

ALL SAINTS DAY November 1st, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Nov. 2	8:00 am	ALL SOULS
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	ALL SOULS
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"	Tues.	Nov. 3	8:00 am	Linda Sartori
"	Wed.	Nov. 4	8:00 am	Ray Proper
"	Thurs.	Nov. 5	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Nov. 6	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Jane Wells
Amenia	Sat.	Nov. 7	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Mary Hardisty & Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Elizabeth Brizzie
Pine Plains	Sun	Nov. 8	8:00 am	Thomas Kennedy
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

***"I urge you to live in a manner
worthy of the call you have received
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another
through love."
(Ephesians Chapter 4)***

In the beautiful prose of St. Paul, we have a fundamental challenge made to all of us who are followers of Christ. Let me take these three great qualities and reflect on them.

Humility - This is a very underrated virtue, one that is so helpful in the Christian life. Humility is not an excessive "put-down" of yourself or an obsession with sinfulness. Humility is an honest understanding of yourself, with all your weaknesses and strengths. Likewise, humility is not focused on oneself but focused on the needs of other people. It has been said that humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking less about yourself. Humility opens the road to total service to the people around you.

Gentleness - What a beautiful word! To be gentle is to be concerned with not hurting other people. St. John Henry Cardinal Newman once said that a "true gentleman" is to be a person who never intentionally harms or causes pain to another person. That is gentleness. Gentleness is the opposite of arrogance and is closely related to the virtue of kindness. As a Christian, treating other people with gentleness is a vital way of bringing to others the Christian message.

Patience - It is said that patience is a gift that everybody has, but that many people don't use. It's not difficult or impossible to be patient: it is only a matter of "waiting" before you react and practicing forgiveness on a daily basis.

To "wait" on someone, to be patient with someone, is not just an attitude but an act of love. When one is patient with a sick and elderly parent, it is an act of love. When one is patient with an unruly child, it is an act of love. And to be patient is to be forgiving, which is the heart of Christian life.

That's why St. Paul is so helpful to all of us. We thank God for his letters and we thank God for Him.

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 2nd, for All All Souls:

8 am in Amenia

12 noon in Pine Plains

7 pm in Amenia.

FR. GODFREY - Fr Godfrey has arrived safely in Amenia and will be staying with us for several weeks. We will have a collection for "Christ the King Seminary" on the weekend of November 7-8, 2020.

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, 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 and Richard J. Cantele, Sr.

MENS GROUP - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, November 2nd, at 6:45 pm in Immaculate Conception Church. New members are most welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2020-2021 PROGRAM - Our Religious Education Program begins on Sunday, November 1st, at 9:15 am. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Ken Pomeisl, Catechist and Religious Ed Coordinator as well as the following Catechists in our program: Stephanie Tyree, Marilyn Tyree, Kenneth Whelan, Cindy LaBella, Al Blackburn, Aaron Howard, Hilda Delgado and Lisa Shay, who volunteer each Sunday to teach our children about our precious faith. I also want to thank our parent volunteers and all the parents for allowing us to assist you with your child's religious education. I am confident that by working together, we can help our children develop a loving, lasting relationship with God. I ask that you keep all of them in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

*O God, our Heavenly Father,
you have given us the gift of these catechists
to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.
We lift them up to you in thanksgiving
and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.
May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them,
a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges,
is compassionate and consoles.
We pray that our parish family will always be blessed
with those who have responded to the call to
share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.
May we too be open to the universal call to service
that Christ addressed to all His disciples,
contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.
We ask this in Jesus' name.*

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.

RESPECT LIFE – “No Catholic can responsibly take a “pro’choice” stand when the “choice” in question involves the taking of innocent human life.” Resolution on Abortion (1989) National conference of Catholic Bishops.

“The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.” United States Council of Catholic Bishops – Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. 1/20/19.

“America you are beautiful...and blessed...The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life.” St. John Paul II

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October, 24-25, 2020, we collected \$3,161.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$954.00 for our School of Religion. 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 Laurie and Larry Hardisty
In Memory of Ray Proper*