

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 25, 2020

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Oct. 26	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
“	Tues.	Oct. 27	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
“	Wed.	Oct. 28	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
”	Thurs.	Oct. 29	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Oct. 30	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Katherine Blinn
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Oct. 31	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Joseph L. Kain, Jr.
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	6:15 pm	Ralph Vinchiarello

<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Nov. 1	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	“	“	10:45 am	Lou Cascio

### **“RELIGIOUS EDUCATION”**

*Dear Friends:*

*As you read this, we are having a “Parents Only” meeting at 9:15 am this Sunday in the gym at Amenia. There we hope to be able to prepare our parents for the Religious Education classes beginning on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:15 am. We have been preparing diligently for our classes in light of the coronavirus threat.*

*We hope and pray that everything will turn out well and that our young people will be able to learn in a safe environment. We have adopted all the procedures that have been recommended to us by the Archdiocese and the State of New York.*

*As you know, this is an election year. And like everything, the coronavirus has become part of the controversy and conflict swirling all around us. Whatever eventually happens with all the turmoil, we, as a Roman Catholic parish, are obligated to teach our faith to our young people.*

*There are hardly any more important tasks of the Church than to bring up our young people in the faith. I am so proud that our Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York have emphasized opening up, while at the same time following carefully all the precautions to keep our children safe. The work of the Church goes on.*

*It has been, to say the least, a difficult year. Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony’s parish has done well, thanks to our good people and outstanding staff. I thank you for your support during this trying time. I ask once again for your continued assistance as we move forward to an uncertain future. The work of the Church must go on.*

*I continue to ask that you follow all the requirements, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing as we celebrate Mass. It is tiresome, no doubt, but I really want to avoid any further lockdowns.*

*I began this discussion by bringing up our Religious Education program. It is so essential that we continue to bless our young people with the knowledge of our faith. I want to extend a very special “Thank You” to all our volunteer teachers and parents who support our Religious Ed Program. I am so grateful for all of you and for your faith.*

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. The following Masses will be offered on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, for All All Souls:

**8 am in Amenia**

**12 noon in Pine Plains**

**7 pm in Amenia.**

**LECTORS AND USHERS** - We are in need of Lectors and Ushers at the 10:45 am Mass on Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering for these important ministries, please speak to Fr. Wilson after Mass or call him at the office at (845) 373-8193. Thank you.

**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, 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 and Susan Macura

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH:** Donald MacArthur, Roger Gregoire and William Dota.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** - We are holding 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. Please note that the first day of class will begin on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:15 am.

**REMINDER** - As Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

**RESPECT LIFE – Life Facts:** After conception: • 18 days a baby's heart beats • 8 weeks all organs function • 9 weeks has individual fingerprints • 10 weeks a baby can feel pain • 12 weeks a baby can smile

*"Those who justify their inaction on the grounds that abortion is the law of the land need to recognize that there is a higher law, the law of God. No human law can validly contradict the Commandment: "Thou shalt not kill." Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics (1998), no. 32*

**Action:** Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Say a short prayer or blessing. Meditate or ask God's intercession. Devote some time to pray a Holy Hour, or commit to a novena or Stations of the Cross.

**CHOOSE TO LIVE A FREE LIFE** - God gave us free will so we can make our own choices and be free. Popular culture tells us freedom means doing whatever we choose even if that includes sin. Yet, true freedom is being open to God's love and closed to sin. *"Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil"* (1 Peter 2:16). We are at our freest when we choose for good.

Don't give away freedom. Sin can overtake us without our noticing. For example, sharing one juicy secret may make us feel popular but over time, gossip can become a habit we can't control. A nightly examination of the day can help identify sinful actions before they become habits. Monthly visits to the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also sharpen that sense of sin.

Freely choose love. God won't force us to love Him; He hopes we will choose it. Often, we don't approach Him because we feel unworthy, guilty, or distant. Instead, choose to believe that God's love is stronger than our sin or guilt. When we have faith that He loves us, we are free to love Him back.

Choose for good. Consistently making good and moral choices in today's society is hard but it leads to great reward. The more we choose good, the freer we become.

**P.A.S.E. (Parent and Support Education)** - Healthy Family Communication is key to family resiliency and success, especially during these difficult times. Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County's Family Resource Education in an exploration of five key communication tools that can enhance your relationships at work, at home with your spouse or partner, and with your children. Meetings are held on Mondays at 6:30 pm at St. John's Evangelical Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd. Poughkeepsie, NY. Registration is required for this FREE course. Please call 845-677-8223 ext. 122.

**2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - As of October 16<sup>th</sup>, our parish has received **\$31,580.00** 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 17-18, 2020, we collected \$2,950.25 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$823.00 for World 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Susan Vinchiarello  
In Loving Memory of Ralph Vinchiarello*