

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## July 19, 2020

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	July 20	8:00 am	Albert Nolletti
"	Tues.	July 21	8:00 am	Flo Vinchiarello
"	Wed.	July 22	8:00 am	Emile & Mary Brunese
"	Thurs.	July 23	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	July 24	8:00 am	Margaret Morford
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Richard Delgado

<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	July 25	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Jack Silvernale
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Lorraine Blake

<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	July 26	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Rudy Eschbach

**"PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"**

*Dear Friends,*

*Recently there have been articles in various publications, including the Poughkeepsie Journal on July 11<sup>th</sup>, about the U.S. Government program called the Paycheck Protection Program and the Catholic Church. These articles focus on the Catholic Church in New York, our own Archdiocese of New York.*

*The article points out that the Church of New York received \$28 million dollars, for "its executive offices." It sounds to me like the money was used for major Archdiocesan operations, like Catholic Charities. But to say "executive offices" kind of sounds like furniture and furnishings in the Cathedral, which is not the case.*

*The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was intended to help organizations and companies deal with the severe shutdown due to the Coronavirus. It was a major crisis, and the government wanted to keep people employed. The PPP was a loan program to be strictly used for payroll and payroll expenses, health insurance and utilities which includes heating oil. In my opinion, it was a success. Many, many people kept their jobs.*

*The Archdiocese informed us about the program and we were encouraged to apply. Our parish did apply since we were worried that the shutdown would seriously reduce our collections. It was a difficult situation. We applied for the program and were granted the loan. It was a life saver. We were able to keep working and pay our many bills.*

*It is important to emphasize that the money was to be used only for payroll, health insurance, utilities and heating oil. The article in the Journal (which is no surprise) brings up the tragic sex abuse scandals in the Church. This seems to imply that the PPP program funds were somehow involved with the sex abuse payouts. This is untrue. The PPP funds are strictly limited.*

*The article also accuses the Church of using a "loophole" or "favor". Their contention being that the Church was too large to apply for the loans and should not have received any. But each entity, parishes and agencies, applied individually for the loans, and thereby met the qualifications to receive a loan. It has been so important to keep our loyal and excellent church employees paid in order to serve God and the Church. It's always important to get the full story.*

*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.

**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.

*Share 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).

**WHY DO CATHOLIC CHURCHES DISPLAY CRUCIFIXES?** Many Christian Churches display simple crosses or other peaceful symbols of their faith. Non-Catholics wonder why we choose instead the crucifix, which can be a disturbing image.

The crucifix is not just part of our Catholic identity. The Catholic Church requires that a crucifix be visible during the celebration of Mass to remind us of the sacrifice of Jesus on the altar of the Cross, which is made present for us each time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. It is a powerful representation of the body and blood Jesus shed for us.

To Catholics, the crucifix is a symbol of the ultimate act of love. A cross recalls the Resurrection and Jesus' triumph over death. This is important to us, too. But to fully understand our own redemption, we need to be reminded of what Jesus had to endure, namely His Passion and death, before the Resurrection. We are also reminded that God gave His only Son for our salvation. The Crucifix is a full image of our redemption.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, July 11 -12, , we collected \$5,327.00 in our Regular Collection and \$429.00 for Catholic Missions Among Black & Indian People. I am so very thankful to all of you for our steadfast commitment to 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 10<sup>th</sup>, our parish has received **\$29,580.00** in pledges/gifts from **89** 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 prayer