

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

	Mon.	Feb. 13	8:00 am	James Carroll
	Tues.	Feb. 14	8:00 am	Richard V. Kain
	Wed.	Feb. 15	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
	Thurs.	Feb. 16	8:00 am	NO MASS
	Fri.	Feb. 17	8:00 am	Joseph Loughlin
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Msgr. Charles Zanotti
	Sat.	Feb. 18	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
			4:30 pm	Sr. Teresita Fay & William McEnroe
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Pine Plains	Sun	Feb. 19	8:00 am	Verla Gregoire
			10:45 am	People of the Parish

"THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS"

Dear Friends:

*All for thee, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in thee.
Sacred Heart of Jesus I believe in your love for me.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom Come!*

This is a beautiful Sacred Heart prayer shared with us by Cardinal Dolan a few years ago. Many of us are not familiar with this Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but it is worthwhile to consider the impact of this devotion in our spiritual life.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of the unending and universal love of Christ, as given to us at His crucifixion. Meditating on the Sacred Heart helps us to comprehend how the love of Jesus Christ is for me and for everyone. The Lord surely knows that we need to experience the Love of Christ in our life and in the world. How many people are walking around in our community who don't experience any love. Every human being needs love. If the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus can help anyone of us to experience being loved, what a difference that would make.

Back in 2010, I was on retreat in France, and I visited Paray-le-Monial. It is a shrine where the Devotion to the Sacred Heart began in the 1670s. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation Nun, experienced an apparition of Jesus Christ. He told her to spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart. By 1856 the world was encouraged by the Church to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. In 1928 the apparitions of Jesus Christ to Margaret Mary was approved. In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI published a letter reaffirming the importance of the devotion. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bring real love and mercy to the world.

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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - If you need a copy of your financial statement for 2016, please call the office.

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 and Nathan Tong. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

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, 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, Don Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Bernard Heaney, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Al Blackburn, Ann Marie Russolillo and Dominic Nannetti.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, February 13th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to join them in saying the Rosary.

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - By now I am sure you have received a letter from Cardinal Dolan asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the Appeal each year. Our parish goal for Immaculate Conception/St. Anthony's is \$41,500.00. As of February 3rd, our parish has received \$6,655.00 in pledges/gifts from 9 families. We are off to a phenomenal start.

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***"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance;  
To seek him the greatest adventure;  
To find him, the greatest human achievement."  
~ St. Augustine ~***  
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VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Tina Hosier. The split was \$52.00. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, February 18th, at 10 am in our gym. All food donations are greatly appreciated but we are especially in need of canned fruit and vegetables, cold and hot cereal, toilet paper and bath soap.

PINE PLAINS FOOD PANTRY - The pantry item needed for February is toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the basket on the table at the top of the stairs.

NEWLY BAPTIZED - Emily Lugo Gonzales, daughter of Efrain Lugo Maldonado and Maria Caterina Gonzales and Aiden Nicholas Paraszti, daughter of Nicholas Paraszti and Kristin Palinkas were baptized on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on these children, watch over them and fill them with peace and joy.

POST ABORTION ANNOUNCEMENT - On Saturday, March 4, 2017 an "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing for women who are suffering as a result of an abortion will take place in Putnam County, directed by Rev. Richard Gill. For further information and confidential reservations please call: Theresa Bonopartis: 718-881-8008 or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org. Come and experience the mercy of God!

EVANGELIZE - While we are all to tell others about God, we aren't all gifted preachers. The best way to spread God's love is to live it. You may be the only Bible a person ever reads.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, February 4-5, 2017, we collected \$4,588.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and 1,452.31 for Peter's Pence. 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

***† Sanctuary Light †
The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Norm & Carol Cayea
For the healing of Evelyn Bouffard***