

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 11, 2021

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	July 12	8:00 am	Catherine & Joseph Kelleher and Dorothy & Richard Jaegers
"	Tues.	July 13	8:00 am	E. John Quinn
"	Wed.	July 14	8:00 am	Rocco Martello
"	Thurs	July 15	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	July 16	8:00 am	Donald McGinness
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Mary & Joseph Uzdavinis
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	July 17	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Sally Quinn
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Maria Heaney
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	July 18	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Rudy Eschbach

*On Independence Day, I came across this prayer:*

#### **Prayer for our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)**

*We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.*

*We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.*

*We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion, by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.*

*Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.*

*We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.*

*We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.*

*Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations and legacies of this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen*

**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, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Marjorie Arni, Teal Burns, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPecki, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Douglas Wilson, Stephen Bida, Meghan King, Patricia Macura, Jerard Kain, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Patty Cassidy, Baby Gemma Dadone, Joe Gatto, Daniel Briggs, Brett Porter, Alice Phillips, Carl Stahovec, Carol Jayne, Vincent Pinelli, Pat McElduff, Kim Noone, John LaCurto, Genevieve Minischetti, Joan Darby, Joan Murphy, Lawrence Hardisty, Sam Louey, Cassandra Lopane, Tanya Cafiero, Michael McNamara, Thomas Potocki, Ken Hale, Terez Terdik, Bill Mahar, Father Pat Curley, Alan Jordan, Ritchie Obetz and Michael Gaddis.

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**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Immaculate Conception Church. New members are most welcome.

**WHERE IS THE REAL CATHOLIC CHURCH** - The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In **Heaven** live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended. They watch over us when we ask them to.

Members in **Purgatory** did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers help them get to Heaven.

And those of us who are members of **Earth** are still living within the family, trying to make it to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. That means the Church is anywhere we are. ~ Growing in Faith ~

**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. The following are some revelations our Lord gave to Sr. Faustina as recorded in her Diary:

Come with faith to the feet of My representative.

I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest...I Myself act in your soul.

Make your Confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession, as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light.

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Lord, please watch over 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, Austin Cummings, Matthew Howard and Dante Abad who are presently serving in the Military. Please keep them safe from harm and bless their

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, July 3-4, 2021, we collected **\$6,628.00** in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$752.00 for Utility & Energy. I want to extend my sincere thanks for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with peace and good health.

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATIONS** - Blessed are the peacemakers. The world sure could use more peacemakers. The key to becoming one is to practice forgiveness and offer peace. That way everyone around us will feel the love of Christ.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 18, 2021

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	July 19	8:00 am	Margaret Morford
"	Tues.	July 20	8:00 am	Mary & Arthur Willock
"	Wed.	July 21	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
"	Thurs	July 22	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	July 23	8:00 am	Bayard Shaeffer
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Antonio Edmund Hamel & Mary Meccariello Hamel
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	July 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Rose Brodeur
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Mother's Day Intentions
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	July 25	8:00 am	Cleto Guglielmetti
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

### "MOTHER CABRINI"

Dear Friends:

*I have a special relationship with Mother Cabrini (Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini). We share the same birthday, July 15<sup>th</sup>!*

*Mother Cabrini was a major figure in American Catholicism in the late 1800's and the early 1900's. She came from Italy to New York City in 1889 along with six other sisters (1889 was the year my maternal grandmother was born in Denver). In New York City, Mother Cabrini worked with Italian immigrants, helping them with religious instruction and education.*

*Mother Cabrini founded hospitals in New York City and Chicago. She founded 67 missionary institutions to serve the sick and the poor in America, Latin America and Europe. She was a determined and unstoppable worker, traveling across the world at a time when travel was difficult.*

*In October of 2020, a new statue was unveiled of Mother Cabrini by Governor Cuomo in New York City. There was a slight controversy about the statue. A New York City Commission for building statues of New York City women who helped the city, decided there would not be a statue of Mother Cabrini, even though Mother Cabrini received the most votes in a public poll. Governor Cuomo intervened and proclaimed that the State of New York would build a statue.*

*I have a special relationship also with Mother Cabrini because she has a shrine in my hometown, Golden, Colorado. The shrine is on a beautiful spot in the foothills of western Denver. You can see the whole city from the top of the Shrine. Even before I was a Catholic, I remember seeing the shrine and asking my Mother about it. At the top of the hill where the shrine is located is a 22 foot high statue of Jesus with the Sacred Heart on His chest. Mother Cabrini's sisters are called the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mother Cabrini was canonized in 1946, the first U.S. citizen to be canonized as a Saint.*

*Fr. Wilson*

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**LOOK WITH LOVE.** God looks at us with a father's love. He sees us as He created us to be – His beloved children who deserve another chance. When you're tempted to focus on another's faults, ask God to help you see everyone as He does – with love.

