7 session DVD series led by Rick Warren. Please join us as we explore God's Word and promises with respect to seven key areas of our lives: Spiritual, Physical, Mental, Emotional, Relational, Financial, and Vocational. We will meet for seven weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Parish Center beginning October 29<sup>th</sup> and ending December 10<sup>th</sup>. Come and let the Holy Spirit transform our lives from the inside out. Please call Mary Ellen Durkin with any questions and to register @ 845-802-4477. Registration is necessary in order to provide enough materials. Thank you.

*It is the heart that needs to be converted to God, and the Holy Spirit transforms it if we open ourselves to Him.”  
~ Pope Frances ~*

**ALL SOULS DAY INTENTIONS** - All Souls Day is on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Envelopes are available in back of the Church for your All Souls Intentions. You may place the envelope with your donation in the offering basket, drop it off at the parish office, or hand it to Fr. Wilson.

**STILL WAITING FOR GOD TO SAY “YES?”** - Even the most faithful Christians can get discouraged in prayer. It can be disheartening when you have your heart set on something, pray hard for it, but the hoped result doesn't happen. It is important to remember that God hears you and He always answers prayer. He loves you more than you can imagine and wants the best for you. In fact, He knows what you need better than you do.

***Answers to prayer usually fall into one of these three responses:*** (1) Yes (2) Not right now, and (3) I have a better idea. The best approach is to make your request, trust Him to do the right thing, and then look for His answer. Try not to get set on any one answer.

***Perhaps God wants you to wait*** to increase your appreciation or because He doesn't think you are ready yet. Perhaps He has something better in mind. Whatever the answer – and there is always an answer- remember that it comes from His incredible and personal love.

**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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, October 12-13, 2019, we collected \$3,302.91 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,135.69 for Utility and 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by David & Caroline Solazzo  
In Loving Memory of Eileen Blackburn*