

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 18, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 19	8:00 am	James M. Murphy
"	Tues.	Oct. 20	8:00 am	Albert Nolletti
"	Wed.	Oct. 21	8:00 am	Peggy Ackerman
"	Thurs.	Oct. 22	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Oct. 23	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Jane Wells
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Richard J. Kain and Richard B. Kain
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	James Killmer

Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 25	8:00 am	Roger Gregoire
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"THE SIGN OF PEACE"

Dear Friends:

I used to know a priest from Brazil who had just arrived in the USA and was struggling with English. One moment at Mass was quite amusing. He was having difficulty with pronunciation. Instead of saying "Let us offer each other the Sign of Peace," he said "The Sin of Peace." The people had a hard time trying to keep from laughing.

Since the start of the Pandemic, we are used to offering different kinds of "signs of peace" at Mass. People wave, they nod, they bow and they make other gestures. But I hope the feelings of peace are genuine and loving.

I recently noticed that the birthday of Beatle, John Lennon, on October 9th, marked his 80th birthday. Sadly, as we all know, John's life was taken from him in 1980. One of John's passions was the cause of peace. One of his songs written after the Beatles broke up was "All we are saying is give Peace a Chance."

Like him, we all are for peace. I myself am committed to the cause of peace, peace in the world, peace in our country, peace in our neighborhoods, peace in our hearts and peace in our families.

However, as we are told, peace is not just the absence of conflict. Peace requires actions and attitudes. Peace takes work.

And that work begins with our day to day activities. We cannot just talk about peace, we have to bring it about everyday. Every encounter during the day should be an encounter of peace. And that means the old golden rule in action. That means treating people with respect. It also means avoiding confrontation and anger. It also means patience.

Building peace in our relationships and in the community also means building forgiveness. When people hurt us, our response is often emotionally charged. These reactions can destroy peace. It is essential to the cause of peace in our world that we become apostles of forgiveness, apostles of mercy.

Bringing peace to our world is our vocation as Catholic Christians. It is obvious that the world needs peace, and the world needs peace now.

Fr. Wilson

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 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.

"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you."

~ Pope Francis ~.

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, Roger Gregoire, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Patty Cassidy, Kathleen Herron, Michael Gaddis, Baby Gemma Dadone, Joe Gatto, Joan Moriarty, Michael Tozzi, Daniel Briggs, Brett Porter, Alice Phillips, Carl Stahovic, Carol Jayne, Domenic Mottola, William Dota and Susan Macura.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2020-2021 - In order to comply with the restrictions to safely open our Religious Ed Program during this coronavirus pandemic, we have decided to hold a ***"Parent Only"*** meeting in the gym on Sunday, October 25, 2020, at 9:15 am in order to explain the logistics of getting the students safely in and out of the classroom, etc. A letter was also mailed to the families outlining the procedures upon entering and exiting the building. Therefore, our first class will now begin at 9:15 am on Sunday, November 1st.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND YOURSELF - *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matthew 22:39) commands us to treat other people with love. In truth, we can only love our neighbor to the extent that we love ourselves. Do you have trouble believing that you deserve love?

Consider this:

God doesn't make mistakes. By nature He is perfect and can't make anything bad. God created each of us and *"looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good"* (Genesis 1:31). That means you, too.

Look with God's eyes. Don't chase after other people's approval. Too much of how we see ourselves depends upon how others see us. God loves us as we are and considers us precious. *"See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name"* (Isaiah 40:16).

Love with God's heart. Spend time with Jesus by praying, reading Scripture, and attending Mass. When you let yourself be filled up with Jesus' love, you will find yourself so full that love will overflow to those around you – just like He commanded.

RESPECT LIFE - Life Fact: 28 days after conception a baby has eyes, and even a tongue! Muscles are developing along the future spine. Arms and legs are budding.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta ~

"We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship...as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts...We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable." (*US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, n34*).

PINE PLAINS COMMUNITY FOOD LOCKER - The Pine Plains Community Food Locker thanks the parishioners of St. Anthony's Parish for participating in and for contributing \$380.00 to the 2020 Crop Walk. The final results will be issued at the conclusion of this project.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October 10-11, 2020, we collected \$4,555.60 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$780.00 for Utility & Energy. 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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - **The Commandment imbalance.** Of the Ten Commandments, only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one way God lets us know how much He wants us to love one another.

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, Garrrett Cummings and Austin Cummings. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayer.