

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 24th, 2021

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 25	8:00 am	John Carroll (<i>Living</i>)
"	Tues.	Oct. 26	8:00 am	Michael Sheridan
"	Wed.	Oct. 27	8:00 am	Bob Thompson
"	Thurs	Oct. 28	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Oct. 29	8:00 am	James T. Metz, Jr.
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Father's Day Intentions
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 30	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Lou Cascio
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Fr. Owen Lafferty
Pine Plains	Sun.	Oct. 31	8:00 am	Bernadette Higgins
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"PART 1 OF A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN"

Can we consider a bit today the role of *authority and leadership* in the Church? Jesus teaches us about all that in our Gospel passage at Mass this morning.

Yes, the Church is of divine origin, but she is composed of flawed human membership; yes, Jesus gave us a rather fluid blueprint about the structure of His Church – his apostles, the sacraments, a basic creed and moral expectations, bishop, priest, deacon, women and men with duties in marriage, family, communities of faith, using gifts – which the bible calls *charisms* – of teaching, worship, charity, administration, healing, and service; the mandate to teach the nations about Him.

Throughout her colorful history of two millennia, the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church has expanded and developed its style of organization and authority.

We've had popes at the head of conquering armies and popes all by themselves in jail; Bishops called "princes," and bishops beheaded by princes; We've had women and men living as solitary hermits, or as members of thriving, vibrant, communities;

The Church has taught sternly with threats of punishments in this life and the next, or softly and gently under the shade of a tree outside the parish church; She has managed property, buildings, and money to compete with a Wall Street firm, or existed solely on faith, prayer, bread, wine, the Bible, and the goodness of her people;

The Church has members trying to raise families, run businesses, make a living, while ever in allegiance to the teachings of our Lord...

This only touches on the array, the sample of how the Church we cherish has tried to lead, teach with authority, govern and serve since Jesus commissioned us to do so.

And now the successor of Saint Peter as bishop of Rome and pastor of the Church Universal, Pope Francis, has asked us all to commence an examination of conscience on how we as a Church are living up to the model of the Church given us by Jesus. Pope Francis has asked us to begin a process of preparation and prayer for a *Synod of Bishops* in Rome in two years, on the topic he calls all this: *synodality*.

Thus do I welcome this morning leaders from the archdiocese who generously participate in the consultative organs of these vast areas of the Lord's vineyard – members of our boards, committees, religious orders, schools, charities, health care, witness in the public square, business and governance..

[To be continued next week]

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 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, Alec Pandaleon, Norm Cayea and Eric M. Walters

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

VINE & BRANCHES - Last Saturday, we provided food for 24 families and 78 people. I want to thank all our parishioners, as well as the Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook, who donate food each month to our food closet. Feeding the hungry is a Corporal Work of Mercy. I thank you for your commitment to this important Ministry.

*"We are all like one-winged angels.
It is only when we help each other that we can fly."
~ Luciano de Crescenzo ~*

ALL SAINTS DAY - All Saints Day is Monday, November 1st. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

8:00 am in Amenia

12 noon in Pine Plains

7:00 pm in Amenia

ALL SOULS DAY - All Souls Day envelopes are available in the back of both Churches for your All Souls Intentions. You may place the envelope with your donation in the offering basket, drop it off at the parish office, or hand it to Fr. Wilson. The following All Souls Day Masses will be offered on Tuesday, November 2nd:

8:00 am in Amenia

12 noon in Pine Plains

7:00 pm in Amenia

FR. WILSON'S RETREAT - Fr. Wilson will be going on Retreat after the 8:00 am Mass on Monday, November 8th to Friday, November 12th. There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday (11/9), Wednesday (11/10) and Friday (11/12).

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.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October 16-17, 2021, we collected **\$3,908.45** in our Regular Sunday Collection. I want to extend my sincere thanks for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church.

►►► **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 Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Yoshi Conklin
In Memory of Marion Smith*

