

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Nov. 25	8:00 am	Janet & Mara Anne Mahar
"	Tues.	Nov. 26	8:00 am	Margaret Quinn
"	Wed.	Nov. 27	8:00 am	Sarah & Anthony Marano
Pine Plains	Thurs.	Nov. 28	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass
"	Fri.	Nov. 29	8:00 am	Patty Dahoney Hinck & Eric Hinck
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	John Orlandi, Jr.
Amenia	Sat.	Nov. 30	8:00 am	Patricia Coon
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Anthony Catinelli

Pine Plains	Sun.	Dec. 1	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Maria Delmolino

"WHAT IS HIP"

Dear Friends,

I hope you remember a few weeks ago when I talked about the power of the "New", how people are constantly attracted to "novel" things. To many, novel or new things are refreshing, surprising and even shocking. New things have their place: we often need new ideas and new ways of doing things to keep our attention focused on what is important.

But the problem with constantly pursuing the "new" is that we don't find stability and the peace we so much need today. One of the problematic situations we find in our modern world is that people are bored so quickly. In the search for the "new", people are running around anxiously searching, never finding the true source of new life, and that is Jesus Christ.

There is another very strong force in modern society, and I call it the desire to be "hip." What does that mean? That means to be driven every day to have the "right" clothes, the "right" hair, the "right" attitude. What is the "right" way? It is the way that designers tell us, that popular celebrities tell us, the way that real "hip" people tell us. To be "hip" is to follow closely trends in the world, and dedicate your life to being faithful to them.

I can mention a few hot trends to give you an idea of what I'm talking about. One is "skinny" jeans (which I can't fit in), another is torn up or "stressed" jeans (which I won't wear).

But the desire to be "hip" is not confined to fashion or hairstyles. It also affects our social life and our national life. A person who is "pro-life," against abortion, used to be very much not hip. Being pro-life was not trendy.

However, I sense perhaps there is a change in pro-life politics. I see more young people reconsidering their feelings on this difficult issue.

No matter what is "hip" or not, Jesus Christ is always up-to-date. In season and out of season, Our Lord is the hippest person I have ever known.

Fr. Wilson

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS - There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 00 am on Thursday, November 28th, at St. Anthony Church in Pine Plains. Let us come together in prayer and give thanks for the many blessing we have received.

***I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving
to you and your family
from all of us here at Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony's***

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. Jerard Kain and Margaret Gregoire

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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.

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His mercy endures forever"

~ Psalms 107 ~

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sacristies in Amenia and Pine Plains for the Christmas Schedule for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. Please place your name on the schedule for the time you are available to serve. You are most needed and greatly appreciated.

OUR ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY - Our Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 15th, following the 10:45 am Mass. There will be animals, light refreshments, a bake sale, a cash and carry table, and craft vendors. Please mark December 15th on your calendar and come join us and bring a friend!

GRAYMOOR - Are you searching for a connection with nature? A place of quiet reflection? Spiritual Renewal? Graymoor, known as the "Holy Mountain," in Garrison, New York offers all these things, and more. Home of the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement for more than 120 years, Graymoor's 400 acres are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. Wander the grounds and enjoy spectacular mountain and Hudson River views, the largest outdoor St. Anthony Shrine in North America, historic chapels and more – or hike the Graymoor section of the Appalachian Trail. The Graymoor Spiritual Life Center provides hundreds of self-development retreats, days of respite, as well as Sunday Mass. The Graymoor Book & Gift Shop, as well as the "That Nothing Be Lost" Thrift & Antique Shop both offer unique shopping opportunities. For more information, visit DiscoverGraymoor.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, November 16-17, 2019, we collected \$4,000.32 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,124.87 for Periodic Literature.. 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Denise & Bob Conway
In Loving Memory of Sarah & Anthony Marano*