

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH



Immaculate Conception Church

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Saint Anthony's Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations †

Saturday, Immaculate Conception..... 4:30 pm
Sunday, Immaculate Conception.....10:45 am
Sunday, St. Anthony's, Pine Plains..... 8:00 am

Daily Mass

Everyday in Amenia except Thursday..... 8:00 am
Friday only in Pine Plains 12 noon

Confession

Saturday..... 3:45 to 4:15 pm

Registration

We are so happy you have come to our parish. Please register in our parish if you have not done so. If you are new, please introduce yourself to the Pastor.

Sacraments

Sacraments are the center of our Catholic Life. Those seeking baptism must contact the Pastor. Those seeking marriage should contact the Pastor 6 months before the wedding date.

Religious Education

The parish provides a School of Religion, grades 1 through 9, staffed by a certified coordinator and catechists. Please contact the parish to make sure your children receive the Religious Education they need. Adults wishing to become Catholic, please contact the Pastor.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please let us know if a loved one is ill, so we can visit them, and pray for them.

Parish Information

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday..... 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Office Telephone..... 845-373-8193

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School of Religion

Sunday9:15 to 10:30 am

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, 2021

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 16	8:00 am	William E.P. Murphy
"	Tues.	Aug. 17	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
"	Wed.	Aug. 18	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
"	Thurs	Aug. 19	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Aug. 20	8:00 am	John J. Carroll
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Mother's Day Intentions
Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 21	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Deborah Downey
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Pino Labati
Pine Plains	Sun.	Aug. 22	8:00 am	B. Timothy Heaney
Amenia"	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"UTOPIA"

Dear Friends:

You might have heard of the word "Utopia" used in conversations and editorials. The definition of "Utopia" is generally "an imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect." Utopia can refer to an imaginary and indefinitely remote place. That would mean that a Utopia is a fantasy or something that is unattainable.

On the other hand, a Utopia could be a place of ideal perfection in laws, government and social conditions. That would mean that Utopia is possible in this world.

I would contend that "Utopia," a perfect system or government, is not possible in this world. I base this on the fact that human beings are not perfect. Imperfect beings cannot create a perfect system.

But, that doesn't mean that human beings have not tried to create the perfect system, a "Utopia" on earth. History is sadly filled with failed attempts to create a perfect society.

One example is Communism. Communism attempted to create an economic system where everyone shares in the economy and no one is ever in need. Economic goods are placed in a "collective" system controlled by the government. The problem is that in order to create this society, extreme force must be used, sometimes violence. This is evident in the revolutions in Russia and China. In order to create a perfect society, a "Utopia", force must be used upon the people. This involves imprisonment, torture, police brutality and execution. This is the price of creating a "Utopia" on earth.

I propose that the real Utopia in the Christian vision is heaven. It is there that people can finally be in the "perfect system." It is in heaven that we can finally be at peace, not in some contrived governmental system. It is in heaven that we will be together with God, and our faith will never be taken away from us. It is in heaven that we can realize our full potential, that we can be all that we should be. It is no wonder that we pray everyday to get there.

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.

A Quote from Pope Francis:

"I ask you: have you ever thought that every time we go to the confessional, there is joy and celebration in heaven? Have you ever thought about that? It is beautiful...and fills us with great hope, because there is no sin to which we have stooped from which, by the grace of God, we cannot rise up again. There is no person who is beyond recovery, no-one is beyond recovery. Because God never ceases to want what is good for us, even when we sin!"

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 Niranjana, 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, Tanya Cafiero, Michael McNamara, Ken Hale, Terez Terdik, Bill Mahar, Father Pat Curley, Alan Jordan, Ritchie Obetz, Michael Gaddis, Mary Simmons, Gemma Maurina, Tamia Williams and John Carroll.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken to heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

The Feast of the Assumption has always been loved dearly by the faithful who are children of Mary. We seek to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience.

"May we see heaven as our goal and come to share her glory"

BEYOND THE STORM – BY MOTHER AGNES MARY, SV - Life is full of storms. We arrive at this summer somewhat storm-battered. Having faced, in the past months, a sense of powerlessness in the face of sickness, suffering, death, and our nation's unrest, we find relief in the promise of calm.

Storms make it difficult to see what is real and true – the path long traveled, the road near home, or the harbor lights so familiar. We need an unfailing light, a compass that never loses 'true North', a heart's capacity to be at rest while sailing life's stormy sea. And we need to live true to who we are – pilgrims on journey to our Father's house. It was remarked of the early Christians: "They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through." (from a letter to Diogenes)

The first disciples who journeyed with Jesus had learned to approach life in this way. They had witnessed the greatest of miracles: the coming of the Messiah in human flesh, the radical turn of events which led to Jesus' suffering and seemingly untimely death, and His promised yet still surprising rising from the dead – robbing every human sorrow and tragedy, even sin and death, of its absolute power forever.

They had discovered that Truth is not a formula or rational conclusion, but a person: Jesus Christ. Truth has a human face. As St. John Paul II wrote, "Jesus Christ...is the center of the universe and of history. He is the answer to every question of our hearts."

In this time of uncertainty, we are called to anchor ourselves in the truth of who we are and who God is...to know that, no matter how heavy the burden of sorrow, how unsure we may be of the future, how dark life may get, we are held by a Love greater and more real than ourselves. We were created in the image of this eternal Love, and destined for glory – and nothing can take this away from us.

Let us root ourselves in the reality of God's promise and designs. Life is a gift given to last forever; and this world only a temporary home. The best is yet to come.

ST. CHRISTOPHER & ST. SYLVIA TAG SALE - St. Christopher and St. Sylvia are having their **2021 7th Annual Tag Sale** located at 30 Benner Road in Red Hook on Friday, August 27th, from 9 am to 4 pm, on Saturday, August 28th, from 9 am to 3 pm and on Sunday, August 29th, from 11 am to 3 pm. The Tag Sale will be held inside and filled to the brim with tools, clothing, toys, housewares, gardening items, sports, bikes, jewelry, books, artwork, crafting, and so much more!! For your convenience, they accept credit cards. If you have any questions, or need more information, please call the Parish Office at (845) 758-3732.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, August 7-8, 2021, we collected **\$2,411.00** in our Regular Sunday Collection and **\$633.00** for the Church in Africa. 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, Garrrett 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.

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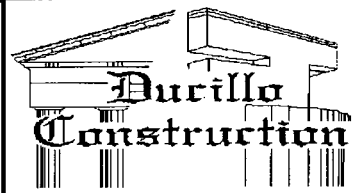


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