

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Nov. 9	8:00 am	George Hazel
"	Tues.	Nov. 10	8:00 am	Linda Sartori
"	Wed.	Nov. 11	8:00 am	Linda Sartori
"	Thurs.	Nov. 12	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Nov. 13	8:00 am	Diana LaCurto
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Jane Wells
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Nov. 14	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Francis X. & Mary Ellen O'Rourke
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Katherine Blinn

<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Nov. 15	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Ethel Unger

### "ALL SOULS"

Dear Friends:

*We have just completed an interesting period of time in the Catholic Calendar. We first start with a non-Catholic holiday, "Halloween", which has evolved from All-Hallows Eve into a secular celebration of monsters and candy and children.*

*Then we celebrate "All Saints", a splendid day to reflect on holiness and heroic figures. The saints are inspirations to us. They help us by their example and assist us with their powerful prayers. They show us it is possible to do great things for God. Every follower of Christ can be a saint.*

*Then comes the sobering day of "All Souls". It is actually a great opportunity to really thank God for all those wonderful souls that have gone before us. We think of our parents, our grandparents and our friends who are no longer with us.*

*"All Souls" is a serious day that can help us get our life together. As we reflect on the lives of those before us, it forces us to look at ourselves. We can see that our life has a beginning and an end. Many times in this secular world people just bounce from day to day with no thought of our final end. If we remember that we have a limited time on earth we will try to do better every day. I feel it is true that the reward of heaven makes us better people here on earth.*

*There is more benefit to All Souls than just reflecting on our own fate. The benefit is what I call the healing power of memories. There is a great deal of interest these days with geneologies and discovering our ancestors through DNA techniques. This is all fine and good, but there is something greater here. We look with love to our grandparents and parents and our aunts and uncles and we cherish the memories they blessed us with. We think of all the great moments that we shared with them. I recall the beautiful moment of my ordination to the priesthood and that my mother was there. What a special time.*

*On All Souls Day we gladly give thanks for how our family has blessed us. And thankfulness is the first step to lasting joy.*

*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.

*"Do not be afraid of Confession! One who is in line to confess himself feels all these things—even shame—but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves free, great, beautiful, forgiven, [...] happy. And this is the beauty of Confession... Jesus is there...and He receives you with so much love.  
(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 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, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Patty Cassidy, Baby Gemma Dadone, Joe Gatto, Joan Moriarty, Michael Tozzi, Daniel Briggs, Brett Porter, Alice Phillips, Carl Stahovic, Carol Jayne, Domenic Mottola, Susan Macura and Vincent Pinelli.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH:** Donald MacArthur, Roger Gregoire and William Dota, Richard J. Cantele, Sr. and Patrick Henry Flynn.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Church of Immaculate Conception. New Members are most welcome.

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### **THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS**

Even when we have everything we need, we can still feel that our life is incomplete. If only we had more money, a better job, the right spouse, a nicer home...then we would be truly happy. In fact, if we look outside ourselves, there will always be one more *something* that will seem necessary for happiness. Instead, look at being happy by choice.

**Live in the moment.** It's important to plan, set goals, and prepare for the future responsibly. Yet always focusing on the future means missing precious moments that are happening now. Living each moment as it occurs allows us to prolong its value and make it more meaningful.

**Live for others.** Jesus said *"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:35). Jesus wants us to be His heart and hands to others and share His love with those around us. He has given each of us gifts to be used to serve others. As a plus, making others happy makes us happy, too.*

**Live for God.** We were made by God for God. The desire for Him is written on our hearts. He never ceases to draw us to Himself. Only in God will we find the true happiness for which we yearn.

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**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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, October 31 – November 1, 2020, we collected \$4,214.35 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$974.00 for All Saints. 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.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY** - Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor all those who have served in the nation's armed forces, whether they are living or deceased. Let us ask God to guide and protect our troops serving in dangerous areas of the world. We pray that the Lord will hold our troops in His loving hands, protect them with His power and sustain them with His love, especially those associated with Immaculate Conception-St Anthony's Parish. Please keep the following service men and their families in your prayers: **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.**

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Lydia Casey  
In Memory of Roger Gregoire*

