

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 8, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	March 9	8:00 am	Evelyn Epstein
"	Tues.	March 10	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
"	Wed.	March 11	8:00 am	Margaret Sicord
"	Thurs.	March 12	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	March 13	8:00 am	Jane Wells
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Josefina Lopez
Amenia	Sat.	March 14	8:00 am	Julaine Hillis-Pomeisl
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Joseph B. McEnroe
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Pine Plains	Sun	March 15	8:00 am	Patricia Coon
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish
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Dear Friends:

I would like to share with you the following letter which I recently received from the Sisters of Life:

"Dear Fr. Wilson:

Thank you for your gift of prayer during the Christmas Season. We are blessed to daily witness the fruits of these prayers in our missions.

Since opening the doors of our convents over 20 years ago, our Sisters have invited more than 200 courageous young women to live with us during her pregnancy and the infancy of her child.

One woman brought her school-aged child back to the convent for a visit to his first home. Mom led the way through the halls, saying: "This was the chair where I would rock you...Here we ate dinner...I played with you here." In the front parlor, there is a beautiful painting of Our Lady kissing the face of the Infant Jesus. The little one pointed to the Christ Child and asked: "Is that me?" Indeed, he spoke the truth! Every child is a spark of the Divine!

*On behalf of all the beautiful children and their mothers, who have been given life because your generous support allowed the Sisters to "be there" for them, **we thank you.***

Know of our Eucharist prayers for you and your loved ones.

*Gratefully in Christ, Our Life,
Mother Agnes Mary, S.V.,
For all the Sisters of Life "*

RESTRICTED FUNDS – SAINT ANTHONY - As you are aware, Cardinal Timothy Dolan announced the merger of the Parishes of Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony that was effective August 1, 2015. The two parishes are now one parish. Much work has been accomplished in working towards the goal.

During the process of creating one financial account, a restricted account belonging to Saint Anthony was identified. The monies in this account are known as the *Bell Fund*. There is approximately \$41,000 in this account.

After diligent research for a list of donors, we could not find any records indicating who donated these funds. Therefore, we will be running four consecutive notices in the parish bulletin to notify any parishioner of Saint Anthony, who wishes to be reimbursed for this donation. The parishioner must show proof of payment to this fund for this specific purpose no later than March 20, 2020. Thereafter, the Archdiocese of New York will petition the New York State Attorney General's Office to release these funds for use. Once released, these funds will be used to fund the pastoral and administrative activities of the merged parish.

If you donated to this fund and would like your donation returned to you, please contact Colleen Herbert at the Archdiocese of New York, colleen.herbert@archny.org or 646-794-2946 no later than March 20, 2020.

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, 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, Kristin Paraszti, Patty Cassidy, Stephen Bida, John McKee, Kathleen Herron and Roseann Roux.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, March 9th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception in Amenia. New Members are most welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN AMENIA - Fr. Wilson will be conducting the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13th, at 7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Please join us for this Lenten Devotion. For your convenience, confessions will be available immediately afterwards.

DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD ? Then please consider joining the "Bible Study" given by Sr. Jean Flannelly on Saturday March 14th, at 3:00 pm at the Parish Center in Amenia.

MINISTRY FOR HOLY WEEK - We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for the Holy Week Liturgies. If you are available to serve, please place your name on the sign-up sheet that is posted in the Sacristy of both Churches. Your ministry is very important and especially needed during these holiest days of the Church.

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE JESUS' WAY - People who argue, fight, or refuse to cooperate can make our lives downright miserable. Yet, Jesus was masterful at dealing with difficult people. Following His example can save our sanity and our relationships.

Know when to ignore. When Jesus made His Nazareth friends and neighbors so mad that they wanted to throw Him off a cliff, He knew there was no reasoning with them. "Passing through the midst of them He went away" (Luke 4:30). When people speak harshly or offensively, the best response can be to disengage and walk away.

Know when to say "no". Sometimes others demand more from us than we are able to give, yet we give in out of guilt or fear of displeasure. Two of His best friends, James and John, said to Jesus, "we want you to do whatever we ask of you" (Mark 10:35). In response to this stunning breach of boundaries, Jesus was calm and firm. He said "no" and didn't second-guess himself when He didn't make His loved ones happy.

Know when to stay calm. When Jesus took a Sabbath stroll with His friends (Matthew 12), Pharisees barged in and accused Him of breaking the Sabbath. He remained calm and answered them peacefully. He wasn't afraid of being tripped up or trapped because He was unconcerned about others' opinions.

ROSE THRIFT SHOP - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Immaculate Conception Church, will be open for the season on Wednesday, March 18th, from 10 am to 2 pm. The Shop will be open every Wednesday and Saturday thereafter from 10 am to 2 pm. Donations are gratefully accepted.

STAND UP FOR LIFE THIS SPRING - Allow the Lord to work through YOU to change hearts and minds to support life as you participate in a Life Chain on Saturday, March 21st from 10:30 am to 12 noon on Route 9, Hyde Park. Signs distributed and parking available at Regina Coeli Church. A Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful event that enables you to be a witness to the sanctity of human life by holding a sign with a pro-life message. Signs provided. No graphic or political signs. For more information, call 845-853-6529.

AARP 6 HR. DRIVER SAFETY COURSE - AARP 6 hour Driver Safety Course is being offered on Tuesday, April 7th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (with a one hour lunch break) at Immaculate Conception Parish Center at 11 Lavelle Road in Amenia. The fee is \$20.00 for AARP members and \$25.00 for non-members. Cash or check only. Class size is a maximum of 25 participants. Call Ed Weiss between 4 to 8 pm at 845-373-8108 to register. Bring your AARP card. Upon completion you can save at least 10% on your car insurance and remove up to 4 points from your license.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, February 29 – March 1st, we collected \$4,323.81 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$1,016.89 for Periodic Literature and \$1,575.00 for Ash Wednesday. 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.

2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of February 28th, our parish has received **\$11,415.00** in pledges/gifts from **24** families. Our parish goal is **\$42,000**. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have the support of all our families. I sincerely ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time donation in an amount you can afford. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are..