

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 23, 2020

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Aug. 24	8:00 am	Josefina Lopez
"	Tues.	Aug. 25	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Wed.	Aug. 26	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Thurs.	Aug. 27	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Aug. 28	8:00 am	NO MASS
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	NOMASS

<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Aug. 29	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Marcella Butts
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Peter Hill

<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Aug. 30	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

**BY THE MYSTERY OF THIS WATER AND WINE  
MAY WE COME TO SHARE  
IN THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST  
WHO HUMBLED HIMSELF  
TO SHARE IN OUR HUMANITY**

*Dear Friends:*

I enjoy sharing these prayers from the Mass that you never hear (unless you are a deacon or an altar server). The above prayer is one of many that instructs the priests to say it "quietly."

The prayer above occurs during the preparation of the gifts where the priest and others gather the bread and wine to be consecrated on the Altar. First, the bread is blessed. Then the wine is prepared by pouring it into a chalice. And then the water is added and the prayer above is said.

One can easily see the comparison in this moment in the Mass and the moment that Jesus is pierced in the side on the cross.

This is partly the idea, I think, for the first phrase where it is spoken "By the mystery of this water and wine." We remember that the blood and water flowed out from the side of Christ.

Then the prayer says "May we come to share in the divinity of Christ." That is quite a prayer. For us to share in the divinity of Christ? That seems a very surprising prayer. How can we share in the divinity of Christ? If you think about it, there are ways that we can come somewhat close to the greatness of God. Among many different ways that we can touch the nature of God is through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

"Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This is such a profound statement. Jesus, who is the Son of God, true God and true man, became one of us. That is a true act of humility, a true act of obedience to the will of God. God became one of us so he could share in our trials and sorrows. He became one of us so He could understand us. He became one of us so He could save us.

Fr. Wilson

**VACATION TIME** - As Fr. Wilson will be taking a mini vacation from Monday afternoon, August 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be no 8 am morning Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as well as no Friday 12 noon Mass in Pine Plains. Fr. Wilson will return on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> in time for 3:45 pm Confession and 4:30 pm Mass.

**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, 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, 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, Daniel Briggs, Brett Porter, Alice Phillips and Carl Stahovic.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH:** Thomas Carberry, Theresa Thompson, Christine Lombardi.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2020-2021** - In order to comply with the restrictions to safely open our Religious Ed Program during this coronavirus pandemic, classes are tentatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 18, 2020. Updates will follow.

**WHERE IS GOD IN THE PANDEMIC AND PROTESTS?** Sr. Jean Flannelly 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. The third session will be on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, between 4-5 pm. RSVP to Lisa.Shay@gmail.

**ROSE THRIFT SHOP** - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Immaculate Conception Church, Route 22, Amenia, will have their "**Bag Sale**" on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The shop will be closed on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, to re-stock. The Rose Thrift Shop will re-open for business at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and bring a friend.

**NEWLY BAPTIZED** - The following children were baptized at Immaculate Conception Church: Amelia Palmer House, daughter of Andrew House and Amanda Bocknik, was baptized on August 8, 2020 and Brandon Jose Perez, son of Mario Perez and Jacqueline Zunaga was baptized on August 15, 2020. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ will look lovingly on these children, watch over them and fill them with peace and joy!

**WHY DO WE LIGHT VOTIVE PRAYER CANDLES IN CHURCH?** Lighting a candle in prayer is a symbol full of meanings. A person can only pray for so long. Lighting a candle serves to prolong that prayer beyond our presence in the church. The candle remains behind and symbolizes the desire for the prayer to continue. So when we light candles in prayer, our intentions remain present even when we are gone. Prayer is not self-centered, it is God centered. Many times we offer our prayers for other people and causes. The candle will not be a substitute for the prayer of your heart, but an accompaniment. Next time you pass the candle rack, why not light a candle for a special intention, for someone you want to pray for or in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has blessed you with.

**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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, August 15-16, 2020, , we collected \$2,937.20 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$573.00 for Utility & Energy and \$726.00 for the Assumption. 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.

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATION** - Society makes it acceptable to pursue our own happiness without concern for others. As followers of Christ, we know that God holds us responsible for meeting others' needs. When we care for the poor and needy, God will take care of us.

***"Never forget that God loves you deeply  
and cares for you passionately:  
'Cast all your worries upon Him  
because He cares for you' "***  
(1 Peter 5:7)