

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 4, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 5	8:00 am	Tom Carberry
"	Tues.	Oct. 6	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
"	Wed.	Oct. 7	8:00 am	Earl & Margaret Proper
"	Thurs.	Oct. 8	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Oct. 9	8:00 am	June Segrue
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Robert Sarles
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 10	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Marilyn Louey
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Linda Sartori

Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 11	8:00 am	Angelo Rita Cutone
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"WHOEVER WELCOMES THIS LITTLE CHILD IN MY NAME WELCOMES ME"

Dear Friends:

An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside Him. Then He said to them "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." ~ Luke 96-48 ~

My first response to this gospel is to focus on the child and the nature of "becoming a child" in relation to God's Kingdom. I have spoken before how we should strive to become like children in that we should be more innocent, more trusting, more curious.

That is certainly true. The qualities of children are very admirable. Children are very trusting and very loving. Children have not been exposed to the harshness of the world so that they have not become cynical. Children are also very hopeful. These are all good things.

However, as I read the gospel over again, there is a second very valuable message in this gospel.

This message lies in the position of children in some societies and cultures. Throughout history sometimes children have not been valued. Sometimes they are to be silenced and hidden away. I think of the phrase "children should be seen and not heard."

Children are very vulnerable and very dependent. Some have treated them with abuse and neglect. Sometimes children are seen as "nobodies" in society.

Perhaps Jesus is reminding us that we need to reach out to those marginalized and neglected in society. We are to welcome those who are ignored and unvalued in our world: "whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me."

It reminds me of the song: "Whatsoever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto me." It is so clear in the gospels that Jesus reached out to the "rejects" of society: lepers, foreigners, the demon-possessed, the sinners. Examples of that are everywhere in the life of Christ. It is our responsibility to do the same in this world.

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.

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.

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 Niranjani, 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, Carol Jayne, Domenic Mottola, William Dota and Susan Macura.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Mark Hamm, Joyce Kelly

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR OUR 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 on 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.

LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE - Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person...

RESPECT LIFE - Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. Respect Life Sunday is a time to intentionally pray for the protection of all human life. Please consider joining a Life Chain, a peaceful and prayerful public witness for an end to abortion that offers a message of mercy and healing for those who are suffering as a result of abortion. Or take part in a Rosary Coast to Coast, a movement to unite the nation in praying the Holy Rosary for healing of our country and its return to holiness. Please consider joining a Life Chain as follows:

- Poughkeepsie: Sunday, October 4th, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Church Street, between Market and Academy Streets. Contact Maureen @ (845) 853-6529.
- Hopewell Junction: Saturday, October 10th, 10:00 am – 12 noon. St. Columba Church on Rte. 82. Contact Eileen @ (845) 242-1842.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th at 12 noon: Exceptional Academics. Extraordinary Futures! Come and experience all the great things that are happening at Our Lady of Lourdes High School! They offer a rigorous College Prep curriculum that provides exciting and innovative learning experiences for their students. Join them at their Virtual Open House to hear from their administration, faculty and students, and participate in their live Q & A. Their Class of 2020 are attending many fine institutions such as the US Military Academy at West Point, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Columbia, John Hopkins, Villanova and many more. They received over \$42 million in college scholarships, and 95% of these graduates earned an average of 33 college credits. See how Lourdes will provide you with your "Extraordinary Future"! They look forward to seeing you on October 18th. You must register on their website at www.ollchs.org. If you need additional information, please contact Kathleen Powers at 845-463-0400, ext. 1009 or powers.kathleen@ollchs.org.

2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of September 25th, our parish has received **\$31,180.00** in pledges/gifts from **91** families toward our parish goal of **\$42,000**.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 26-27, 2020, we collected \$3,191.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$932.00 for St. Joseph's Seminary. 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.

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