

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

Mon.	Nov. 14	8:00 am	Rev. Richard J. Arnold
Tues.	Nov. 15	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Wed.	Nov. 16	8:00 am	Special Intention
Thurs.	Nov. 17	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri.	Nov. 18	8:00 am	Caitlin Kilijanski
Sat.	Nov. 19	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
		4:30 pm	Joseph & Lena Carberry & Family

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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Nov. 20	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:45 am	Theresa Walsh

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**“SYMPATHY AND EMPATHY”**

*Dear Friends:*

*As I sit here on the eve of the election of 2016, voting will begin tomorrow morning. It has been a very antagonistic and angry campaign, not very inspiring or uplifting. It illustrates the deep partisanship that has taken hold in this country. By “deep partisanship” I mean that people are dramatically opposed to each other. This opposition, based on political choices, develops into a very deep distrust and suspicion and, even fear, of the other side. There is, seemingly no attempt to understand or even engage with one another.*

*This is distressing to me. Even with our great disagreements politically, we should be able to talk to one another. We also should be able to understand another person’s positions and respect them. We are losing this.*

*We need empathy in our world. As I have said many times, empathy is different than sympathy. Sympathy is “a feeling of pity or tenderness toward one suffering pain or trouble.” Notice it is a feeling of pity for another person, with, in my opinion, no effort or desire to really understand that situation or change it.*

*Empathy is “the ability” to identify oneself mentally with a person and so understand his or her feelings or its meaning”. The dictionary even tells us to “not confuse empathy with sympathy”.*

*Empathy is the real desire to attempt to deeply understand another person’s feelings or even political positions. Empathy is the sign of a mature and reflective Christian. That’s what we need so much today. It is the art of listening and understanding, and avoiding an immature impulse to fight and confront.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**IMPORTANT** - Please note in your calendars a special cluster mission the week of November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. It will take place at different parishes starting at 7 pm. November 28<sup>th</sup> in Pleasant Valley, November 29<sup>th</sup> here at Immaculate Conception, November 30<sup>th</sup> in Millbrook and December 1<sup>st</sup> in Dover Plains. More information is coming.

**VINE & BRANCHES** - The 50/50 winner was Tina Hosier. The split was \$122.00. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. All food donations are much appreciated especially as Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE** - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will sponsor a Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm at the Pine Plains Methodist Church. Come and join together in prayerful Thanksgiving for all that we have been given.

**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, Marty Nolletti, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Baby James Ryan Farrell, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard & Mary Ann Valinsk, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Andrea Scholmeyer, Winifred Capowski, Roger Gregoire, 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, Baby Effie Clark, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Bernard Heaney and Joseph Scutieri.

**ADVENT CANDLE SETS** - The First Sunday of Advent is November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Advent sets and candles are available in the back of Church. Advent sets (Wreath & Candles) are \$10.00, Candles only \$5.00. You can give the money to Fr. Wilson.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** - The Altar Rosary Society meeting will be held on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception.

**ALTAR ROSARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**- The Altar Rosary Society is planning a Luncheon at The Ponds in Ancramdale on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>; at 2:00 pm. All are invited. Dinner choices will be chicken marsala or flounder francese @ \$23.00 per person or prime rib @ \$28.00 per person. Dinner will include Soup or Salad, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Dessert, Tax and Gratuity. If you wish to attend, please contact Margaret Gregoire at (518) 789-3337 or the Parish Office (373-8193). Reservations and the price of your dinner should be given to Margaret no later than November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**THE LIVING NATIVITY** - Our Annual Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:45 am Mass. There will be animals, light refreshments, a bake sale, a cash and carry table, and craft vendors. Please mark December 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come join the festivities and bring a friend!

**THE CATHOLIC PLAN FOR WORLD PEACE** - Our world is often turbulent but the Church believes a just and fair world is possible when seven key principles are embraced:

Life and dignity of the human person: We were created in God's image, therefore all life is sacred. This belief is the foundation for a just world.

Call to family, community, and participation: People have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking the well-being of all.

Rights and Responsibilities: Everyone has a right to life and to what is necessary for human decency.

Option for the poor and vulnerable: We are to treat as urgent the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

Dignity of work and workers: The worker has a right to productive work, to decent and fair wages and to the protection of basic rights.

Solidarity: We are one human family. We are to love our neighbors as brothers and sisters and work for justice and peace everywhere.

Care for God's creation: We show our love for God by protecting his creation..

**NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP** - On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Chris Ferreri of our parish is planning a bus trip to various sites in New York City. Please save the date and plan on joining us for a most enjoyable day with our fellow parishioners. More details will follow.

**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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, November 5-6, 2016, we collected \$3,982.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$5,847.00 for Christ the King Seminary. 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.