

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Nov. 4	8:00 am	Ray Proper
“	Tues.	Nov. 5	8:00 am	ALL SOULS DAY
“	Wed.	Nov. 6	8:00 am	ALL SOULS DAY
“	Thurs.	Nov. 7	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Nov. 8	8:00 am	John Haggerty
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	ALL SOULS DAY
Amenia	Sat.	Nov. 9	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Lou Cascio

Pine Plains	Sun.	Nov. 10	8:00 am	Angelo Cutone & Fiorentino Liberta
Amenia“	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“SPAM”

Dear Friends,

The Pastors of the Archdiocese of New York were gathered together for the Annual Pastor’s Conference in Spring Lake, New Jersey last week. We were very happy to be together and to support one another. Timothy Cardinal Dolan was with us and he encouraged and inspired the group with his insights with regard to recent events in the Archdiocese.

This event was less a “conference” and more a retreat, with an emphasis on spiritual advancement. With that purpose in mind, a spiritual director was chosen to lead us. He was Msgr. Charles Fink of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Msgr. Fink outlined a spiritual program for us entitled “SPAM.” The “S” stands for Spiritual Reading, “P” stands for prayer, “A” stands for asceticism and “M” stands for moral efforts. I appreciated the program was titled “SPAM” since that is one of my favorite un-healthy food products.

Spiritual Reading: This is where the person spends a certain amount of time reading not only the Bible but spiritual classics and respected modern spiritual writers. This is not only reading but also reflecting at certain times on what the readings mean for you.

Prayer: This is kind of obvious but, of course, a consistent life of prayer is not easy to do. Msgr. Fink told us that it is so important to set-up a daily program of prayer. Speaking to priests, he re-emphasized the importance of the Liturgy of the Hours, or what is also called the “Divine Office.”

Asceticism: This refers to practices of sacrifice and self-discipline. It may include self-denial and fasting, or a commitment to a simpler lifestyle.

Moral Efforts: This may seem less important than the other items but it is so very vital. A priest (or anybody) must keep his moral life, his behavior in the world, under control. You can’t have a life of prayer if your life isn’t together.

We thank Msgr. Fink for his perceptive and helpful presentation at our Pastor’s Conference.

Fr. Wilson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE UPDATE - I inadvertently neglected to type-in the dates on the Ministry Schedule that was recently sent out. Therefore, I ask that you please write in the following dates on the six week schedule:

November 9 - 10, 2019	November 16 - 17, 2019	November 23 - 24, 2019
November 30 - December 1, 2019	December 7 - 8, 2019	December 14 - 15, 2019

I apologize for this inconvenience. ~ Denise ~

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 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, 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, Meghan King and Christine Darby.

MEN'S GROUP - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, November 4th, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel in Amenia. New Members are most welcome.

VINE & BRANCHES - The 50/50 Vine and Branches Drawing will be held on Thursday, November 7th. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, November 16th at 10 am in the gym. We are in need of most food items, but especially canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, bath soap, toothpaste and shampoo. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide food and toiletries to families in need.

NEWLY BAPTIZED - Emily Tux Caal, daughter of Sergio Tux and Sindy Caal, was baptized on Saturday, October 12th, at Immaculate Conception Church. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on this child watch over her and fill her with peace and joy!

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 29th and ending December 10th. 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. Thank you.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR ALL DECEASED CHILDREN - A Memorial Mass for all deceased children will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at St. Columba Church. All parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who have experienced this loss are welcome. Please join us as we draw strength from the Eucharist, the Word of God and through our mutual support. Please direct any questions to Deacon Bill Alvarado at (845) 227-8380.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: . 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. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October 26-27, 2019, we collected \$3,503.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,166.10 for the School of Religion.. 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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Love in Action. When we see others suffering, we might think, "The Church should do something." Yet as members of the Church, it's our job to take action and share Christ's love. We can be a listening ear, a helping hand, or an encouraging voice to someone in need. Whatever it is, the Church can always "do something." "Faith does not remove us from the world, but draws us more deeply into it." (*Pope Francis*)

WHY DO CATHOLICS LIGHT PRAYER CANDLES? Ancient Jews kept a light perpetually burning near the Ark of the Covenant to show reverence for the presence of God. In a similar way, the lit candle symbolizes for us Christ's presence, recalling that he said, "*I am the light of the world*" (John 8:12). Votive candles in Church also symbolize prayer intentions others have offered to God. Lighting a candle is a way of expressing our desire to remain present to God after we have left the Church.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Patty Barron
In Memory of Millie France*