

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 5, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	July 6	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
"	Tues.	July 7	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
"	Wed.	July 8	8:00 am	Richard Delgado
"	Thurs.	July 9	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	July 10	8:00 am	Ray & Barbara McEnroe
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Elisa Joseph Liberta
Amenia	Sat.	July 11	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Antonia & John Sferratore & Mary, Sam and Marjorie Crodelle
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Ralph Vinchiarello

Pine Plains	Sun	July 12	8:00 am	People of he Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Sally Quinn

"DIVISION"

Dear Friends:

The forces of division and conflict have plagued the Church (and the world) since the beginning. The history of the Church sadly has been stories of division and conflict. Just one example was the beginning of the Protestant churches in the 1500's. It was a very difficult time. Animosity between the Christian churches has calmed down in recent years.

That's why prayers for Christian unity are so important. It's essential that we continue to reach out to our fellow Christians and to other religions to continue the bonds of friendship.

Division is now also afflicting our nation. It seems as if politics has become so "polarized" and divisive that no one can agree on anything. And it was that way before the pandemic and the economic fall out happened. The disease made things worse.

I have to say that the media (social media, TV, print) doesn't seem to help. Driven by ratings and advertising, the media emphasizes conflict, controversy and division. The more conflicts the better. Conflict and division will drive people to watch and read, or so many experts believe. And, the more people watch and read about conflict and division, it seems the more they think that is the "way of the world."

I believe it is the mission of every Christian to overcome conflict and division in any way possible. We are called to unite and bring together people. We are called to treat every human being as a brother or sister, created in the image and likeness of God.

The true search for unity does not ignore the differences in the human race, nor does the search for unity ignore differences of opinion. But it may be more important now to rise above the ever present conflict all around us.

The emphasis on conflict so pervasive in politics and the media has entered the Church as well. As Catholics we are also called to bring about unity and mutual respect. In this endeavor, we may be able to provide an example for the world.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2020-2021 - If you have not yet registered your child/children in our Religious Ed Program, I ask that you do so as soon as possible. If you misplaced your registration form or need to register your child in first grade, please call the office (845-373-8193) as we are here to accommodate you. Our Religious Ed Program is really essential in helping parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children.

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, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, 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, Genevieve Minischetti, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Douglas Wilson, Donna Whalen, Stephen Bida, Leah Eurvard, Meghan King, Peter Hill, Patricia Macura, Jerard Kain, Margaret and Roger Gregoire, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Patty Cassidy, Stephen Bida, Kathleen Herron, Michael Gaddis, Catherine DiRe, Baby Gemma Dadone, Joe Gatto, Raymond Proper, Jr., Joan Moriarty, Michael Tozzi and Thomas Carberry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Diana LaCurto.

Please also pray for the Souls of Richard Francis White and Richard Anthony White, the brother and nephew of Fr. William White, former Pastor of St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER**

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased at a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen. *(Mary Fairchild)*

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WHERE IS THE REAL CATHOLIC CHURCH - The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In **Heaven** live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended. They watch over us when we ask.

Members in **Purgatory** did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers help them get to Heaven.

And those of us who are members of **Earth** are still living within the family, trying to make it to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. That means the Church is anywhere we are. ~ Growing in Faith ~

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, June 27-28th, we collected \$6,087.00 in our Regular Collection. .

I am so very thankful to all of you who continue to support our Church during these difficult financial times. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with good health.

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.

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*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Ed and Lorraine Weiss
In Memory of Diana LaCurto*