

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 12, 2021

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Sept. 13	8:00 am	Laszlo Paraszti
"	Tues.	Sept. 14	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
"	Wed.	Sept. 15	8:00 am	Leigh Ann Hegarty
"	Thurs	Sept. 16	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Sept. 17	8:00 am	Leigh Ann Hegarty
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Margaret Sicord
Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 18	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Donald D. Jones
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Katherine Blinn
Pine Plains	Sun.	Sept. 19	8:00 am	Barbara & Ray McEnroe
Amenia "	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"THE LAST DaVINCI"

Dear Friends:

I recently visited Millerton on a busy weekend. The "weekenders" were everywhere, and the streets were very busy. My heart goes out to all our Millerton parishioners who have to deal with this agitation and hassle.

I was up to visit the Millerton Moviehouse to see an unusual film. It was a documentary called "The Last Leonardo."

Most of you know about Leonardo DaVinci, the artist who painted the "Mona Lisa." Some consider DaVinci as the greatest artist of all time. I am certainly a fan of his.

A painting was found in New Orleans in 2005. It was bought for \$1175. Some felt it might be an authentic DaVinci. Research was done. Experts said it could be real. Eventually it was sold to a dealer for \$83 million. Two days later the dealer sold it for \$125 million.

Eventually the painting was auctioned at Christie's, the world's leading auction house. Amazingly, the painting sold for \$450 million. Research showed that it was bought probably by the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia.

The title of the painting is "Salvator Mundi" – the Savior of the World. It is a painting of Jesus Christ, bestowing a blessing on the world, dressed in royal robes. It is a fascinating painting.

There are two messages here, as I see it. Our message is the crazy world of art and finance. It is mind-blowing to think that a "perhaps" Leonardo DaVinci painting, sold for \$1175 in 2005 could sell for \$450 million. It is kind of disturbing when you think of these amounts of money and how people can't afford rent.

But, the more interesting message is the subject of DaVinci's painting, "The Savior of the World." It presents a very moving image of Christ, one of strength and kindness. In his left hand is a clear orb. I was thinking that this painting would be a beautiful depiction of "Christ the King."

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.

AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS - We say the prayer every day: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." But real forgiveness means we have to offer more than words: we have to approach it with humble hearts when we ask for our own forgiveness and when we are called to forgive others.

"Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered,, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

~Matthew 18:20-21 ~

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Evan Giovacco, 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, 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, Ritchie Obetz, Michael Gaddis, Mary Simmons, Gemma Maurina, Tamia Williams, John Carroll and Alec Pandaleon

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Catherine Murphy

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Church of Immaculate Conception Church. New Members are most welcome.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will be held September 22-October 31st. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 18,000 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.



*As we remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001,
let us also remember the bravery, courage and humanity shown on that day.
Lord Jesus Christ grant us and all nations your peace.*

GRANDPARENTS DAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th - Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that He bless them with happiness and good health.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 4-5, 2021, we collected **\$5,541.00** in our Regular Sunday Collection and **\$696.00** for Utility & Energy. 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 - Struggle and prayer. During hard times, we can bring our true emotions, concerns, and fears into prayer. Lay it all at the feet of Jesus. Let His wisdom and love provide confidence and hope, even when our own emotions are in disarray. Struggling is normal and helpful to growing in faith. Standing before God in truth is a sign that we are in the right relationship with Him.

MAINTENANCE MAN NEEDED - Immaculate Conception is looking for a part-time maintenance man. If interested, please call the office at (845) 373-8193 for more details.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 5, 2021

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Sept. 6	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
"	Tues.	Sept. 7	8:00 am	Peggy Carroll
"	Wed.	Sept. 8	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
"	Thurs	Sept. 9	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Sept. 10	8:00 am	Charles Renner
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Katherine Blinn
Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 11	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	James T. Metz, Jr.
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Margaret Sicord
Pine Plains	Sun.	Sept. 12	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	William O'Brien

"TO WHOM SHALL WE GO"

Dear Friends:

We are confronted with many difficult situations in our world today. The mind is overwhelmed at the challenges facing us everywhere.

We have the tragic situation in Afghanistan, as we pray for the people there as well as our armed forces. We also pray for the 13 soldiers who were killed in the bombing as well as their families and the people who were injured in the attack.

We also have the pandemic still among us and affecting everything that we do. This plague can be extremely stressful as we always need to be careful and cautious of our surroundings. On top of that, we are still at each other's throats in the political battlefield. It seems like everything we do is political.

What can we do? Well, we can do what everyone for 2000 years has done and that is turn to our faith and ask Jesus for help. How can Jesus and our faith help us?

