

THIRTY-THIRDSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 17, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Nov. 18	8:00 am	Mary Ellen & Francis X. O'Rourke
"	Tues.	Nov. 19	8:00 am	Ethel Wilson
"	Wed.	Nov. 20	8:00 am	Msgr. George Thompson
"	Thurs.	Nov. 21	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Nov. 22	8:00 am	Barbara & Ray McEnroe
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	For the Intention of Santino Delfino <i>(Living)</i>
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Amenia	Sat.	Nov. 23	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Joseph & Lena Carberry and Family
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Pine Plains	Sun.	Nov. 24	8:00 am	Fiorentino Liberta & Angelo Cutone
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish
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"ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI"

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I look forward to celebrating the memorial day of Mother Cabrini on November 13th. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first American citizen to become a saint and was an important figure in New York City history.

Mother Cabrini was born in Italy on July 15th (my birthday too!) in 1850. She came to America with her sisters of the new community of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Mother Cabrini did tremendous work for immigrants in the city and also throughout the United States. She even set up institutions in Denver, Colorado (more on that later).

Recently, there was a campaign in New York City to come up with some women of history in the city worthy of a statue to be erected. The campaign began to promote the contributions of women in the city. There was a survey of the best candidates and Mother Cabrini received the most support. Strangely, she was not chosen. Seven other prominent women were chosen to have statues. Catholics and Italian-Americans were upset.

One thousand protestors joined Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio in a march in Brooklyn on October 6th of this year. Surprisingly on October 14, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that the state would see to it that a statue of Mother Cabrini would be erected.

I mentioned before that there was some institutions founded in Denver, Colorado by Mother Cabrini. One of them was founded in my home town of Golden, Colorado. Originally a summer camp for children, it became a Shrine to Mother Cabrini. It is a beautiful location in the foothills, with amazing views of metropolitan Denver. There is a challenging Stations of the Cross up the hill, with a Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the top.

Years ago, when I was converting to the Catholic faith, I would spend a great deal of time at that sacred place. It was there that I became a great fan of Mother Cabrini.

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.

HOORAY - To date, we have received \$32,000 from your Rewew and Rebuild donations. These funds enabled us to pay for the roof in the Parish Center (the school building). I want to thank you once again for your generosity and steadfast commitment to your pledges.

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, Christine Darby Peter Hill, Patricia Macura and Jerard Kain.

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VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Mary Ellen Durkin. The split was \$112.00. Once again I want to thank all of you who support our food closet which enables us to help struggling families in our community.

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.

ADVENT CANDLE SETS - The First Sunday of Advent is December 1st. The Advent sets and candles are available in the back of Church. Advent sets (Wreath & Candles) are \$10.00, Candles only \$5.00. You can give the money to Fr. Wilson.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD - Come explore the richness of our Advent readings and delve into the mysteries God wants to share with us. In Church 30 minutes before each liturgy in Amenia (4:00 pm Saturday and 10:15 Sunday on November 30/December 1, December 8 (only), December 14/15 and December 21/22) join us as we reflect on the Bible in Advent.

FORGIVENESS - For most people, forgiveness has conditions. I'll forgive if someone apologizes to me, or if they do something to somehow "make it up" to me. I'll forgive if they take the first step.

I always find that curious. When you were wronged by the person you're refusing to forgive, that person has control over you. By waiting for them to make the first move and apologize, you're allowing them to continue to have control over you. They're renting a lot of space in your head. Is that truly what you had in mind? Does that really make sense?

As Christians, we are called to forgive, not because anyone who has wronged us asks us for it, but because God asks it of us.

Sometimes God grants us the grace to forgive easily. More often, though, it takes effort, and discipline, and faith on our part to get over whatever insult or injury someone has done to us. But in this as in every lesson, Jesus is wise. Carrying the burden of a grudge, of hatred, of anger isn't hurting the other person – it's hurting us. It's keeping us away from the perfect freedom of life in Christ. It's erecting a wall between us and God's grace.

THE ROSE THRIFT SHOP - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, will have their "**BAG SALE**" on Wednesday, December 4th and Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The shop will close for the season at the end of the business day on Saturday, December 7th. Our thanks to everyone who supported the shop throughout the year. My sincere gratitude and thanks to our wonderful volunteers (Maureen and Norman Moore, Charlene Mayville, Patty Barron and Rosanna Hamm) who donate many hours of their time for the benefit of our Church. We could not have the Rose Thrift Shop without them.

ST. DENIS' CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA & CRAFT FAIR - St. Denis' Christmas Silver Tea & Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at 10 am to 4 pm (snow date: December 14th) at 604 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you listen to holiday music and browse their crafters' tables.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, November 9-10, 2019, we collected \$4,672.18 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$891.23 for the Archdiocese of Military Services. 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.

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.