

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Dec. 7	8:00 am	Harrison Hardisty
"	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Theresa Thompson</b>
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Katherine Blinn</b>
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Philomena Ketchum &amp; Bertha Conway</b>
"	Wed.	Dec. 9	8:00 am	Therese Thompson
"	Thurs.	Dec. 10	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Dec. 11	8:00 am	Elizabeth Kerr
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Richard Francis White & Richard Anthony White
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Dec. 12	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Linda Sartori
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Margaret Sicord

<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Dec. 13	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Sharon Lorenz

### "IMMACULATE CONCEPTION"

*Dear Friends:*

*We will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8 am and 7 pm in Amenia and 12 noon in Pine Plains. I hope you can make it. As you know, our parish in Amenia is named after the Immaculate Conception. The name is really a tribute to Mary, the mother of Christ, and her magnificent role in the plan of salvation.*

*Back in the 1800's the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was very popular. One can see that even locally, as the former Church in Bangall was the Immaculate Conception, and the Church in nearby Norfolk, Connecticut has the same name.*

*The dogma of the Immaculate Conception has a fascinating history. The doctrine was officially defined as a dogma of the Church by Pius IX on December 8, 1854.*

*It was Franciscan theologian Duns Scotus who in the 1300's argued that Christ's redemptive grace was applied to Mary to prevent sin from reaching her soul.*

*To me, the most inspiring story in regard to the Immaculate Conception is the apparition of Mary at Lourdes in France.*

*It was in 1858, only 4 years after the formal declaration by the Pope of the Immaculate Conception as dogma, a peasant girl in Lourdes named Bernadette Soubirous experienced visions of Mary in a quiet grotto. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, she was told by Mary "I am the Immaculate Conception." I find it quite amazing that a peasant girl in a remote village in France would bring the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception to the world in such a beautiful way. This led to the establishment of a shrine at Lourdes that is visited by between 4 and 6 million pilgrims annually. Our local Catholic High School in Poughkeepsie is named "Our Lady of Lourdes."*

*Our beloved homeland, the United States, is under the official patronage of the Immaculate Conception. Through the intercession of Mary of the Immaculate Conception may our country be blessed by God both now and forever.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST DAY** – In Honor of the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will have the following Masses on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**8:00 am in Amenia   -   12 noon in Pine Plains   -   7:00 pm in Amenia**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY & TUESDAY** - In preparation for Christmas, you are welcome to come celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at Immaculate Conception in Amenia on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, between the hours of 5 pm to 7 pm and at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, between 5 pm to 7 pm.

**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, Joseph Licurse, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjan, 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, Pat McElduff and Kim Noone.

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**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

**MEN'S GROUP** - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Church in Amenia. New Members are most welcome.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** - There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sacristies in Amenia and Pine Plains for the Christmas Schedule for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. Please place your name on the schedule for the time you are available to serve. You are most needed and greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS MASS** - In keeping with social distancing at the Christmas Eve Masses at 4 pm at Immaculate Conception and 6:00 pm in Pine Plains, we will restrict attendance by giving out tickets. You may pick-up the tickets after Mass or at the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend the other Masses so we can all enjoy Christmas safely.

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** . 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. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, November 28-29, 2020, we collected \$4,414.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection. I am so very thankful to all of you for your steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with good health.

**ADVENT IS PREPARING FOR SOMETHING WONDERFUL** - Advent is a gift from the Catholic Church to let us know something wonderful is going to happen at Christmas. Yet in our impatience to get to that something wonderful, we can forget that the wait can be wonderful, too. Try taking it one week at a time and wait, hope, prepare, rejoice at the miracle of Christ's wonderful birth...

**Week Two – Hope** - This week remember that God keeps His promises in ways more glorious than we can imagine. *“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”* (1 Corinthians 2:9).



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the “Bethlehem Candle” reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.**

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Laurie & Larry Hardisty  
In Memory of Mary Fitzpatrick*