

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 7, 2017

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	May 8	8:00 am	Mary Maroney Murphy
"	Tues.	May 9	8:00 am	Judith A. Carroll
"	Wed.	May 10	8:00 am	William J. Carroll
"	Thurs.	May 11	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	May 12	8:00 am	Agnes Mahoney & Elizabeth Proper
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Giovanna Labati
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	May 13	8:00 am	Rev. James Clark
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Anna McEnroe Costine, Elizabeth N. McEnroe, and Katherine Hardisty
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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	May 14	8:00 am	Mary Drohosky
	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

### "MORE FRIENDS"

Dear Friends:

*A few weeks ago, I reflected on the role of family when we journey through the Lenten and Holy Week times. I said how I remember my own family at Easter time during the experience of joy in the Resurrection of Jesus.*

*I think of family again as I minister to the people of my parish. As I go to homes and hospitals to visit the sick, I am always impressed by the role of family members as caregivers and advocates. The illness of a family member puts a great deal of stress on everybody. Thank God for the family members who are so faithful in taking care of their beloved mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives.*

*This new month of May gives us more chances to celebrate family. We are so excited about our First Communion class who receives Jesus for the first time on May 6<sup>th</sup>. No doubt many family members will be there, rejoicing to see their daughters or sons, granddaughters and grandsons, nieces and nephews, experience such a special day. I can say that I receive a special blessing in giving our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to these great children. I almost feel like a family member myself, maybe a "grandfather".*

*Then, a few weeks later, we experience another family event, our Confirmation celebration on May 25<sup>th</sup>. This year, the Confirmation occurs on Ascension Thursday, so that those who attend the 6 pm Mass will satisfy their holy day obligation, as well as support the young people of our parish. No doubt family members will be there to encourage their young relatives as they receive this powerful sacrament.*

*You see, it is still a "family affair" in much of what we do here at Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony's. We are a family, we are brothers and sisters. Just as Jesus called God His Father, and we revere the Blessed Virgin Mary as His Mother, we see the Church as our Family and our "home" away from home.*

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.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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** - To date, our parish has received **\$33,270.** in pledges/gifts from **81** families. We are only \$8,230 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 DeLuca, 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, . Philomena Ketchum and Hilda Delgado.

**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.

**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.

**PINE PLAINS FOOD LOCKER** - The Pine Plains May food locker item needed is Toothpaste and Toothbrushes for adults and children.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Vacation Bible School will be at St. Anthony's Church in Pine Plains on August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 12 noon. Volunteers needed. Please contact Christine Henderson at (518) 398-1248.

**WHO DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN THE "REAL PRESENCE"?** We believe that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist because we have it on divine authority. Referring to the Eucharist, Jesus told his disciples, "*whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life*" (John 6:54). Jesus makes this promise to us every time we receive the Eucharist at Mass. When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the bread and wine, Jesus becomes really and truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

**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-opposit-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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, April 29-30, 2017 we collected \$3,595 in our Regular Sunday Collection, \$956 for the Churches in Central and Eastern Europe.. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

**GOLDEN JUBILARIAN FATHER JOHN DURKIN** - On May 27th, Fr. John Durkin, will be celebrating his 50 years of service in the priesthood. He was ordained in 1967 and served as our Pastor at Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's for 21 years. In those 21 years, he has baptized, celebrated first Communion, Confirmation, married many of our parishioners and buried our loved ones. We pray that he will be blessed and filled with joy as he celebrates 50 years of a life dedicated to God and His Holy Church. Should you wish to send Fr. Durkin best wishes on his Golden Jubilee, his address is 6894 Renshaw Drive, Melbourne, Florida 32940