

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 4, 2018

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Mar. 5	8:00 am	Nicholas Frisina
"	Tues.	Mar. 6	8:00 am	Douglas Wink
"	Wed.	Mar. 7	8:00 am	Frank Wernicki
"	Thurs.	Mar. 8	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Mar. 9	8:00 am	Bridget Thrapp
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Rev. John Tou
"	"	"	8:00 am	Amy Whitcomb
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Leonard Monette

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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Mar. 10	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Darnell Family

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### "CULTURE OF LIFE"

Dear Friends:

*24 years ago Mother Teresa, now a saint, St. Teresa of Kolkata, gave a speech to Washington D.C. big shots at the "National Prayer Breakfast." Her speech was monumental and honest. Included in the audience was President Clinton and his wife Hillary, and Senators and Supreme Court Justices. It was February 3, 1994.*

*She spoke of God, of love, of families. She began to talk about the falling apart of some families in modern culture. When these families break apart, sometimes the children are lost. They "go to the streets and get involved in drugs and other things."*

*Then she got to the point where she shocked the audience. She said "I feel the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion," because Jesus said "if you receive a little child, you receive me." So every abortion is the denial of receiving Jesus."*

*Later on Mother Teresa said "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."*

*It was a shocking speech. Honest and direct, the words of a saint. Words that we need today. It is too bad that many have not paid attention to her insight. How we do need love and peace in our world.*

*In the New York State legislature at this moment, politicians are considering an "Abortion Expansion" bill proposed by Governor Cuomo. This bill apparently would permit late-term abortions, would allow non-doctors to perform abortions, and allow neglect of children born alive during abortions, among other things. (For more information on this, please contact [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) and look for "Abortion Expansion").*

*This bill would eliminate virtually all limitations on abortion in New York State, particularly on late-term abortions. I ask you to please contact your state senator and ask him or her to remove these provisions from the budget of New York State.*

*Fr. Wilson*

***"...the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life; the sick, the needy and the handicapped."***

*~ Last Speech of Hubert H. Humphrey ~*

**MEN'S GROUP** - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. New members are welcome.

**A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY** - Please join us for the Fourth Week of the Gospel of Mark presented by Sr. Jean Flannelly which will be held at St. Anthony's on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11:30 am and at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH :** 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 DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Shirley Remsburger, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Colton Culligan, Irene Smith, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Peter Bartolomeo, Robert Bartolomeo, Helen Murphy Riley and Linda Mary Dick.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN AMENIA** - Fr. Wilson will be conducting the Stations of the Cross with the Religious Ed Catechists and Students on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Please join us for this Lenten Devotion. For your convenience, confessions will be available immediately afterwards.

### **SOUP, SALAD AND STATIONS POT LUCK**

Soup, Salad and Stations Pot Luck will be held on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the gym of the Parish Center. Let's break bread together before praying the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm. Bring a meatless soup or salad to share. The Catechists and teens from our Religious Education Program will be leading the prayers, designed specifically for young people. All are welcome! Please call the office (845-373-8193) to RSVP.

**ST. PATRICK'S POT LUCK** - We are planning to have our traditional St. Patrick's "pot luck" and "bake sale" on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon to 2 pm in the gym. Please consider joining us for a pleasant afternoon with good food, good company and good music. There are sign-up sheets in the back of Church for the "Pot Luck" as well as for those willing to bake for our "Bake Sale". Please call the office if you can lend a hand with the bake sale, decorating, set-up or clean-up.

**AND THE LORD SAID, "LET IT GO..."** - *"It is good sense to be slow to anger, and an honor to overlook an offense"* (Proverbs 19:11). Human nature entails taking offense when someone says or does something we don't like. When it happens often, however, being offended doesn't just hurt our feelings, compromises our happiness and well-being. Try these ideas to let it go...

**Assume the best.** Most people aren't out to get us. Unless proven otherwise, believe that others have good intent and don't mean to offend. They're just living their lives.

**Step back.** We often get upset because others disagree with or don't share our opinions. Opinions are separate from identities. Someone can disagree with what we think but still enjoy who we are.

**Don't make it about you.** Thinking that what others do or think reflects on you is fertile soil for being easily and often offended. Most of what happens around us has nothing to do with us. Allowing others to live their own lives regardless of you and yours takes a huge burden off your shoulders.

**Break the habit.** Taking offense easily is a habit that, fortunately, can be broken. Instead of noticing what others are doing "to" us, we can choose to note what is done "for" us by God and others. Practicing gratitude is more pleasant than feeling hurt.

**ROSE THRIFT SHOP** - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church, will open for the season on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Shop will be open every Wednesday and Saturday thereafter from 10 am to 2 pm. All donations are gratefully accepted.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICE OF DUTCHESS COUNTY** - Catholic Charities is looking for conversation partners for our English language learners. This exciting volunteer opportunity will give you a chance to meet your neighbors from all around the world and help them practice English conversation. Call 845-452-1400 extension 4259 to learn how you can become a volunteer!

**CATHOLIC SHRINES OF FRANCE WITH FR. JOHN PALATUCCI JUNE 25-JULY 6, 2018** - Fr. John Palatucci is leading a pilgrimage to various Catholic shrines in France. The trip includes Lourdes, Parish, Lisieux, and the great Monastery of San Mont-Michel. We will also visit Normandy, the site of the Allied landing on June 6, 1944. If interested, please contact *Catholic Heritage Tours* for more information at (800) 290-3876. The itinerary can be viewed online as well: [www.catholicheritagetours.com/FJPFR](http://www.catholicheritagetours.com/FJPFR).

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, February 24-25, 2018, we collected \$4,819.55 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$1,360.77 for Lenten Sacrifice. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.