

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 11, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 12	8:00 am	Eugene Ketchum
“	Tues.	Oct. 13	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
“	Wed.	Oct. 14	8:00 am	June Segrue
”	Thurs.	Oct. 15	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Oct. 16	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Linda Tiramani
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 17	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Mary Hardisty & Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	“	“	6:15 pm	Elizabeth Brizzie

Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 18	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	John Culligan

“BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS”

Dear Friends:

When I began to prepare for Mass on October 5th, I discovered a saint (a blessed) who I never knew before. This was Blessed Francis X. Seelos who was a German missionary in America.

Blessed Francis was born in Bavaria, Germany in 1819. He was one of 12 children. He attended University in Munich, then entered the seminary in 1842 (he had expressed a desire for the priesthood since childhood).

He became very interested in the spiritual needs of German immigrants around the world. He decided to enter the religious order of the Redemptorists and asked to be a missionary in the United States. Seelos was sent to the United States in 1843.

On December 22, 1844 he was ordained a priest in Baltimore, Maryland. After being ordained, Seelos was sent to the parish of St. Philomena in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There he worked with St. John Neumann. He also fulfilled many positions with the Redemptorists, including as Pastor and Novice Master. Blessed Francis spoke of his relationship with St. John Neumann: “He has introduced me to the active life and he has guided me as a spiritual director and confessor.”

Seelos was described as a tall, slender, dignified man with a kind and innocent face. His availability and kindness quickly made him well known as an expert confessor and spiritual director. He was also described as a man with a constant smile and a generous heart.

In 1854, he was appointed Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Baltimore. He also worked in education as Prefect of Students in Cumberland, Maryland (1857) and Annapolis (1862). From 1863 to 1866, he was a mission preacher in many different places in the eastern United States.

In 1866 he traveled to work in New Orleans. There he worked with victims of yellow fever and caught the disease and died in 1867.

There is a National Shrine dedicated to him in St. Mary’s Assumption Church in New Orleans. Blessed Francis was beatified on April 9, 2000, by St. Pope John Paul II in Vatican City.

Fr. Wilson

PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

ALL SOULS DAY - All Souls Day envelopes are available in the back of both Churches. You can place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office.

CONFESSION - Confession is available every Saturday afternoon from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm at Immaculate Conception in Amenias.

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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Donald MacArthur

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY – The Rosary Society will meet on Monday, October 12th, at 7:00 pm in Immaculate Conception Church. New members are most welcome.

RESPECT LIFE - October is Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect the most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. The five keys: Reflect, Pray, Share, Learn more, and Stay Connected can be found at <http://www.respectlife.org/celebrate>.

“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: Be not afraid” ~ St. John Paul II ~

THE CATHOLIC PLAN FOR WORLD PEACE - Our world is often turbulent but the Church believes a just and fair world is possible when seven key principles are embraced:

Life and dignity of the human person: We were created in God's image, therefore all life is sacred. This belief is the foundation for a just world.

Call to family, community, and participation: People have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking the well-being of all.

Rights and Responsibilities: Everyone has a right to life and to what is necessary for human decency.

Option for the poor and vulnerable: We are to treat as urgent the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

Dignity of work and workers: The worker has a right to productive work, to decent and fair wages and to the protection of basic rights.

Solidarity: We are one human family. We are to love our neighbors as brothers and sisters and work for justice and peace everywhere.

Care for God's creation: We show our love for God by protecting his creation..

2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of October 2nd, our parish has received **\$31,480.00** in pledges/gifts from **94** families toward our parish goal of **\$42,000**. I thank you for your generosity in donating to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October 3-4, 2020, , we collected \$4,349.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection. 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 LAMP - The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days (from Sunday to Saturday). You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased family member or friend, or as a special intention. The donation is \$10.00.

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