

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 10, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Nov. 11	8:00 am	Oz Pace
“	Tues.	Nov. 12	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	Wed.	Nov. 13	8:00 am	Margaret Sicord
“	Thurs.	Nov. 14	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Nov. 15	8:00 am	Barbara & Ray McEnroe
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Elizabeth Brizzie

Amenia	Sat.	Nov. 16	8:00 am	Jane Wells
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Eleanor & Jim Metz

Pine Plains	Sun.	Nov. 17	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia“	“	“	10:45 am	Rudy Eschbach

“NOVEL”

Dear Friends,

When people hear the word novel, I think most of them think of a book of fiction, as in “the novels of Jane Austen.” I’m not going to write a novel here, so be patient as I reflect on another meaning of the word “novel.”

Another meaning of the word novel is “new or unusual in an interesting way.” So here, when I speak of novel things, I speak of new things that attract people’s attention.

People in America are fascinated by new things, by things that seem to be outside the normal or the conventional. America is a “new” country, compared to others, and we have been successful in inventing and creating new things.

It is true that new things can wake us up and give us energy as we walk through our life in this challenging world. “New” things can be refreshing and prompt us to grow in different ways.

In the world of religion and faith “new” things can be helpful to wake us up out of complacency and laziness. There is a definite need in religion to take centuries old truths and put them in new expressions to make them more understandable.

But there are dangers in running around looking for new things all the time. We can get so attracted to the new and “revolutionary” that we neglect to ground ourselves in the basic traditions of our faith.

Our modern world has become somewhat obsessed with new things. If it looks new, sounds new, feels new, it must be good. Life becomes an endless search for the new, the different, the abnormal, the unexpected, the shocking. Often the result of this is aimless pursuits and endless turmoil.

For a Christian, the world is always new, because the grace of Christ is always new and alive. The real revolutionary in our world is Christ and His counter- cultural message is always attractive and compelling.

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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Judge not. It is tempting to view others’ behavior and feel the need to correct it. Remember that criticizing others is a serious business. *“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven”* (Luke 6:37). Better to worry about our own behavior and let others do the same.

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.

THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, November 11th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel at Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR ALL DECEASED CHILDREN UPDATE – The time for the Memorial Mass for all deceased children which will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 has been changed to **7:30 pm** (instead of 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.

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**GOD LOVES US AS WE ARE** - Most of us care about how we come across to other people. Choices about how we live, work, or dress can be influenced by a desire for others' approval. While it is only human to want to be liked, it's important to remember that God's opinion matters most. The best part? God always loves us.

*His Love never changes* - Human standards change over time. Someone considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

*Friends come and go* - Sooner or later, friendships change or friends may move on. But Jesus said, "...*behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age*" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

*He loves us for who we really are* - There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and He adores us anyway. Go figure.

*If God likes you, others may too* - To please God, we have to fill ourselves with love for Him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around.

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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY - Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor all those who have served in the nation's armed forces, whether they are living or dead. Let us ask God to guide and protect our troops serving in dangerous areas of the world. We pray that the Lord will hold our troops in His loving hands, protect them with His power and sustain them with His love, especially those associated with Immaculate Conception-St Anthony's Parish. Please keep the following service men and their families in your prayers: ***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.***

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will have an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service at St. Anthony's Church in Pine Plains on Sunday, November 24th, at 4:00 pm. Please come and join together with our neighbors and unite with us in a prayerful thanksgiving for His many blessings.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, November 2-3, 2019, approximately **355** attended Mass. We collected \$4,790.66 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,526.03 for Utility & Energy. We collected \$1,115.00 in the All Saints Day 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Carol & Norm Cayea
for Sherry Pace & Family*