

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 30, 2017

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	May 1	8:00 am	James V. Moriarty
“	Tues.	May 2	8:00 am	Margaret & Cecilia Harding
“	Wed.	May 3	8:00 am	John & Phylis Fay
“	Thurs.	May 4	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	May 5	8:00 am	Theresa Walsh
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	John Bilski
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	May 6	8:00 am	Lenny Furnari
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Thomas J. Downey, Jr.
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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	May 7	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	“	“	10:45 am	Deborah Downey

### “OUR LADY OF FATIMA”

*Dear Friends:*

*Many American Catholics may not be aware of it, but May 13<sup>th</sup> of this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appearances of Mary at Fatima in Portugal. It was announced a few days ago that two of the three children who saw Mary (Francisco and Jacinta Marto) will be canonized on May 13<sup>th</sup> in Fatima.*

*Within two years of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, young Francisco died at the age of 11, while Jacinta died one year later, at the age of 10. Both were victims of the Spanish flu pandemic which spread across the world after World War II.*

*The reported apparitions in Fatima were officially declared worthy of belief by the church. The events at Fatima gained fame due partly to the Virgin's request at Fatima for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

*On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII discussed the appearances of Mary in Fatima and consecrated the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with specific mention of Russia. On December 8, 1942, the Pontiff officially and solemnly declared his consecration in a ceremony in Rome.*

*Pope Paul VI visited the shrine on May 13, 1967, praying with sister Lucia, who had seen the apparitions. Pope John Paul II credited Our Lady of Fatima with saving his life following an assassination attempt on May 13, 1981, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.*

*Pope Benedict XVI visited Fatima and strongly stated his acceptance of the super natural origin of the Fatima apparitions.*

*Sister Lucia, the third surviving member of the three who had seen Mary in Fatima, joined the convent in 1928. Sister Lucia said that the Blessed Mother asked her to add these words to the Rosary: “Oh my Jesus, pardon us, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need”. Amen*

*Fr. Wilson*

**MOTHER'S DAY CARDS** - Mother's Day cards for the living and deceased are available at the entrance of the Church. You may leave your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office.

**2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - To date, our parish has received **\$32,560** in pledges/gifts from **79** families. We are approximately \$9,000.00 short of our parish goal of \$41,500. My sincere thanks to all of you who have responded so generously to this appeal. In order to achieve our goal, we need the support of all our parish families. While I realize that not everyone is able to make a large pledge or donation, I am hopeful that every family can contribute something.

**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, 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., Santino Delfino, Joe Kainm, Jerry Carroll and Philomena Ketchum.

**MEN'S GROUP** - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome.

**VINE & BRANCHES** - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Last Saturday, we provided food for approximately 19 families from our community. I am so very grateful to all our volunteers who help us distribute the food each month, purchase 50/50 tickets and donate food for the benefit of our Vine & Branches food closet. Together we really make a difference.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - We will have the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Won't you consider spending a half hour with our Lord?

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the very first time in Immaculate Conception Church at the 10:00 am Mass on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these children in your prayers: Evan Arnold, Emma Bailey, Luke Blackburn, Amelia Bopp, Braeden Duncan, Kaitlin Hammond, Madelyn Jones, Daniel Leach, Alexa Rahgo, Leidy Roque and Leah Vinchiarello. As you receive communion, Jesus shares His love with you in a very special way. May he guide and bless you today and every day.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2017-2018** - . All children must be registered in our 2017-2018 Religious Ed Program by May 7<sup>th</sup>, as the books must be ordered by May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**PINE PLAINS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SCHOLARSHIP** - The Pine Plains Council of Churches offers a scholarship to a graduating High School senior who is actively affiliated with a Pine Plains Council Church. Applications are available at Stissing Mt. High School Guidance Office or from Fr. Wilson. Submission deadline is May 19, 2017.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, April 22-23, 2017, we collected \$4,852 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$1,243.56 for Utility & Energy. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

**EDUCATIONAL FORUM ON ASSISTED SUICIDE:** Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10 am – 1 pm at Holy Trinity, 775 Main Street, Poughkeepsie. Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/educational-forum-on-oppositint-assisted-suicide-tickets-3325843018>.

**Assisted Suicide** continues to be in the forefront of issues being considered in Albany. Some claim it is simply "medical aid in dying" and not suicide. But what is really at stake here? Are lethal pills the most we can offer to our brothers and sisters who find themselves suffering with a terminal illness? Join us to learn the facts as we look at the legislation and its medical, legal, and ethical implications. Co-sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY and the Bishop Anthony Mestice Council of the Knight of Columbus.