

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 19, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

	Mon.	March 20	8:00 am	Rev. Robert Duane
	Tues.	March 21	8:00 am	Ann Whalen
	Wed.	March 22	8:00 am	William Costine
	Thurs.	March 23	8:00 am	NO MASS
	Fri.	March 24	8:00 am	Rev. John Baptist Chiang
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	James V. and Elizabeth A. Moriarty
	Sat.	March 25	8:00 am	Jeremiah Carroll
			4:30 pm	Annie Marie Fay & Teresita Fay
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Pine Plains	Sun	March 26	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:45 am	The Darnell Family

"ARE YOU JUDGMENTAL?"

Dear Friends:

I guess most of us are aware that being "judgmental" is a bad thing. It usually comes up in a personal situation where someone says something negative and the other person says "Don't be so judgmental!"

To be sure, being judgmental can be a sinful thing. We have heard the words from Scripture "Judge not, and you will not be judged" (Luke 6:37, Matthew 7:1). But we realize that we make judgments all the time, every day. If you are a teller in a bank, you must judge the real identity of customers, as well as their trustworthiness. When we meet a new person in a social setting, we often think about whether that person would make a good friend. Making judgments is part of real life. I don't think this is what Jesus was referring to.

There also is the act of judgment where a person makes a determination as to whether something is right or wrong or good or evil. This act of judging is also called discernment. We also must, in our Christian life, discern what is good or bad so that we can choose the good.

So what is the sin of being judgmental? We get a clue by reading the rest of the Scripture: "Condemn not and you will not be Condemned." Jesus is not criticizing the kind of judgment we described earlier – he is criticizing a judgment that condemns people, passing final judgment on them and declaring them irretrievably guilty. That is what must be avoided.

So many criticize Christians for being too "judgmental." But this may be partly because Christians refuse to be part of our "do whatever you want" society. People do not like to be told that they are doing something wrong.

But, sadly, there are many in our society today who are judgmental in regards to political opinions, religious beliefs or ethnic origins. These people are so ready to condemn. But as sincere Christians, we cannot condemn anyone

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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

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 Remsburger, Teresa Schell, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Bernard Heaney, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Ann Marie Russolillo, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr. and Santino Delfino.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CREED - The Class based on the Apostles' Creed will continue on Tuesday, March 21st in the Parish Center. The class will begin at 7 pm and end at 8:30 pm. If you are unable to attend you can also follow along online on your own schedule. See <http://icsaamenia.org/news> for more information or call the office at 373-8193.

LENTEN MOVIE - The Lenten Movie, "*World Without End: The Last Things*," no. 10 in the Catholicism series, presented by Bishop Robert Barron, will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center in Amenia.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - This coming Friday, March 24th, the Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception in Amenia. Please consider joining us for this Lenten devotion.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS DURING LENT – THE CROSSES OF HEALTH

Heavenly Father, I know that growing old is a true gift from you. Yet the gift of old age does come with struggles of its own – aches and pains, pills and prescriptions, inabilities and insecurities. Lord, as I take up the crosses of my health, be with me. Every breath I take is a gift from you. Every day I live is an opportunity to sing your praises. Let me carry the cross of growing older with patient joy and godly wisdom. Amen.

*When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...
I always hug them with my prayers.*

MINISTRY FOR HOLY WEEK - We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for the Holy Week Liturgies. If you are available to serve, please place your name on the sign-up sheet that is posted in the Sacristy of both Churches. Your ministry is very important and especially needed during these holiest days of the Church.

SAVE THE DATE - The Archdiocese of New York "Men's Conference" will be held on Saturday, April 1st, 2017, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY. To register or learn more, visit www.archny.org/mensconference.

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of March 10th, our parish has received **\$17,785** in pledges/gifts from **41** families. Our parish goal is \$41,500. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need the support of all our families. I realize that these are difficult economic times, but all I ask is that you prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time donation in an amount you can afford. We need the support of all of families to achieve the goal. I thank you for your consideration and bless you for your generosity.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, March 11-12, 2017, we collected \$4,669.61 in our Regular Sunday Collection. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

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.