

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18, 2016

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Mon.	Dec. 19	8:00 am	William E.P. Murphy
Tues.	Dec..20	8:00 am	Bernard Parker
Wed.	Dec. 21	8:00 am	Martha J. Flanigan
Thurs.	Dec. 22	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri.	Dec. 23	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Sat.	Dec. 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
	(Amenia)	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	(Pine Plains)	6:00 pm	Special Intention
	(Amenia)	10:00 pm	Special Intention

Sun	Dec. 25	8:00 am	Special Intention	(Pine Plains)
		10:45 am	People of the Parish	(Amenia)

"CHRISTMAS ODDS AND ENDS"

Dear Friends:

I would like to cover some different things this weekend before Christmas. Of course, I hope all of you have a very peaceful and joyful Christmas whether you are here or visiting with families at some other wonderful place. As always, I make this plea that you be as generous as you can be in your Christmas gift to our parish. We face a lot of bills and expenses in the near future, especially if we have a cold and snowy winter. In past Christmases you have been extremely generous, and we thank you. Please help us out as much as you can.

To our Pine Plains parishioners, I want you to be aware of a procedure in case of extreme weather. If there is a severe snow storm on Saturday night or Sunday morning, and a trip on my part to Pine Plains may be risky, I will cancel the Mass and leave a message on the answering machine at (845) 373-8193. I would appreciate if those of you who are aware of the cancellation would kindly call their friends and family and let them know. I will make every effort to say the Mass. In 6 years with St. Patrick's in Millerton, I never missed a Sunday Mass. But knowing the situation on Rte. 199, I feel this procedure is very prudent. Obviously, Religious Ed classes would be cancelled as well.

Again, to our Pine Plains people, there were problems with the collection envelopes. This can happen from time to time, and I apologize, even though the fault lies with the envelope company. We hopefully will have the envelopes available in Church this weekend. You can place your donation (cash or check) in an envelope with your name on it and we will accurately process it. Check donations can just be placed in the basket and will be recorded accordingly.

There seems to be another glitch on the new envelopes, where it says "St. Anthony, Amenia." I apologize for this, though again it is the fault of the envelope company. I ask for your patience and your forgiveness as we continue to journey in our parish "merger" process. As always, I thank you for all that you do.

Fr. Wilson

RECONCILIATION MONDAY & TUESDAY - In preparation for Christmas, you are welcome to come celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at Immaculate Conception in Amenia on Monday, December 19th, between the hours of 5 pm to 8 pm and at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains on Tuesday, December 20th, between 7 pm to 9 pm.

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP - On Saturday, January 7th, 2017, Chris Ferreri of our parish is planning a bus trip to various sites in New York City. If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris as soon as possible at (845) 373-9192 or ctmnferreri@optonline.net as seating is limited.

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, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Baby James Ryan Farrell, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard & Mary Ann Valinsk, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Andrea Scholmeyer, Winifred Capowski, 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, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Bernard Heaney, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers and Charlie Guarnieri.

FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE - The fourth Advent Candle symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



<u>Christmas Eve,</u>		<u>Christmas Day</u>	
4:00 pm	- Amenia	8:00 am	- Pine Plains
6:00 pm	- Pine Plains	10:45 am	- Amenia
10:00 pm	- Amenia		

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS - Most of us don't have to look very far to find someone in our own family or circle of friends who don't attend Mass on a regular basis. Most people can't even explain why they stopped coming to Church. Perhaps the demands of life just get in the way. Our journey of faith has many ups and downs, but whatever the reason for staying away, please know that our door is always open and a warm welcome awaits your return. Christmas is a wonderful time to come back to our Lord. God's love and mercy is available to everyone. Should you know someone who has been away from the Church, why not invite them to join you and your family for Christmas Mass.

"At Christmas, all roads lead home"
~Marjorie Holmes~

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, December 10-11, 2016, we collected \$4,545 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,318.00 for Retired Religious. We collected \$1,037 for the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception. I am so very thankful for your continuing generosity and steadfast commitment to the Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY - Please keep the following service men and their families in your prayers: Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza and Nathan Tong.

† Sanctuary Light †
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Larry, Mary and Laurie Hardisty
In Loving Memory of Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.*