

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

	Mon.	Jan. 16	8:00 am	Eugene Ketchum
	Tues.	Jan. 17	8:00 am	Erika Friedenbergs
	Wed.	Jan. 18	8:00 am	Sam Williams
	Thurs.	Jan. 19	8:00 am	NO MASS
	Fri.	Jan. 20	8:00 am	Diana Kelly
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Maura O'Grady (Living)
	Sat.	Jan. 21	8:00 am	Jane Wells
			4:30 pm	Thomas J. Downey, Jr.
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Pine Plains	Sun	Jan. 22	8:00 am	Norma Keeler
			10:45 am	People of the Parish

"FINANCIALS"

Dear Friends:

I'm happy to include in our bulletin an insert that provides a "snapshot" of recent financial figures for our parish. I'm not an accountant or even a simple financial beginner, but I can see that this brief statement presents a very good picture.

First, we have to remember that every Catholic parish is a "non-profit" institution. We are not here to make a profit (like most businesses). We are here to survive and serve God's people.

So you can see that we did not "make money." We have a deficit of around \$1,500.00. If you have experience in Church administration, like I do, you at least know that \$1,500.00 is a very good figure. How do we cover any deficit? We have savings built up over the years with the good work of our parishioners and different fund-raising activities. Consequently, to cover a deficit like that is relatively easy.

Recently I was looking at a questionnaire given to our parish a few years ago for the "Making All Things New" process. I noticed some questions that would be helpful at any time in bettering the understanding of our people.

First, we do have a parish finance council. They are aware of any major activities in the parish. Second, the parish has a balanced budget and we do have reserve funds for extraordinary expenses and maintenance. Due to the diligent and hard work of many in our parish and due to the generosity of our parishioners, we have adequate funds for what might happen in the future.

We have met our Archdiocesan financial obligations. We are completely up-to-date on all of our bills, and stay very current to any obligations. We have a massive amount of bills, as does any organization of this size, and yet we are able to pay them promptly and completely.

We are in a positive financial situation at this time. A giant THANK YOU to all of you for your consistent generosity and your generous faith. You are a real blessing!

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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, 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, Charlie Guarnieri and Al Blackburn.

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MANY THANKS - Let me begin by saying that I feel especially blessed each Sunday to have the opportunity to get to know the parents and children in our Religious Ed Program. My heartfelt thanks to all the Religious Ed Parents/ Students for the beautiful card and generous Christmas gift.

VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Christopher Willig. The split was \$44.50. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, January 21st, in our gym. We are especially in need of bath soap, toothpaste, toilet paper and shampoo.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The annual observance starts on Sunday, January 29th, and runs until Saturday, February 4th. Our schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large. The following are the dates and times for Open Houses at our Dutchess Catholic Elementary Schools. Call 646-794-2885 to make a reservation!

Holy Trinity School (20 Springside Ave., Poughkeepsie - 471-0520): Jan. 28, from 6-7 pm; Jan. 29, from 9 am – 1 pm; Jan. 31, from 9 -11 am.

St. Dennis-St. Columba School (849 Route 82, Hopewell Junction – 227-7777): Jan. 29 from 10 am to 12 pm; Jan. 31, from 9-11 am.

St. Martin de Porres School (122 Cedar Valley Rd., Poughkeepsie – 452-4428): Jan. 31 from 9 am – 2 pm.

St. Mary School (106 Jackson Street, Fishkill – 896-9561): Jan. 31, from 8:30 – 11 am

St. Mary's School (2 Convent Ave., Wappingers Falls – 297-7500): Jan. 29, from 10-11 am; Jan. 31 from 9-11 am; Feb. 2, from 9-11 am.

St. Peter School (12 Father Cody Plaza, Hyde Park – 471-6600 ext. 200); Jan. 29, from 10 am to 1 pm; Jan. 31, from 9-11 am; Feb. 2, from 9 am – 2 pm.

The Ark and the Dove Preschool (602 Beekman Rd., Beekman – 227-5232): Jan. 31, 9-11 am.

PINE PLAINS FOOD LOCKER - The food item needed for January for the Pine Plains food locker is coffee and/or tea bags. Items can be left in the basket on the table at the head of the stairs.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, January 7-8, 2017, we collected \$3,454 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$615.69 for Communications and Catholic University of America. 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.