

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Dec. 30	8:00 am	Howard Milton
"	Tues.	Dec. 31	8:00 am	Pete Bailey
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Jerry Henry
"	Wed.	Jan. 1	8:00 am	NO MASS
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Katherine Blinn
Amenia	Thurs.	Jan. 2	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Jan. 3	8:00 am	Albert Noletti
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Jane Wells
Amenia	Sat.	Jan. 4	8:00 am	Peter Bailey
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Margaret Wilcox

Pine Plains	Sun.	Jan. 5	8:00 am	Viola Williams
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"ORDINATION OF BISHOPS EDMUND WHALEN AND GERARDO COLACICCO"

Dear Friends,

I really must report to you the event of December 10th in St. Patrick's Cathedral. I was very pleased and privileged to be there. It was the ordination of two Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of New York, Bishops Edmund Whalen and Gerardo Colacicco.

In the Catholic life, and in my priestly life, we all need to be enthused and motivated by joy and the Holy Spirit. This occasion accomplished both. I was so inspired and edified.

These days are rough ones for the Catholic Church and the bishops and priests. And, I must say, most of this damage was self-inflicted. My heart goes out to our people and the victims and their struggles with their faith in the light of the scandals.

Events like the one on December 10th at our Cathedral won't take away the stain of the scandals, but they can make us at least feel good again about our faith and our Church.

The positive energy at the celebration was real. There were so many priests and bishops that I couldn't even estimate how many there were. The Cathedral was filled to the doors. And all of the people were so happy and so proud.

I was very fortunate to be able to be on a bus transporting us to Manhattan. The bus left from Millbrook, New York because Bishop Colacicco is Pastor of St. Joseph/Immaculate Conception Parish in Millbrook. I didn't know Bishop Whalen very well, but I have known Bishop Colacicco for years. Recently I have worked with Bishop Colacicco in the reorganization of the local parishes in Dutchess County. He has been very helpful, and his experience as a Pastor has helped me greatly in many situations.

I have always known that Bishop Colacicco was popular at the Parish in Millbrook. This was totally verified by the people in our busses on the way to Manhattan. It was a great trip.

I was so edified by the Mass. The words I can think of are "profound" and "life-changing." These two men are entering into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. It won't be easy. We need to pray for them and support them.

Fr. Wilson

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU - *I really want to thank all of the Religious Education Students and their parents, as well as our parishioners for the beautiful cards, gifts and baked goods given to me at Christmas. Your generosity was overwhelming. I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

~ Fr. Wilson~

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, 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, 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, Margaret and Roger Gregoire and Kyleigh Cummings

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

VINE & BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, January 2nd. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, January 18th at 10 am in our gym.

FIRST FRIDAY - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, Jan. 3rd, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Please consider spending a half hour with our Lord

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, 2018
4:30 pm - Amenia

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019
12 noon - Pine Plains

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER - God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. (*Loyola Press*)

SPECIAL THANKS - I would also like to take this opportunity to say thanks to:

Regina Syversen and the Choir Members— you all sang so beautifully at the Masses.

A special thanks to all those who volunteered to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers at the Christmas Masses. Your ministry service is greatly appreciated.

The volunteers at Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony's who made our Churches look so beautiful for Christmas. You really did a wonderful job!

To all of you who took part in the "giving tree" – your generosity filled our pantry.

To all our parishioners and visitors who attended Mass this Christmas. I was overwhelmed by the faithful people who came together to worship and celebrate Christmas.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - The Altar Rosary Society is planning a Luncheon at "The Ponds" in Ancramdale on Sunday, January 12th, at 2:00 pm. Details will follow.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Pat & Frank Christensen also donated poinsettias at St. Anthony's Church in Memory of Katherine & Peter Duggan, Roselyn & Frank Christensen and Deborah Christensen.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, December 21-22, 2019, we collected \$4,973.65 in our Regular Sunday 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.

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