One, our efforts to improve our faith can take away from concentrating on worldly affairs. Whether it is studying the bible, reading devotional books, reading the lives of the saints or studying theological tracts. Anytime is a good time to learn as much as you can.

Obviously, another thing we can do is pray more. There is so much to pray for especially now. It can be a minute here or a minute there. It can be 20 minutes or an hour. Not only will praying help those in need, it will help to calm us down.

In times of conflict, controversy, anger, doubt and disappointment, we need Jesus more than ever. It is time to turn to the Lord, asking for strength, patience and guidance. When everybody is offering his or her advice on everything, it may be time to turn to God and to His Church.

Our source of peace is in Christ. Christ can give us a real and lasting sense of peace. Christ will help us if we turn to Him. The world cannot give us lasting peace. Pray for peace – for you, for me, for the world. The world needs it now.

Fr. Wilson

THE MISSIONS AND HAITI - As I announced at Mass, our annual collection for The Propagation of the Faith will be different this year. Because of the Pandemic, there will be no missionary representation to speak at the Parish. We will simply have a 2nd collection (to be placed in the 2nd collection basket) for the Missions. The money will be sent to the Archdiocesan Propagation of the Faith after it is collected. The money this year goes to the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

I am having an informal collection for the people of Haiti, who were impacted by an earthquake and a hurricane. Whatever you would wish to give, please hand it to me or bring it to the office. The money will be sent to the Archdiocese, and they will send it to Haiti via Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you,
Fr. Wilson

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Catherine Murphy

MEN'S GROUP - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, September 6th, at 6:45 pm in Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. New members are most welcome.

VINE & BRANCHES FOOD CLOSET - On Saturday, August 21st, we provided food for 19 families and 78 people. Helping those in need to feed their families is made possible through the generosity of the people in our parish as well as the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook who consistently donate food each month. The North East Community Center also provides us with milk, eggs, and vegetables which is a welcomed addition to the non-perishable food items that we provide.

PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day.

A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank you for the blessing of work.

We ask for strength to complete each day.

We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask for your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment.

We ask that You be with those faces we might never see

but who work tirelessly each day

for the good of all of us.

Amen.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS GOD ? - Two travelers, distraught over the murder of someone they loved, were heading out of town. As they walked, they struggled to understand what happened and why God had abandoned them. They felt overwhelmed and alone. A kind stranger joined them in their journey, explained the recent events, and reminded them of God's reliable love. The stranger turned out to be the very loved one they were grieving. Although they hadn't realized it, God was with them all along (*Luke 24*).

Why can't we find him ? Events or experiences in our lives can lessen our awareness of God and make Him appear distant. Sometimes we are too worried, too sad, or too angry to find Him. For example, preoccupied by grief, the two travelers failed to recognize God walking with them.

Remember His Promise. *Trust in God is often hardest when it is most necessary. Remember, He promised never to abandon us. Whether or not we are aware of Him makes no difference. God never breaks a promise.*

Talk to Him. *When the travelers opened their hearts to Jesus, He helped them to understand their situation, assured them that they were firmly in God's care, and gave them peace and consolation. When we open our hearts to Jesus and tell Him everything, He will give us peace and consolation, too.*

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, August 28-29, 2021, we collected **\$4,655.00** 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.

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

The **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)** is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977 by Dominic Cardinal Ekandem and established by the Bishops Conference of Nigeria. Presently we have 293 priest members working in eleven African countries, in four European countries, two countries in the Caribbean Islands, and in sixteen dioceses of the United States of America, spreading the good news of God's salvation through primary evangelization and community development, parish ministry, social justice, hospital chaplaincies, schools, and spiritual formation. Our missions are currently in South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, Central African Republic, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya, Southern Sudan, Grenada, Bahamas, USA, England, Sweden, Italy and Ireland. We also have about 140 seminarians undergoing seminary formation in our two campuses in Nigeria.

Our missions in Africa provide rehabilitation and support for over 300 orphans in Malawi. Due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Malawi, many children have lost both parents. We provide food, clothing, and help provide school fees for these children. We equally provide free education to children who have no access to formal education in a rural community in the northern Nigeria, Kenya, South Sudan, and Malawi, through educational empowerment programs and schools sponsored by the missionary Society of St Paul.

We have a lot of children who are under our care in South Sudan. These children, rescued from the streets, lost their parents in the ongoing war in South Sudan (killed or displaced). We provide them with accommodation, food, clothing, and opportunity for education.

We provide freshwater wells in rural communities of, Malawi, South Sudan, and Nigeria; food for the victims of drought in our mission in Kenya, as well as support the formation of our future missionaries. The Appeal funds help us to sustain these works and reach out to even more.