

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12, 2017

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

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|                    | Mon.   | March 13 | 8:00 am  | Donald Abruzzo                |
|                    | Tues.  | March 14 | 8:00 am  | Ann Whalen                    |
|                    | Wed.   | March 15 | 8:00 am  | Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.     |
|                    | Thurs. | March 16 | 8:00 am  | NO MASS                       |
|                    | Fri.   | March 17 | 8:00 am  | William E.P. Murphy           |
| <b>Pine Plains</b> | "      | "        | 12 noon  | Giuseppe Mirto                |
|                    | Sat.   | March 18 | 8:00 am  | Katherine Blinn               |
|                    |        |          | 4:30 pm  | Patrick Fay & Annie Marie Fay |
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| <b>Pine Plains</b> | Sun    | March 19 | 8:00 am  | Angelo & Rita Cutone          |
|                    |        |          | 10:45 am | People of the Parish          |

### "OUR ETERNAL HOME"

Dear Friends:

*I have always tried to help people focus on Lent as a time for looking to our "eternal home," that is heaven. Certainly, we focus on our fasting, our extra devotions and our acts of good will. But we are also reminded to look at our future in Christ. As we look forward to the resurrection of Christ on Easter, we look forward to our own resurrection.*

*That's why it is timely to reflect on recent Vatican Instructions on Burial and Cremations. As we journey more and more into this "modern era" of new age ideas on death and dying, it is important to take to heart these instructions from Rome.*

*In these instructions, the burial of bodies in cemeteries or other sacred places is a hallowed and respected Christian tradition. There are good reasons for this. Burial is consistent with the respect owed to the faithful departed. Burial in cemeteries fosters the devotion of family members to pray for and remember the dead. Burial fittingly expresses faith and hope in the resurrection of the body.*

*Of course today we have the growing popularity of the cremation of the deceased. (The Church continues to prefer the practice of burial of the deceased body). The Church today does not prohibit cremation.*

*But Cremation must be done in a respectful way. That's why it is necessary that the ashes of the faithful be laid to rest in a sacred place, a cemetery, a Church, or an area dedicated by Church authority. There are many reasons for this, chief being that this prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten after death.*

*The Vatican instruction prohibits the following practices: keeping ashes in a domestic residence – distributing ashes among family members – scattering ashes in the air or some other way – and preserving ashes as mementos in pieces of jewelry.*

*All of this is ultimately done because we must show respect to our deceased loved ones. Their memory must be maintained in dignity. It is so important for us not only to respect our loved ones, but to remember them and pray for them.*

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.

**FRIDAY ABSTINENCE** – Just a reminder, that as Catholics, we are asked to abstain from eating meat and meat products on all Fridays during Lent.

**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, Shirley Remsburg, 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, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Bernard Heaney, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Al Blackburn, Ann Marie Russolillo, Dominic Nannetti and Ray Proper, Sr.

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

**VINE & BRANCHES** - The winner of the 50/50 was Mr. & Mrs. George Hazel. The split was \$81.50. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 10 am in our gym. We are in need of most food items, especially cold cereal, canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, toothpaste, bath soap and toilet paper. Your generous food and monetary donations enable us to provide food to those in our community who need extra help.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - This coming Friday, March 17, the Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church, 15 North Avenue, Millbrook. Please consider joining together with our fellow parishes for this Lenten devotion.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN PINE PLAINS** - We will have the Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony's Church on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Confessions will be heard afterward on each night.

**CONFESSION IN PINE PLAINS** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Anthony's. Please take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual growth.

**ST. PATRICK'S POT LUCK** - Last chance to sign-up for our traditional St. Patrick's "pot luck" and "bake sale" which will be held on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1 pm to 3 pm in our gym. Please join us for a pleasant afternoon with good food and friends.

**MINISTRY FOR HOLY WEEK** - Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers are very important to our Church and are especially needed during Holy Week. There are sign-up sheets posted in the Sacristy of both Churches. Please place your name on the list if you are available to serve. Thank you in advance for being part of our Holy Week Liturgies.

**YOUTH 2000 NY "FEARLESS" RETREAT – MARCH 31-APRIL 2, 2017** - Imagine hundreds of teens from around the region, inspiring talks, honest conversation, and powerful worship. This is not your typical retreat. It's the start of a journey. YOUTH 2000 NY is pleased to present "Fearless," an experience for students in grades 9-12. Join us the weekend of March 31-April 2, at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Poughkeepsie. \$45 registration fee includes meals and lodging. For information and to register, visit us at [www.youth2000ny.org](http://www.youth2000ny.org) or call 845-663-1689 or [jedwards@youth2000ny.org](mailto:jedwards@youth2000ny.org).

**2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - As of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, our parish has received **\$15,800.00** in pledges/gifts from **36** families. Our parish goal is \$41,500. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have the support of all of our families. I sincerely ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time donation in an amount you can afford. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, March 4-5, 2017, we collected \$4,828.94 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,423.00 for Ash Wednesday. I thank you for your steadfast commitment to our Church and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.