

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Jan. 20	8:00 am	Larry Farnham
"	Tues.	Jan. 21	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
"	Wed.	Jan. 22	8:00 am	Mario Grandinettie
"	Thurs.	Jan. 23	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Jan. 24	8:00 am	Jack Sarles
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Fr. John Dwyer
Amenia	Sat.	Jan. 25	8:00 am	Ethel Wilson
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Darwin Stickles

Pine Plains	Sun	Jan. 26	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Averi Burke

"Wise Advice"

Dear Friends:

I recently came across a quote from Pope Francis, a wise statement that actually came from Pope John XXIII. It goes something like this: "See everything, turn a blind eye to much, correct little." It is kind of difficult for some to understand. But I see it as a valuable way to operate in this world, especially if one is in a management – type position.

Number one: "See everything." That means be as observant as possible. With an alert mind and open eyes, observe as much as possible, learn as much as you can about everything. Be curious.

Number two: "Turn a blind eye to much." This is where a person realizes that much of what happens is harmless or somewhat unimportant. Much of what people do that is ineffective is more a mistake and inconsequential and doesn't need correction.

Number three: "Correct little." Most wise leaders understand that corrections must be very rare. Constant corrections build resentment and accomplish little.

Many wise leaders, and most people, deplore "micro-managing" and obsessive management. Following these three guidelines is a way of avoiding that.

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.

Important Announcement – To the people of St. Anthony's in Pine Plains, I ask for help. We are in the process of "un-restricting" a restricted fund known as the "Bell Fund". It seems no one is sure what the "Bell Fund" was for. So I am asking the Archdiocese to begin the process of making the funds free to use for our purposes. If anyone knows or remembers anything about the "Bell Fund", please contact me as soon as you can. Father Wilson

Puerto Rico – There have been tragic results of the earthquakes in Puerto Rico. The Archdiocese is going to help, and invites us to participate. We are sending parish funds to help, so there is no need for a special collection. But if you want to help please write a check made payable to Archdiocese of New York and leave it in the collection or give it to me. You may also send a gift directly to Archdiocese of New York at 1011 First Ave, Finance office Rm 1940, New York, NY 10022. The Archdiocese would like to receive donations by February 5th. Thank you, Father Wilson

Sanctuary Light at Immaculate Conception – This week the Sanctuary light will be lit in Celebration of Kathryn Garzetta's 99th Birthday, donated by Denise Conway

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The next meeting will be on Monday, February 10th.

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, 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, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe and Kristin Paraszti.

PINE PLAINS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will hold an Ecumenical Unity Prayer Service on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm at the Pine Plains United Methodist Church. Let us unite with our fellow believers in prayerful unity as we are all one in God's creation. Prayer is very necessary but Action speaks louder. Please join us.

CHAUNCEY STILLMAN MEMORIAL MASS - On Friday, January 24th, at 5:00 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish in Amenia will host the Annual Memorial Mass for Chauncey Devereux Stillman, founder of the Wethersfield Foundation and the Wethersfield Institute for Catholic Thought. Light refreshments will be available following the Mass.

TRAVEL THIS SUMMER WITH BISHOP GERARDO COLACICCO - Travel this summer with Bishop Gerardo Colacicco to the great Marian Shrines of Lourdes and Fatima/Spanish cities of Segovia and Avila and maritime city of Lisbon. Dates: July 6-16, 2020 Cost: \$3495 from NY JFK. Call 1 (800) 334-5425 or go to www.syversentouring.com.

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? In his new book, *Who Do You Say That I am?*, Leo Gafney reflects on conversations with Jesus in the gospels. He also considers how Jesus' teachings impacted the saints and how we might put ourselves in the story. The book is available from Twenty-Third Publications and from Amazon. You may also contact Mr. Gafney at (860) 435-2173; the cost of the book is \$15.00.

COR13 - A retreat for Catholic dating couples will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 9 am to 8 pm at Mount Saint Mary College, 330 Powell Avenue, Newburgh, NY. The cost is \$50.00 per couple. Come set aside a day with your significant other to build your relationship both with each other and God! Cor13 is a Catholic dating retreat based on the model of love outlined in 1 Corinthians 13. Through inspiring talks from couples of every walk of life, opportunities for Mass and prayer, and activities to grow closer to your significant other, you'll invest in your relationship and connect with other Catholic couples who value the same things you do. Plus, the day will end with a "date night" featuring a multi-course plated dinner and couples' activity. Learn more and register at cor13retreat.com.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, January 11-12, 2020, we collected \$4,415.85 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, Tyler Jasmin and Austin Cummings. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers especially during these tumultuous times.



HOPEWELL JUNCTION

Leaving from Church of St. Columba
Route 82, Hopewell Junction after
4:30 a.m. Mass
\$35 Adults / \$25 Students

For more info/reservations, contact
George Morton 845-226-6896

KINGSTON

Leaving from Church of St. Mary,
Broadway, Kingston,
at 12 a.m. (midnight)
\$25 Individuals / \$20 each per Couple
\$60 for Families

For more info/reservations, contact
John & Rose Webber 845-332-6292