"(God is) always patient, patient with us...He never tires of forgiving us if we know to turn to Him with a contrite heart." ~ Pope Francis ~

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**DONATION TO INDIA** - The Archdiocese of New York has asked the parishes to help out the Nation of India and the Church of India in the difficulties caused by the Pandemic. We, as a parish, have sent \$500.00 to the Archdiocese and Catholic Relief Services to help them.

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE DIFFERENT** - In a time of widening political and cultural divides, it can be easy to lose sight of the dignity of people different from ourselves. Yet, as Catholic Christians, we know that Jesus asks that we see everyone as family.

***"Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"***  
*(Romans 12:10)*

**Treat others with kindness, not because they are kind, but because you are.** It's easy to be kind to those we love and respect. It's critical to be kind to people we don't like or don't know. Kindness is best offered when nothing is expected in return.

**Don't build yourself up by making others look small.** No one is impressed by a bully. Treat all of God's children with honor, love and respect.

**Practice empathy.** People's reactions tend to reflect their circumstances. Avoid judging and instead offer the consideration you'd like to receive.

**Meet in person instead of online.** Social media makes it easy to stay in touch but it's also the quickest way to damage relationships. Choose to meet in person when possible. In person or online, we must be wise in the words we use.

**Forgive those who have hurt you, help those who need you.** Treat all people – including yourself – with love and compassion. When we treat people the way we want to be treated, life will instantly get better.

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** We ask our Lord to watch over 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, Austin Cummings, Matthew Howard and Dante Abad who are presently serving in the Military. Please also keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, July 10-11, 2021, we collected **\$6,370.00** in our Regular Sunday Collection and **\$869.00** for Black and Indian Missions. I want to extend my sincere thanks for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church.

**WHAT DOES OUR FAITH CHALLENGE US TO DO?** Our faith requires us to reach out in respect and welcome the strangers in our midst. Galatians 3:26-28 *"For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*



**ONE MINUTE MEDITATION** - The road to Heaven is hard but we don't have to travel alone. Jesus knew we would need a community where we could find support so He gave us the Church.

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## July 25, 2021

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	July 26	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
"	Tues.	July 27	8:00 am	Rosemary Ryan Scanlan
"	Wed.	July 28	8:00 am	Richard Jaegers and John Willock
"	Thurs	July 29	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	July 30	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Maria Heaney
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	July 31	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Antonia & John Sferratore and Mary, Sam and Marjorie Crodelle
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Teresa Guglielmetti
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	Aug. 1	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Mario Penagos

### "LAW & ORDER"

Dear Friends:

*I have to make a confession – I am somewhat addicted to "Law & Order" on television. It is exciting, it is intellectually interesting, and everything is wrapped up in less than an hour. You have heroes, villains, mobsters, lawyers and murderers. It is exciting, even the second time around.*

*It is more interesting since it is filmed in New York. I can see some of the old landmarks, even though I don't go much to the city anymore. I get excited when the action goes upstate, so I might see sites around here.*

*But the real attraction for me is the process of law and the pursuit of justice. We all know what people think of lawyers these days. I know many lawyer jokes myself. But that doesn't discount the essential role lawyers play in our life and in our society.*

*There is no such thing as perfect law in this world.. The legal system struggles with making justice happen. The world is filled with very difficult situations and very broken people. The episodes of "Law & Order" portray these struggles in a very compelling way.*

*The world is a messy place. We observe the justice system and we see a lot of problems, Guilty people go free and innocent people are imprisoned. It is frustrating. There are many good people working very hard to make the system work, but sometimes mistakes are made.*

*We can praise God that a true justice system is available. It is the justice of the Kingdom. No matter what happens in this world, the justice of a loving God is ours in the final analysis. This justice system works because our Lord knows our hearts and He knows the real truth.*

*But even more important than this justice is the presence of mercy in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through mercy that we are truly saved. With the measure of justice, we all fall short since we are all sinners. With the measure of mercy, we can be forgiven, we can be free and we can be saved.*

Fr. Wilson

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***" Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance of mercy."***

~ Isidore of Seville ~

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH:** Robert Thompson, Bruce Ahearn, and Anna Marie O'Neill

**REFLECTIONS 2002 – FROM FATHER JULLIAN:**

**NOT YET**

*Sometimes I ask the question "My Lord, is this your will?  
It's then I hear you answer me – "My precious child...be still"*

*Sometimes I feel frustrated because I think I know what's best.  
It's then I hear you say to me – "My busy child...just rest"*

*Sometimes I feel so lonely and I think I'd like a mate,  
your still small voice gets oh so clear – and says, "My child...please wait"*

*I know the plans I have for you, the wonderous things you'll see-  
If you can just be patient child...and put your trust in me.*

*I've plans to draw you closer. I've plans to help you grow,  
There's much I do you cannot see, and much you do not know.*

