

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 12, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	July 13	8:00 am	John Cantele
"	Tues.	July 14	8:00 am	Rocco Martello
"	Wed.	July 15	8:00 am	Douglas Craig Metz
"	Thurs.	July 16	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	July 17	8:00 am	Robert Hulette
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Lauren Brown Cafiero
Amenia	Sat.	July 18	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Walter Shannon
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Josefina Lopez

Pine Plains	Sun	July 19	8:00 am	Cleto Guglielmetti
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"RELIGIOUS EDUCATION"

As we look forward to the fall, we look forward to the beginning of our Religious Education Program for our young people. There are many question marks with respect to the coming public and private school year. We are not sure what will happen, but we certainly very much want to begin our Religious Education in some way in September.

There is no doubt we will need volunteers, including teachers, in the coming year. Please contact the parish office if you want to help us out. Our program is held on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. We need you, and our children need you very much.

"LONELINESS"

Dear Friends,

I recently read an article on "Loneliness." It states that "even before the covid-19 pandemic, public health experts were concerned about an epidemic of loneliness in the U.S." There are about 35.7 million Americans who live alone.

It is a very common problem everywhere in the country. From the elderly who are limited in their ability to get around, to the young singles who move to a distant city in order to find a job, being alone is becoming a very common experience in our society. Add to that the breakdown of the family in America, where families are divided and often separated across the country.

The coronavirus has made the problem worse, with most face-to-face socializing still limited to members of people's own households.

Loneliness can cause many other problems, such as loss of sleep, stress problems, and depression. It is something we all need to be aware of, especially with our families and friends. We can all help in different ways those who are lonely.

There are positive aspects to loneliness, in some ways expressed in the word "solitude." Solitude is a healthy part of human life, where a person can find peace and tranquility in the quiet of "alone-ness."

Solitude can be a healthy part of human life in the context of a relationship with God. Being alone can be a way of getting closer to God. Countless Monks and Sisters have chosen a life of solitude and have found it very helpful. It might be that the pandemic can provide us with moments of solitude and quiet to find the real peace of God.

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. .

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.

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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.

SHARE YOUR FAITH - In this time of uncertainty, followers of Jesus know that worry is unnecessary. We know God wants us to experience His peace and share it with others. Try these tips to help others lean on God:

Go deep into God's love. It is ours today, tomorrow and forever. "...*Good indeed is the Lord, His mercy endures forever, His faithfulness lasts through every generation*" (Psalm 100:5). Experiencing Sacraments, reading Scripture, and spending time in prayer are keys to growing in God's love and sharing it.

Sharing your confidence in God's care. Jesus promised that God will give us all we need. "*Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all*" Matthew 6:25, 32). Stress stems from the absence of certainty and control over our future. When we put ourselves in God's care, we can feel peace.

Demonstrate trust in God. While we may not be completely free from worry, St. Paul wrote, "*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:6-7).

THERE'S A SAINT FOR THAT! - Down through the ages, Catholics have invoked the saints for their prayers, even for everyday things. It was a way of offering everything to God, through the saints' prayers, even the little things like losing your keys! Here are some "holy helpers":

- **Airplane travelers, astronauts:** St. Joseph of Cupertino miraculously levitated while at prayer.
- **Accountants, bankers:** St. Matthew the Apostle was a dishonest tax collector until Christ called him to be an Apostle (Matthew 9:9).
- **Battle, soldiers, doctors, police:** St. Michael the Archangel led the angels to victory against the Devil and his forces (Revelation 12:7-9).
- **Finding lost things:** St. Anthony of Padua prayed and recovered his stolen prayer book.
- **Plagues, pestilence, sick people:** St. Roch cared for victims of the plague in Italy.
- **Students, teachers, schools:** St. Thomas Aquinas, once teased as "the Dumb Ox," was actually one of the most brilliant scholars in the Church.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, July 4-5th, we collected \$4,168.25 in our Regular Collection and \$637.00 for Utility and Energy. 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.

2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of July 2nd our parish has received **\$29,480.00** in pledges/gifts from **88** families. Our parish goal is **\$42,000**. It is not too late to make a pledge or a one-time donation in an amount you can afford. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are.

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.