

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 20, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Sept. 21	8:00 am	George L. McGowan
“	Tues.	Sept. 22	8:00 am	Dorothy & Leo McEnroe, Sr. & Family
“	Wed.	Sept. 23	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty & Lawrence C. Hardisty,
”	Thurs.	Sept. 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Sept. 25	8:00 am	James Killmer, Jr.
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Gabriel Mallozzi
Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 26	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Donald D. Jones
Pine Plains	“	“	6:15 pm	Katherine Blinn

Pine Plains	Sun	Sept. 27	8:00 am	Secondina Malzisi
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“FR. JOSEPH DIETZ”

Dear Friends:

My thoughts and prayers during in these last few weeks have been centered around my friend and brother in the priesthood, Father Joseph Dietz. Father Dietz has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and is now residing at the priest retirement home in Riverdale. Father Dietz is 81.

I first met Father Joe in the seminary. He was an older seminarian. Father Joe had an amazing life. He entered a strict Trappist Monastery at a young age. He then left, got a degree as a social worker and was employed in New York City. He eventually felt called to the priesthood, though he found it difficult as an older man to be accepted anywhere.

He was accepted to the Archdiocese of New York, who “took a chance” on him. That’s were I met him. He was always friendly and very jovial. He took an interest in me, for some reason.

After he was ordained, he was assigned to St. Raymond in the Bronx. Amazingly, when I took a year off from the seminary, I found a job at St. Raymond’s High School for Boys. I was living with the Christian Brothers in their house, and Father Joe lived in the rectory. We were connected again. We actually worked together at St. Raymond’s as I was helping out the Religious Education program on the weekends.

Our friendship began and I had Father Joe help me at my first Mass at St. Raymond’s. Father Joe was a man who was always there, and cared about the priesthood and the Church.

Father Joe went on to be Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scarsdale. I visited that beautiful Church often. He then was made Pastor at a beautiful Church in Pocantico Hills called the Church of the Magdalene.

Like all of us in the priesthood, Father Joe faced tremendous challenges. But he always stayed close to the Lord and close to God’s people. Please say prayer for him.

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.

***“In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself,
not myself from You”***

~St. Augustine~

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, 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, Marjorie Arni, Teal Burns, Jane Bly, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPecki, 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, Kathleen Herron, Michael Gaddis, Baby Gemma Dadone, Joe Gatto, Raymond Proper, Jr., Joan Moriarty, Michael Tozzi, Daniel Briggs, Brett Porter, Alice Phillips, Carl Stahovic and Domenic Mottola.

As the sick list is getting quite lengthy, please call the office if the person you requested to be added to our prayer list has recovered from their medical emergency. If their condition changes, they can always be put back on the list.

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

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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.

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS - When someone wrongs you in some way, do you hold a grudge and keep the hurt? Here are three reasons to embrace the power of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not something we do for the other person, but something we do for ourselves. Refusing to forgive merely prolongs hurt feelings. It helps us dwell on them and keep them alive. And that feels awful.

But when you forgive, the negative feelings are purged and there's new room for goodness. The energy that sustained the anger is now available for other purposes. And that's a much better feeling.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive daily forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't – how can we obtain it for ourselves?

Think about praying for anyone who hurts you and ask God to bless him. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you'll be saying one of Jesus' favorite prayers. He prayed it while on the Cross.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 12-13, 2020, we collected \$4,385.00 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.

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, Tyler Jasmin, Garrett Cummings and Austin Cummings. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayer.

FEASTS & CELEBRATIONS

September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition holds that Mary was born in Jerusalem after her parents had been childless for more than 20 years. Mary's birth brought them – and us – joy.

September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "*a sword piercing*" her soul. This referred, in part, to a time when Mary would stand at the foot of her son's Cross. Still, Mary stood dignified and fearless while others fled.

September 21 – St. Matthew (1st century). Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St. Matthew left everything behind when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

September 23 - St. Padre Pio (1968). Francesco Forgione was born to farmers in southern Italy. Eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) appeared on his body. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.