

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 8, 2018**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	April 9	8:00 am	Joseph Oddi
"	Tues.	April 10	8:00 am	Rodney Kerr
"	Wed.	April 11	8:00 am	Margaret Cunningham
"	Thurs.	April 12	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	April 13	8:00 am	Marion Reynolds
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Elizabeth Herron

Amenia	Sat.	April 14	8:00 am	Rev. Robert Aufieri
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Sally Quinn

Pine Plains	Sun	April 15	8:00 am	Anthony Capaccio & Ann Marie Russolillo
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"SLOW TO ANGER"

Dear Friends:

Anger is one of the great challenges of living the good and Christian life. Or should I say, "out of control" or "destructive" anger, since anger can sometimes be a force for good. When anger, as a positive and constructive emotion, is focused and dedicated to doing good things, it can accomplish important changes in society.

But we talk here of destructive anger, which is a great problem in modern society. Anger is behind so many negative situations in our world. From domestic abuse, to senseless violence, to "road rage", anger is at the core of crimes that occur every day.

Such destructive anger must be dealt with. If we are to improve society, and bring Christianity into a real role in our world, we must deal with this anger. Deal with it in ourselves and in others.

The first thing to realize is that our God is not a God of anger. Scripture consistently points out that God is "slow to anger". Nehemiah 9:30 points out how God is so gracious and patient over "many years"; Exodus 34:6 says our God is "slow to anger and rich in kindness"; Numbers 14:18 states God is "slow to anger", forgiving faults and transgressions; and Psalms 86:5 tells us how forgiving God has always been for us.

In the New Testament, James tells us that we must be slow to anger: "be quick to listen but slow to speak and slow to rouse your temper" (James 1:19). Anger can be a justifiable response; but it should be used slowly and carefully, always tempered with kindness.

This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy. We are called to be Apostles of Mercy. That means that we are to show people that we are slow to anger, patient, gentle, and kind. That is mercy in action. Mercy and being slow to anger are not only attributes of God, but they are great personality traits for us.

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.

ONLINE GIVING – WeSHARE UPDATE - If you are subscribed to electronic giving and haven't signed on to your account since February please do the following to verify your account: Send an email to adnygiving@4lpi.com with your full name, home address, email address, phone number and our parish name and city. WeShare will send you an email to allow you to reset your password and access our donation site. Please note, for security reasons the link will expire 24 hours after receipt of the email. If WeShare cannot match the information you provide, a representative from WeShare will call you at the phone provided in your email. If you wish to contact WeShare directly please call (800) 950-9952. Thank you for using the online giving system and supporting our parish.

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, 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, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Colton Culligan, Irene Smith, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Robert Bartolomeo, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana and Lisa Mlssailidis.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY – The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, April 9th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church. New members are most welcome.

MANY THANKS – First I want to thank all those who helped make our liturgies last week so prayerful and inspiring, that is, our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers. I especially want to thank our Choir Director, Regina Syversen, Anthonette Syversen who played the organ and all the Choir members who sang so beautifully during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Many thanks to those who decorated the Churches - they looked great! I want to thank all our parishioners who joined us on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday – you filled the Church. I just want to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude for your overwhelming generosity in the collections this past weekend.

BACKGROUND OF THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION - The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us- no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for Mercy . God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B – Be merciful to others. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C – Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2018-2019 - Please try and register your children in our Religious Education Program for next year (beginning in September) as soon as possible. All children must be registered by May 6th, as the books must be ordered by May 31st. Our program helps parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. You may either mail or drop off your registration form to the parish office. If your child is entering 1st grade in September, please call the office at 373-8193 and we will mail the registration form to you. Our program meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am

PPCC SCHOLARSHIP - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will award a scholarship to Graduating Seniors from Stissing Mt. High School or a graduating student who attends one of the Council Churches. Applications are available from Council Pastors and Stissing Mt. Guidance Office. All applications must be returned by May 21st.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS DINNER - It's a hot ticket! Don't miss out on the Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County event of the year! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 5th, and plan to attend the 2018 Spirit of Service Awards dinner and auction! The parish and community spirit is once again sure to fill the room as we honor Msgr. Joseph Martin, former Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Fishkill, Humanitarian Award; Honey-Jo Kelly, Executive Director-Birthright of Dutchess County, Light of Hope Award; and Sr. Roberta Smith, OFM, representing the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, Legacy Award, honoring 100 years of service in the Hudson Valley & St. Francis Hospital. Visit catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org and on Facebook at Catholic Charities Dutchess County to purchase sponsorship, ads or tickets! For questions contact Kim Whelly at (845) 451-4299 or Kim.Whelly@archny.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, March 31-April 1st, 2018, approximately **490** people attended Mass and we collected \$5,046.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$9,194.43 in our Easter Collection and \$939.00 for the Holy Land. I thank you for your presence, your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.