

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	July 27	8:00 am	Douglas Craig Metz
"	Tues.	July 28	8:00 am	Evelyn Epstein
"	Wed.	July 29	8:00 am	Rocco Martello
"	Thurs.	July 30	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	July 31	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty & Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Mary Meccariello Hamel

Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 1	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Rose Brodeur
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Martin Eagan

Pine Plains	Sun	Aug. 2	8:00 am	Fiorentino Liberta
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"GRATITUDE"

Dear Friends,

I have to, again, thank all of you for your support during this difficult time. Your financial gifts have been a real godsend to us here at Immaculate Conception/ St. Anthony's . You have been generous beyond my wildest dreams. I give you all a giant thank you!

I have always said that being thankful is one of the most effective ways to battle discouragement and despair. It is sometimes hard to be thankful and I think it can be especially difficult to be thankful now. Our lives are so crazy, so challenging, so frustrating. It seems like we bounce from one problem to another like a pinball, never able to gain any peace. As soon as we overcome one challenge, two others pop up.

How I wish we could go back to some kind of "normality" I'm not exactly sure what "normal" is but I'm sure that I want to find it. It has all been so hard, especially for our elderly, our healthcare workers, our first-responders and our families. My heart goes out to all of you.

Yes, it is hard to be thankful in this challenging and frustrating time. What can we be thankful for?

I humbly propose here a litany of thanksgiving. For those of you who don't know , a litany is a repetitive prayer with a relaxing and calming rhythm. So here goes:

<i>For our healthcare workers</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For our families</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For our faith</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For Jesus Christ and His love for us</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For our Church</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For the Sacraments</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For our loyal friends</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For our food and shelter</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For our freedoms</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For our beautiful earth</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For peace in our community</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For those who love us</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For God who loves us</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For my next breath</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>
<i>For our life</i>	<i>We are thankful</i>

Prayer: Loving Father, bring to us the power of being thankful. May our gratitude help us to overcome the discouragement all around us. Merciful God, we now, and always, thank you.

Fr. Wilson

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, Thomas Carberry and Daniel Briggs.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2020-2021 - Our Religious Ed Program is scheduled to open in September, therefore If you have not yet registered your child/children in our Religious Ed Program, please 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.

WHERE IS GOD IN THE PANDEMIC AND PROTESTS? Sr. Jean Flannely and Lisa Shay will be offering a 3-part discussion series on "How do we bring our faith to bear on contemporary issues"? over Zoom, beginning Sunday, August 9th between 4-5 pm. RSVP to Lisa.Shay@ymail.com for Zoom invite.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE- SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th @ 10 AM: Exceptional Academics. Extraordinary Futures! Come and experience all the great things that are happening at Our Lady of Lourdes High School! We offer a rigorous College Prep curriculum that provides exciting and innovative learning experiences for our students. Join us at our Virtual Open House to hear from our administration and faculty, take a virtual tour and participate in our live Q & A. We look forward to seeing you on August 8th. You must register on our website at www.ollchs.org. If you need additional information, please contact Kathleen Powers at 845-463-0400 ext, 1009 or at powers.kathleen@ollchs.org.

LEAN ON OUR FAITH DURING TOUGH TIMES - Throughout the history of God's dealings with humanity, He has continually brought good out of evil. During this unprecedented time of pandemic, we can remember this history and lean on Him.

Participate in weekly worship. If public Mass is not an option for you, find ways to join in worship safely. Participate in Mass on television or online. Support others by setting up a prayer group or Bible study with friends through calls, chats, or online meetings.

Practice listening during prayer. Even though our schedules may have slowed down, our thoughts probably have not. Make mental space to listen to and hear from the Holy Spirit, and allow Him to bring truth and consolation.

Look for ways God is working in the crisis. Our fear and anxiety can arise from worrying about what might happen. It helps to look for the good coming out of the crisis. Can you spot unexpected blessings?

Create a safe space in your home. Create a place – a corner, a chair, a porch, where you can spend at least 15 prayerful minutes each day. Take this time to remember that you are not alone.

Be not afraid. Choosing to trust God is a decision we can each make. It comes from a determination to surrender with confidence knowing His love is enough. (*Growing in Faith*)

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. The following are some revelations our Lord gave to Sr. Faustina as recorded in her Diary:

Come with faith to the feet of My representative.

I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest...I Myself act in your soul.

Make your Confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession, as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, July 18-19 2020, , we collected \$3,866 in our Regular Collection and \$1,002.00 for the Summer Collection.. 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.