

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Nov. 23	8:00 am	Catherine & Wallace Schaffer
"	Tues.	Nov. 24	8:00 am	Harrison Hardisty
"	Wed.	Nov. 25	8:00 am	Albert Nolletti
<b>Pine Plains</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Nov. 26</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Mass at St. Anthony's</b>
<b>Amenia</b>	Fri.	Nov. 27	8:00 am	Patty Dahoney Hinck & Erik Hinck
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	John Orlandi, Jr.
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Nov. 28	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Lena & Joseph Carberry, Sr. & Family
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Margaret Sicord
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Nov. 29	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Denise Kurish

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**"THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS"**

Dear Friends:

*Blessed Michael J. McGivney was "an outstanding witness of Christian Solidarity and Fraternal Assistance" because of his zeal for proclaiming the Gospel and his "generous concern for his brothers and sisters" Pope Francis said in his apostolic letter for beatification of the Founder of the Knights of Columbus.*

*The Knights of Columbus is a remarkable organization in many ways. I am a "Fourth-Degree" Knight myself. I even have a tax-deferred annuity with the Knights.*

*I really came to appreciate the Knights of Columbus while I was at St. John's Parish in Goshen, New York. They had a very active group of over 50 members in St. Johns. They did a great deal for the parish and for the community. A large group of them served as ushers at one Mass and helped count the collection.*

*Unfortunately, in our area the Knights are no longer active, although there are small groups in Millbrook and Pleasant Valley. But on a national level, the Knights are a very substantial organization, focusing its efforts on helping the poor, standing up for the cause of life and maintaining a special outreach to the handicapped. In addition to that, they run one of the best insurance programs in the world.*

*The founder, who was just beatified, has an amazing story. The son of Irish immigrants born in Waterbury, Connecticut in 1852, Father McGivney was ordained a priest in 1877 for the Diocese of Hartford.*

*As a parish priest, he noticed the difficulty of the families in facing the issues of economic life. In 1882, while he was Pastor at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, he founded the Knights to provide financial support for widows and orphans and keep Catholic men and their families close to the faith at a time of anti-Catholic Bigotry.*

*He died of pneumonia complications at the age of 38 in 1890 during an outbreak of influenza. The Knights of Columbus now number over 2 million members worldwide. May they continue to grow!*

*Fr. Wilson*

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** - There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at St. Anthony Church in Pine Plains. Let us come together in prayer and give thanks for the many blessings we have received.

***I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving  
to you and your family  
from all of us here at Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony's***

**ADVENT CANDLE SETS** - The First Sunday of Advent is November 29<sup>th</sup>. The Advent sets and candles are available in the back of Church. Advent sets (Wreath & Candles) are \$10.00, Candles only \$5.00. You can give the money to Fr. Wilson.

**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, Baby Gemma Dadone, Joe Gatto, Joan Moriarty, Michael Tozzi, Daniel Briggs, Brett Porter, Alice Phillips, Carl Stahovic, Carol Jayne, Vincent Pinelli and Pat McElduff.

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

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE** - As we consider our many shared blessings this Thanksgiving, the Pine Plains Council of Churches has created an online ecumenical service. Each pastor has recorded a few words about our common values and unique strengths. Please visit: <http://www.facebook.com/PPUMC>. May God bless us all as we continue to strive to share His light with our neighbors in these unique times.

**ROSE THRIFT SHOP** - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, will have their **'BAG SALE'** on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 2 pm. The shop will close for the season at the end of business day on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to everyone who supported the shop throughout the year. We will re-open in the Spring.

**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.

**MAKE HOLINESS YOUR GOAL** - All people are called to be holy, *"Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48). Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

*Look for Jesus' presence* - Search for Him each day. Not only will awareness of His presence help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.

*Don't avoid suffering* - Jesus experienced extreme suffering in His time on Earth and used it to pave our way to Heaven.

*Pay attention to His voice* - Speak to Him, ask Him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell Him you love Him.

*Nurture your faith* - Just as food nourishes our bodies, faith feeds our souls. Scripture is a staple of our spiritual diet. Ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to meditate on Scripture every day.

*Practice patience* - It's the first step toward Holiness.

**DIVORCECARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** - Christmas is right around the corner. Holidays during or after divorce, without your spouse/family, are difficult times. Covid 19 is adding additional stress and health concerns. **Surviving the Holidays**, a DivorceCare Program will offer you guidance, encouragement, and prayers to help you and your family through the holidays. Join Cathy Drennen and Catherine Cwiakala, LMSW, St. Mary's Parish, Fishkill, on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 7:00 pm on **Zoom**. For more information, to register, or to order the Surviving the Holiday workbook, please see [Divorcecare.org](http://Divorcecare.org).

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, November 14-15, 2020, we collected \$2,808.55 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$603.00 for Periodic Literature. 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 Friends from the Transformed Group  
In Memory of Donald McGinness*