*But know this child...I love you. You are precious unto me.  
Before I formed you in the womb, I planned your destiny.*

*I've something very special I hope for you to learn.  
The gifts I wish to give to you are gifts you cannot earn.*

*They come without a price tag but not without a cost.  
At Calvary I gave my Son, so you would not be lost.*

*Rest child and do not weary of doing what is good.  
I promise I'll come back for you just like I said I would.*

*Your name is written on my palm – I never could forget.  
Therefore, do not be discouraged when, my answer is..."Not yet"*

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**2021 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - As of July 16, 2021, our parish has received **\$29,870.00** in pledges/gifts from **98** families toward our goal of \$40,000.00. My sincere thanks to all of you who responded so generously to the Cardinal's Appeal.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, July 17-18, 2021,, we collected **\$3,283.00** in our Regular Sunday Collection and **\$1,124.75** for Summer Maintenance. I want to extend my sincere thanks for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 1, 2021**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Aug. 2	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
"	Tues.	Aug. 3	8:00 am	Arietta Carroll
"	Wed.	Aug. 4	8:00 am	Cynthia Goggins
"	Thurs	Aug. 5	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Aug. 6	8:00 am	Anthony Shanahan Powell
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Anthony Shanahan Powell
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Aug. 7	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Edward Brodeur
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Teresa Guglielmetti
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	Aug. 8	8:00 am	Lawrence E. Pickering
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

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**"VACATION"**

Dear Friends:

*I just want to let you know that I will hopefully be going on vacation from August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>. I say "hopefully" because it depends on Father Godfrey getting through international travel in the age of COVID-19. He should be fine since he has been fully vaccinated, but as you know, international travel can be difficult these days.*

*As always, I ask you to keep an eye on things while I am gone. Please help Father Godfrey whenever he needs assistance and pitch in when needed. This is Father Godfrey's vacation as well, and I would like it to be as relaxing as possible for him.*

**"RIGHTS"**

*A very significant development in politics and society over the last 250 years has been the growing emphasis of "rights", the rights of the individual in society. We notice it in our country's Declaration of Independence of 1776 as the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". The U.S. Constitution reaffirms these rights in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> amendment.*

*This new understanding of Rights was a development of the late 1700's as groups of people attempted to overthrow tyrannical governments that oppressed the people. The concept was used to champion the individual's freedom in society.*

*In the Catholic Church we are very concerned over the right to life of all human beings. This right is invoked to combat the scourge of abortion. And most American people understand the concept of rights.*

*However, throughout the history of the development of "Rights" in society, there were critics. These critics worried that an over-emphasis on "rights" would diminish the equal necessity of obligations and duties. It seems that this has happened to a degree. Rights are important. But, we can never forget that there are also obligations and duties in society. It isn't always important that we get what we want, but sometimes it's important to do things that we should.*

*Fr. Wilson*

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***"Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves." cautioned the Pope.***  
***"One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession,***  
***we ask forgiveness from Jesus."***

~ Pope Francis ~

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH:** Robert Thompson, Bruce Ahearn, and Anna Marie O'Neill.

**MEN'S GROUP** - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:45 pm in Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. New members are most welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - This First Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have Adoration & Benediction in Amenia. Adoration will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Rosary & Benediction at 7:00 pm. Please consider joining us for this beautiful liturgy.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP** - When times are tough, it can be our family and friends who help us through. There wasn't much Jesus wouldn't do for His friends. In fact, He was more concerned with being a good friend than with having one. In our current pandemic situation, we can care for our loved ones as Jesus would:

**Make spending time together a priority.** Connections between loved ones are critical now. When meeting in person isn't possible, phone calls, letters, and emails can keep us connected.

**Help other people feel important.** No matter how you interact, give the other person your full attention in conversation, and show appreciation and understanding for what he is saying.

**Celebrate your friend's successes.** A true friend is genuinely happy when something good happens in the other's life.

**Value differences.** Don't try to change your loved ones.

**Celebrate their diversity.** Be willing to apologize. You may let each other down but a sincere apology can bring friends closer together.

**Don't forget old friends.** Call someone you haven't been in touch with for a long time. Don't know what to say? Try, "I don't want another moment to go by without being in touch. I've missed you." (*Growing in Faith*)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, July 24-25, 2021, we collected **\$4,036.51** in our Regular Sunday Collection. I want to extend my sincere thanks for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church.

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** We ask our Lord to watch over 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, Austin Cummings, Matthew Howard and Dante Abad who are presently serving in the Military. Please also keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATION** - Throughout history, God has proven His faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face. "*God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.*" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Lean on Him.

***The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Jane & William Callahan  
In Loving Memory of Margaret G. Cunningham***

***The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at St. Anthony's Church  
was donated by Bernard Heaney  
In Loving Memory of Maria Heaney***