

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Sept. 28	8:00 am	Clarence Hoysradt
“	Tues.	Sept. 29	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
“	Wed.	Sept. 30	8:00 am	Harold Morford
”	Thurs.	Oct. 1	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Oct. 2	8:00 am	Theresa Thompson
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Angelina Mallozzi (Living)
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 3	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Diane McEnroe Martello
Pine Plains	“	“	6:15 pm	Margaret Sicord

Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 4	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	Laszlo Paraszti

“A PARABLE OF MERCY”

Dear Friends:

Before I begin here, I want to thank you for your generous contributions to the Maryknoll Missions last weekend. It was one of the largest 2nd collections I have ever seen here. I am very sure that Sister Alice of the Maryknoll Sisters will be very pleased. Thank you.

Last weekend's gospel was very important. If you recall, it was a parable about an employer who hired workers "off the street" during the day. Some were hired in the morning and worked all day. Some were hired at noon and worked half a day. Some were even hired in the afternoon and worked one hour. The employer paid them all the same amount.

Needless to say, the ones who worked all day were upset. It made no economic sense. But the employer replied that he was free to pay the workers whatever he wanted.

But this is about the kingdom, not about business. This is about salvation not about worker's pay. And this parable is about mercy.

There are two ways to look at this parable. First is the issue of a "deathbed conversion." There are people who sinned all their life then converted at the last moment, receiving salvation. People who were lifelong faithful Christians would complain that "why should those people be rewarded" at the last minute. However, according to this parable, it doesn't matter when you come to the Lord in your life – you will still see the same possibility of salvation.

Second, this parable is an indication of the relationship between "justice" and "mercy." If God were completely to base our salvation on "justice" or fairness, no one would make it. We can't get to heaven based on a fair judgment of our sins. All are sinners, all are imperfect. The only way we can truly get to heaven is through God's mercy.

Through this parable, Jesus emphasizes to us that mercy will save us. With our Lord's bountiful mercy, anyone can be saved, no matter when or how you come to the Lord.

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.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY - St. John Vianney was a French Catholic priest who is venerated in the Catholic Church as a Saint and as the patron of parish priests. He is often referred to as the "Cure de Ars" (i.e. the parish priest of Ars). He was known for his devotion to the Virgin Mary and to St. Philomena and was dedicated to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for his parishioners. His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he spent 11-12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months his time was increased to 16 hours.

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 Euvard, 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, Carol Jayne and Domenic Mottola.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Mark Hamm Fr. Joseph Dietz

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Our 2nd Grades will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the very first time on Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Please keep these children in your prayers: ***Natalie Butler, Alexandra Connolly, Kaitlyn Enes, Matthew Enes, Riley Jones, Brooke Kain, Adrian Maxwell, Natalie Rahgo, Zoey Runge, Lucas Sartori, Liam Todriff and Riley Whalen.*** As our 2nd graders receive their first communion, Jesus shares His love with them in a very special way. May He guide and bless them today and every day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2020-2021 - Our Religious Ed Program is scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 18th. If you have not yet registered your child in the program and wish to do so, please call the office at (845) 373-8193 no later than Monday, October 5th. We are now in the process of cleaning and disinfecting all the classrooms and setting up the tables and chairs to ensure social distancing. In order to comply with the restrictions to safely open our Religious Ed Program, our students, teachers and volunteers will be required to wear masks at all times. There will be one designated entrance to the building with a hand sanitizing stand at the entrance and all our young people and adults will be required to have their temperature taken upon entering the building. No registrations will be accepted on the first day of class.

PRAYER FOR ABANDONMENT

Father,

***I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.***

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

***Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures.***

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands, I commend my soul;

offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve,

and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.

~ Blessed Charles de Foucauld ~

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 19-20, 2020, we collected \$3,536.40 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$2,836.00 for the Maryknoll Missions. I am so very thankful to all of you for your 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.

UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP - Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will have their "Coat Sale" at St. Joseph's School in Millbrook on Thursday and Friday, October 8-9 from 10 am to 4 pm and on Saturday, October 10th, from 10 am to 4 pm for the benefit of St. Joseph- Immaculate Conception Church.

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.

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