

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Oct. 4	8:00 am	Diane Martello
"	Tues.	Oct. 5	8:00 am	LaMont LaRobardier
"	Wed.	Oct. 6	8:00 am	Father's Day Intentions
"	Thurs	Oct. 7	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Oct. 8	8:00 am	Fr. Joseph Bisignano
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Bernadette Higgins
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Oct. 9	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Harold Morford
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Katherine Blinn
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	Oct. 10	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia"</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Donald McGinness

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**"OCTOBER: PRO-LIFE MONTH"**

Dear Friends:

*October is Pro Life month, and we are now into October (as you read this). So, it is a good time to reflect on our attitude toward Life and the necessity to preserve and protect life in the U.S. and around the world.*

*On the forefront of the Pro-Life approach is the issue of abortion. This issue is one of the most contentious in the difficult world of politics and controversy. As Catholics, we are pro-life. Our position is one of protecting all humans, from conception to natural death.*

*As Catholics, we are against any cheapening of human life. Pope Francis has long criticized the modern culture of treating humans as something that can be "thrown away." Thus, we speak out against useless violence, human trafficking, assisted suicide, terrorism as well as the scourge of abortion.*

*I heard somewhere that a civilization will above all be judged on how it treats its vulnerable, weaker and defenseless citizens. In my view, the child in the womb is vulnerable, weak and defenseless.*

*There are some things I feel should be cleared up in this ongoing debate. Pro-abortion activists point out that polls show that Americans are in favor of legal abortion. But, they don't point out that the majority of Americans, as I understand the latest polls, are in favor of abortion with restrictions. I don't think Americans support abortions with no limits.*

*Another little noticed part of the pro-abortion agenda is the strong attempt being made to have federal funds pay for abortions. There has been an amendment (agreed to by both parties) that bars federal funding of abortion since the 70's. These new proposals would force taxpayers, against their conscience, to pay for abortions.*

*Consider joining a Life Chain in your area, a peaceful and prayerful public witness for an end to abortion that offers a message of mercy and healing for those who are suffering as a result of abortion.*

*The Life Chain in Dutchess County: Poughkeepsie, Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm to be held on Church Street between Market and Academy Streets. Contact: Maureen (845) 853-6529.*

*Fr. Wilson*

***"If we can accept that a Mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"***  
*~ Mother Teresa ~*

***"When life and family are not treasured and preserved in society, collapse on all fronts is inevitable."***  
*~ Fr. Richard Welch, CSSR, JSC, President of Human Life International ~*

**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 DeLuca, 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 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, 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, Norm Cayea and Eric M. Walters

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH:** Catherine Murphy, Bernadette Higgins and William John Hanley, Jr.

**MEN'S GROUP** - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, October 4th, at 6:45 pm in Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. New members are most welcome.

**"BE PERFECT, AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT"** – Popular culture would have us believe that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

**God's way leads to perfection.** - Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

**Only God loves perfectly.** - Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more we will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's unconditional love.

**God's idea of perfect is possible.** - Jesus said, "...be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48), but He wasn't talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all your hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience and service is the true measure of perfection and He wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only "perfect" that is possible.

**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.

***"Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves," cautioned Pope Francis.***

***"One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus."***

**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, 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, September 25-26, 2021, we collected **\$3,037.00** in our Regular Sunday Collection and **\$883.00** for St. Joseph's Seminary. I want to extend my sincere thanks for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR PINE PLAINS ONLY** - St. Anthony's Church will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for the benefit of the 2021 Pine Plains Hunger Crop Walk which is being sponsored by the Pine Plains Council of Churches. Please note that 25% of the funds raised will be given to the Pine Plains Community Food Locker to help alleviate hunger in their community with the remainder of funds going to global hunger issues.

**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.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** - The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days (from Sunday to Saturday). You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased family member or friend, or as a special intention. The donation is \$10.00.

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