

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Nov. 8	8:00 am	Catherine Murphy
"	Tues.	Nov. 9	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Wed.	Nov. 10	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Thurs	Nov. 11	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Nov. 12	8:00 am	NO MASS
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	NO MASS
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Nov. 13	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Donald McGinness
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	6:15 pm	Msgr. Dermot Brennan
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	Nov. 14	8:00 am	Bernadette Higgins
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

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### "ALL SAINTS"

Dear Friends:

*I just finished celebrating All Saints Day. I am always happy to see our wonderful parishioners at Mass on Monday. I think there might be some future Saints in our congregation. You certainly are very devoted to the Lord and our Church.*

*As a history buff, I am always interested in the lives of the Saints and their relationship to history. I am also thinking today about the Protestant revolt and why the Protestant churches discarded the Saints in their worship.*

*I think one of the main Protestant objections to the Saints was that they kind of interfered with direct worship of the Holy Trinity. Perhaps they did not understand completely that Catholics do not pray to the Saints – we ask the Saints to pray for us to God. We ask the Saints to help us, for we need all the help we can get.*

*There also was, in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, quite a feeling in Europe that the use of pilgrimages and relics and the role of the Saints was improper. The critics of these practices thought that they were unnecessary and harmful in Christian life.*

*It is my opinion that the Protestants rejected completely the role of Saints in their Churches, and thus they lost the beneficial blessings of the Saints. The saying goes something like this: They threw out the baby with the bathwater.*

*For we know what a blessing Saints are in our faith. As a former Protestant, I know from personal experience what the Saints can do for us.*

*What do they do for us? They provide us an example. The Saints are human like us. They have the same weaknesses, struggles and challenges as we do. Yet they emerged victorious. And since we are human like them, we can emerge victorious in our life. They also show us how to live, and how to treat other people.*

*They also pray for us. They are on the other side of the great Life/Death divide. But they are not separated from us. They pray for us, they are our brothers and sisters, and we hope some day to be with them forever.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**REMINDER** - Fr. Wilson will be going on Retreat after the 8:00 am Mass on Monday morning, November 8<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, (11/9), Wednesday (11/10) and Friday (11/12).

**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 a result of our efforts, but is a gift. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit who showers us with mercy and grace that pours forth unceasingly from the open heart of Christ crucified and risen."*** ~ Pope Francis ~

**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, Alec Pandaleon, Norm Cayea, Eric M. Walters and Grace Manning.

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

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** - There will be no Altar Rosary Society meeting on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, as Fr. Wilson will be on Retreat.

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***“When life and family are not treasured and preserved in a society,  
collapse on all fronts is inevitable.”***

*(Fr. Richard Welch, CSSR, JCD, President of Human Life International)*  
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**DO WHAT JESUS DID** - It is hard to imagine how wonderful Heaven is or the joy that awaits us there. Jesus' mission of salvation while on Earth made Heaven possible for us, if we live a life of holiness and grace as He did...

**Service.** While on Earth, Jesus' purpose was to serve God and others. He even performed servant tasks such as serving food and washing feet. He asked that we model His servant's heart.

**Love** - When He walked among us, Jesus reached out to those who felt unloved, comforted those who were suffering, and helped people draw closer to His Father. Try to show love in these ways every day.

**Detach.** - Jesus sent His disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn't want them (or us) distracted. He knew that the more stuff we have to think about, the less we'll think about God.

**Pray** - Jesus drew strength from time alone with God. Spending quiet time with God each day will help keep you on the path to Heaven.

**Sacrifice** – The most perfect sacrifice offered to God was Jesus' death on the Cross. Yet, when we give up time, effort, or something we value out of love for God and others, we imitate Jesus' generosity.

**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, 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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, October 30-31, 2021, we collected **\$3,850.00** in our Regular Sunday Collection, **\$806.00** for the School of Religion and **\$779.00** for All Saints' Day. 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 St. Anthony's Church  
was donated by Bernard Heaney  
In Loving Memory of Maria Heaney***

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