

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Nov. 16	8:00 am	Eleanor & James Metz
"	Tues.	Nov. 17	8:00 am	Harrison Hardisty
"	Wed.	Nov. 18	8:00 am	Pat Argentina
"	Thurs.	Nov. 19	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Nov. 20	8:00 am	Harrison Hardisty
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Angelina Mallozzi <i>(Living)</i>
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Nov. 21	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Edward Flanigan
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Linda Sartori

<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Nov. 22	8:00 am	Fiorentino Liberta & Angelo Cutone
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

### "DEALING WITH CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC"

*Brothers and Sisters, I would like to bring you up-to-date with respect to this pandemic.*

*We have been working very hard to carry on with our Religious Education Program. Our desire was to have in-person instruction with all our classes, since our facility has enough room for proper distancing. After much planning, we had a parents meeting in October and held our first class on November 1<sup>st</sup>. However, there were positive tests in the Webutuck school system so we cancelled classes for November 8<sup>th</sup>. It is going to be a long year. We are going to have to evaluate whether going "on-line" is the best solution as we forge ahead.*

*Many thanks to Ken Pomeisl and our very committed teachers for hanging in there with us. Many thanks also to our parents who have responded so well to the challenges presented in this difficult time.*

*It looks as if the pandemic is going to be with us for a while. So I must repeat that it is so important to keep all the recommended rules in Church: Wear your mask at all times, keep distance between you and the other parishioners, and use hand sanitizer often. The Archdiocese asks that you receive Communion in the hand.*

*I have said Masses for the Sisters of Life and I noticed each one of them had a little sanitizer bottle. Just before Communion, they apply the sanitizer to their hands.*

*As I said, it looks like this pandemic is going to be with us for a while. There is no doubt that the stress of it all can become overwhelming and cause anxiety. No doubt, people are going to lose their "cool." We all have to resist this.*

*There is a lot that all of us can do during this stressful time. I have written recently about the virtues of patience, gentleness and kindness. We really have to put these into effect now. We Catholics have to do all we can to make this world a better place. It is also time to put our actions (rather than just talk about it) in line within the second greatest commandment: Treat every person the way you would want to be treated.*

*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.

***"Confession is an act of honesty and  
courage – an act of entrusting  
ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy  
of a loving and forgiving God."  
~ Pope John Paul II ~***

**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.

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

**PARISH COUNCIL** - The Parish Council will meet on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in the Church of Immaculate Conception.

**LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER** - In times of uncertainty or stress, tempers can shorten, perspectives narrow, and peace suffers. It is important to remember that Jesus came to bring love and unity. His followers are asked to do the same.

***"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all"*** (Proverbs 22:2) – embrace diversity, don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

***"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"*** (1 John 4:11) – as children of God, all humans were created with inherent dignity that we are required to acknowledge. Trying to understand others' perspectives is the best way to realize the impact of our actions on them.

***"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"*** (Matthew 5:9) – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, live with peace and pray for victims of violence.

***"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts"*** (Colossians 3:15). This means we have to make the choice to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.

**A SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE?** The three p's: pandemic, protests and polarization are signs of our times! How do we, as ***people of faith in Jesus Christ – our shepherd and leader***, respond to these challenges? One way is through learning more of what our Church teaches. Are you interested in this? Some of your fellow parishioners in our cluster\* suggested a Social Justice Committee as a way to start. To learn more about such a committee – what it is and what it is not – you are invited to a virtual meeting via Zoom. Please email Sister Jean Flannelly, SC at [flannellysc@aol.com](mailto:flannellysc@aol.com) as soon as possible so she can set up an ***information only*** meeting. Attending the meeting is simply to get information to decide if this is right for you.

\* (St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception [Millbrook], St. Stanislaus Kosta [Pleasant Valley], St. John the Evangelist-St. Charles Borromeo [Pawling], and Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony [Amenia] are the parishes in our Archdiocesan cluster.)

**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, November 7-8, 2020, we collected \$4,574.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$898.00 for Utility and 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 - SILENCE OF THE HEART**

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence."

~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~