

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 30, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 31	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
"	Tues.	Sept. 1	8:00 am	Charles Renner
"	Wed.	Sept. 2	8:00 am	Ed & Lois Pomeisl
"	Thurs.	Sept. 3	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Sept. 4	8:00 am	Martha Flanigan
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Ann Susan Morrissey Cogwith
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Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 5	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Mary Ann Fitzpatrick Family
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Margaret Sicord
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Pine Plains	Sun	Sept. 6	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Jack Silvernale
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"MISSION APPEAL"

Dear Friends:

On the weekend of September 19-20, we will be conducting a special collection for the "Missionary Co-op Appeal." This is required by the Church for each parish in the United States. The appeal provides much needed funds for the missions throughout the world.

A Maryknoll Sister, Sister Alice Vandenoever will be coming to speak to us.

Sister Alice has an academic background in science and math and has 22 years of mission experience in the Philippines. Her commitments have involved teaching both on the High School and College levels. She has also coordinated livelihood programs in squatter areas. She has board membership in NFOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) in urban squatter and relocation communities.

The Maryknoll Sisters were founded as part of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in New York in 1912. In 1920 they became an official religious congregation.

The Sisters concentrated on the missions in Asia, including Hong Kong, China, Korea and the Philippines. During World War II, the Sister's work was disrupted. Some Sisters ended up in prison and others were deported. Their work was again interrupted by the Communist takeover of China and North Korea.

As the years went by, the Maryknoll Sisters moved to work in many other parts of the world. Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clark and Ita Ford were among four churchwomen killed by the military in El Salvador because of their ministry to the poor. Today they have mission work in Asia, Africa, the Americas and the Pacific Islands.

Maryknoll Sisters give witness to God's love as nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers and pastoral workers. Many are engaged in AIDS prevention and ministry. Other special groups they work with are youth, women and migrant workers. Sensitive to local needs, the Sisters search out and train for whatever form of ministry serves the community that invites them to share in the community's life and practice. Please be as generous as you can to help them and help the missions.

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, 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.

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

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.

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 2nd and Saturday, September 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The shop will be closed on Wednesday, September 9th, to re-stock. The Rose Thrift Shop will re-open for business at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 12th. Please stop by and bring a friend.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD - Jesus expects us each to do something great in the world, and He doesn't mean just the millionaires or heads of state. Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Start Now. If we think that our contribution can't make a difference or that others will take charge, nothing will get done. Start today, and believe that God will strengthen your efforts. "*I can do all things in Him who strengthens me*" (Philippians 4:13).

Share your love. "*This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*" (John 13:35). Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" and your kindness may influence others.

Commit. Find a parish ministry or charity you love and adopt it. Your contribution will benefit the future.

Give your mite. If you don't have much to give, give anyway – time, effort or funds. Remember the widow's mite: "*I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest...from her poverty has offered her whole livelihood*" (Luke 21:3-4).

Empower others. Be generous with praise and stingy with criticism. Offering sincere praise and encouragement helps others achieve goals and adds value to the world. (*Growing in Faith*)

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 22-23, 2020, , we collected \$3,288.00 in our Regular Sunday 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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Every moment of our lives are lived in God's presence whether we are aware of Him or not. Take advantage of it and be alone with Him as often as possible. Soon you will be able to see Him everywhere you are.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Denise & Bob Conway
In Loving Memory of Bertha Conway*