

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 19, 2021**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Sept. 20	8:00 am	Agnes Hogaboom
"	Tues.	Sept. 21	8:00 am	Marlene Pavesi
"	Wed.	Sept. 22	8:00 am	Father's Day Intentions
"	Thurs	Sept. 23	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Sept. 24	8:00 am	Florence Carroll
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Gabriel Mallozzi ( <i>Living</i> )
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Sept. 25	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Antonia & John Sferratore and Mary, Sam and Marjorie Crodelle
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	John Orlandi
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	Sept. 26	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Eric Fenyes

**" IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR ! "**

Dear Friends:

*This song is associated with Christmas time – a truly wonderful time. But there is a television ad that plays the "wonderful time" song that applies to August and September. It is obviously celebrating the feelings of parents finally getting their children back to school.*

*This year the relief is a little different since many kids have been home all year due to the Covid-19. So now we are hopefully giving parents some relief by opening up "in-person" instruction in our schools. We all hope it works!*

*Please pray that "in-person" instruction will be carried out safely for everyone. Our kids (and our parents) need it. I also ask that you keep our Religious Education Program in your prayers as we face many challenges. We plan to open for classes on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:15 am. We are very thankful to have all our teachers but we are still in need of a Religious Ed Coordinator. We all have to work together in order to have a successful program for our children.*

*On a personal note, I am, as always, excited about the beginning of the football season, both college and pro. I have the football "sickness" and I am fascinated by the beginning of football. I ask patience on the part of all of you as I sometimes break into discussions of the "run-play option" and the "cover-two defense". It is a disease that many in our great country share and we all look forward to a great season for our favorite teams.*

*This is also an indication of our strong desire to return to normal. We all want life to be the way it was before the pandemic. Is that possible? I don't know, but I hope so. But we all have to follow all the procedures that are recommended to us. It will be a challenge. There may be times when we will have to return to the restrictions we had before. But, we have to do it together, with patience, forgiveness, understanding and love.*

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.

**"Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives!"**  
*He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to Him in prayer and In love. Ask Him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with Him who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life.' ~ St. John Paul II ~*

**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, 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, 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, Alec Pandaleon and Norm Cayea

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH:** Catherine Murphy and Bernadette Higgins.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL – Open House Dates October 16 & 17 – Registration Now Open**  
Exceptional Academics. Extraordinary Futures! Come and experience all the great things that are happening at Our Lady of Lourdes High School! They offer a rigorous College Prep curriculum that provides exciting and innovative learning experiences for their students. Join them at their Open House as they showcase teaching and learning in their "next generation" classrooms AND view their brand new 7,000 sq. ft. fitness facility. Their Class of 2021 have moved on to many fine institutions such as Boston College, Catholic University, Colgate, Cornell, Holy Cross, Mount Holyoke, NYU Tisch School of Arts, Notre Dame, Purdue, and many more. They received over \$53 million in college scholarships, and 95% of these graduates earned an average of 33 college credits. See how Lourdes will provide you with your Extraordinary Future! They look forward to seeing you on October 16-17. Registration is required so please visit [www.ollchs.org](http://www.ollchs.org) to register. If you need additional information, please call Kathleen Powers at 845-463-0400, ext. 1009 or [powers.kathleen@ollchs.org](mailto:powers.kathleen@ollchs.org).

**SIMPLE WAYS TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE** - One consequence of a protracted pandemic is that we are almost forced to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. It's a good time to think about simplifying the way we live:

*Live in the moment.* We can't change the past and dwelling on the future is unproductive. The choices we make right now are all that count.

*Avoid drama.* There will always be someone whose situation is worse than our own. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by those who do – try substituting activities you find positive and interesting instead. Prayer helps.

*Talk less.* Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

*Spend time with happy people.* Connect in safe and healthy ways with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

*Work happy.* No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns any job into a blessing.

**HELP THOSE IN NEED WITH TAX PREPARATION** - You can help hard-working families in your community by volunteering to prepare tax returns. They are a Dutchess County coalition comprised of several local organizations. Their mission is ***Creating Assets Savings and Hope***, CASH-Coalition. Their goal is to assure working and low-income families receive free, reliable tax preparation and obtain federal and state earned income tax credits. Free training is provided. It is a great way to learn a new skill and receive IRS certification. Increase your own personal talents while helping your local community. Training to be held in December. Tax sites are open the end of January to April and in or near your town. Choose from flexible hours including week days, weekends, or evenings with low contact options available as well. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information please call: Julie West, Executive Director, Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County at (845) 451-4217 or [julie.west@archny.org](mailto:julie.west@archny.org) or [www.catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org](http://www.catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org).

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, September 11-12, 2021, we collected **\$5,351.00** in our Regular Sunday Collection and **\$1,334.00** for the Propagation of Faith. 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.

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