

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23, 2016**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Mon	Oct. 24	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
Tues	Oct. 25	8:00 am	Santino Delfino (Living)
Wed.	Oct. 26	8:00 am	Ursula Robertson
Thurs.	Oct. 27	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri	Oct. 28	8:00 am	Kenneth Whelan
Sat	Oct. 29	8:00 am	Albert Cahill
		.4:30 pm	Mary Monette

Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 30	8:00 am	Adelina Mazzocchi
			10:45 am	People of the Parish

“SCHOOL OF RELIGION”

Dear Friends:

Last Sunday at the 10:45 am Mass, we experienced a very important part of our work as a Catholic parish in Northeast Dutchess County. We celebrated the Commitment Mass for the 8th graders in our Religious Education Program. At the Mass, the eighth graders made a signed declaration that they would continue to participate in the program preparing them for Confirmation in 2018.

This program includes being involved in our liturgies as Altar Servers, Readers and Ushers. They will also take part in our Food Closet program by giving food to the poor. Our students will participate in a retreat as well as attending classes for the next two years.

It might seem to some that this is an awful lot for students and parents to do in this busy world we live in. But as I see it, any important task for young people, from sports to academics, will always require a great deal of time and effort.

I was once told years ago by a religious professional that she felt that the decline of Catholic Schools would lead to a decline in Church participation and ultimately a smaller, less vital Catholic Church. There is no doubt that the decrease in Catholic School attendance will result in a change in Catholic life.

That is why we must, absolutely, re-dedicate ourselves to strong Catholic religious education programs. It will be difficult. But the days of taking for granted our education programs for young people is over.

All of us, young or old, priests or lay people, active or inactive, must take part in this effort. The future of our Church is at stake.

We have, no question, a beautiful, deep and meaningful faith. It is imperative that everyone of us do all that we can to help our young people discover the faith that we love so much.

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.

LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS - All young people in Grades 4 and over are welcome to join the Ministry of Altar Serving. It is a great opportunity to help the Lord and help our Church celebrate the Mass. Please contact the office (845-373-8193) if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Ralph Cummings, Ann Bida, Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, Janet Stiles, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Evelyn Bouffard, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Rudy Eschbach, Billy Carroll, Jordana Bell, Marty Nolletti, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Baby James Ryan Farrell, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard & Mary Ann Valinsk, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Andrea Scholmeyer, Winifred Capowski, Roger Gregoire, Arthur Nadeau, Barbara Moissonnier, Nina Williams, Judy Carroll, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Delores DeMarinis, Shirley Remsburger, Teresa Schell, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, John Kemmerer, Jr., Alan Carroll, Baby Effie Clark, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli and Orpha Thomas.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR – It's not too late to sign-up for the Children's Choir who will sing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass this year. All are welcome, including those children who play an instrument. Practice will be on Sundays directly following the 10:45 am Mass and lasts approximately 20 minutes.

CATHOLICISM SERIES – THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS - St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook will be showing Bishop Barron's new series on Catholicism's Pivotal Players. G.K. Chesterton, The Evangelist, will be shown on Thursday, November 10th, at 7 pm in their Parish Hall.

FOUR WORKSHOPS ON THE SACRAMENTS - The fourth workshop, Part 4 – Matrimony, is being offered on Thursday, October 27th @ 7 pm and again on Saturday, November 5th, @ 2:30 pm at the Parish Center of Immaculate Conception, Amenia.

CROP HUNGER WALK – The Pine Plains Council of Churches and the Pine Plains Community Food Locker thank you for your participation in the 2016 Crop Walk. If you wish to contribute, you may do so online at: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/pineplainsny>.

STILL WAITING FOR GOD TO SAY "YES?" - Even the most faithful Christians can get discouraged in prayer. It can be disheartening when you have your heart set on something, pray hard for it, but the hoped result doesn't happen. It is important to remember that God hears you and He always answers prayer. He loves you more than you can imagine and wants the best for you. In fact, He knows what you need better than you do.



Answers to prayer usually fall into one of these three responses: (1) Yes (2) Not right now, and (3) I have a better idea. The best approach is to make your request, trust Him to do the right thing, and then look for His answer. Try not to get set on any one answer.

Perhaps God wants you to wait to increase your appreciation or because He doesn't think you are ready yet. Perhaps He has something better in mind. Whatever the answer – and there is always an answer- remember that it comes from His incredible and personal love.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - September 28th to November 6th. God has used the period of 40 days throughout history to bring about major transformation – what will God do when His faithful people pray for an end to abortion for 40 days. Prayer volunteers are needed to peacefully pray at the vigil site between 7 am and 7 pm. **Vigil site:** Planned Parenthood, 17 Noxon St., Poughkeepsie. For more info, log onto www.40daysforlife.com, call 845-853-6529 or email 40dfpoughkeepsie@gmail.com.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last Sunday, October 16th, we collected \$4,132.07 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$910.70 for World Mission. The sacrificial offering you provide to our Parish is your expression of loyalty, love and support. Thank you for your generosity.