

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 4, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	June 5	8:00 am	Msgr. Joseph Gallagher & Gavin McEnroe
“	Tues.	June 6	8:00 am	People of the Parish
“	Wed.	June 7	8:00 am	Theresa Walsh
“	Thurs.	June 8	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	June 9	8:00 am	Stephen Corrigan
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	James V. & Elizabeth A. Moriarty
Amenia	Sat.	June 10	8:00 am	Lena Carroll
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Leonard, Mary & John Monette

Pine Plains	Sun	June 11	8:00 am	Victor & Eleanor Cooke
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“PENTECOST”

Dear Friends:

I would like to bring you our celebration of Pentecost with this introduction:

On this feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the fulfillment of Jesus' promise, made at his last supper with his disciples, that he would not “leave us orphans” – the gift of the Holy Spirit! As individuals, that same Spirit rushed upon us at our baptism and was sealed in our celebration of Confirmation. Today at the closing of our Eucharist Liturgy celebrating the gift of the Spirit to the Church, each of us will receive a “flame” representing one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. May our understanding of the Spirit's presence and activity grow and may we deepen in our dependence on the Spirit's lead in our lives.

In a very special way, our young people prayed for a very special blessing of the gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation on May 25th. We pray for them, too. But we hope also for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to continue to bless our lives today. That's why we are handing out a “flame” to each of you that is a symbol of the Holy Spirit's gifts.

We need the gifts of the Holy Spirit today more than ever. Just take for example, the gift of understanding. What does understanding do for us? Pope Francis explains understanding as a gift that goes beyond the surface of a situation to seek God's plan of salvation and His will. This gift helps us to see the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel and apply them to our life.

Or the gift of fortitude, which is more important than we think. The gift of fortitude gives us strength in order to be faithful to one's principles, to do the right thing no matter what, and to resist the pressure of others to turn away from our faithfulness to God's will.

The Holy Spirit is our helper. Today we give thanks to God for the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord).

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.

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - Our parish has received **\$35,725** in pledges/gifts from **94** families. We are only **\$5,775** short of our parish goal of \$41,500. If everyone pitches in, I am confident we can make our goal. No amount is too small. I thank you for your sacrifice and pray that God will bless you for supporting the work of the Cardinal's Appeal.

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, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLuca, 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, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Shirley Remsburger, Teresa Schell, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Bernard Heaney, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Ann Marie Russolillo, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Joe Kain, Philomena Ketchum, Hilda Delgado, Luz Pelkey and Diana McPadden.

MANY THANKS - I want to thank all those who attended the Confirmation Mass on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Immaculate Conception and witnessed our 7 Religious Ed Students (Emelin Argueta, Justin Calabrese, Holly Jasmin, Madeline Lazarus, Jenifer Espinosa Lopez, Emily Simmons and Anthonette Syversen) receive the Holy Spirit during the Mass celebrated by our Bishop Peter Byrne.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE – The 10:45 am Sunday Morning Mass in Amenia will remain the same throughout the entire year. There will be no time change during the summer months.

MEN'S CLUB - The Men's Club will meet on Monday, June 5th, 2017, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception.

APOSTLES' CREED CLASS - The 8th and final session of the Apostles' Creed class will be held on Thursday, June 8th, at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

TREAT YOURSELF TO A SHORT VACATION WITH GOD! Join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains at 10 am on June 10th.

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS - Father's Day cards for the living and deceased are available in the back of Church. You may leave your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS - Yaritza Vega received First Communion on Sunday, March 12th and Mitchell & Cesar Barron received their First Communion on Saturday, April 29, 2017. As Jesus came to be with you and love you as you received your First Communion, we pray that Jesus will bless and guide you always.

NEWLY BAPTIZED - Connor Peter Deister, son of Matthew Deister and Jessica Wilson Deister, was baptized on Saturday, May 13th, at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on this child, watch over him and fill him with peace and joy.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ANNUAL TAG SALE - St. Christopher's School in Red Hook is having their 3rd Annual Tag Sale on Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th from 9 am to 3 pm and on Sunday, June 11th from 10 am to 3 pm. Stuff a bag with clothing for just \$5.00. Jewelry, tools, all household items, children's toys and clothing, seasonal decorations, art work, books, furniture, and much more.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, May 27-28, 2017, we collected \$3,918.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$1,223 for Cemetery Care and 1,039.66 for the Ascension. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: . Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza, Nathan Tong and Mark Hall. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

† Sanctuary Light †

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Denise & Bob Conway*

In Celebration of Fr. John Durkin's 50th Anniversary of Ordination