

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## May 28, 2017

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	May 29	9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Parish (Mass to be held at Amenia Cemetery)
“	Tues.	May 30	8:00 am	William Carroll
“	Wed.	May 31	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	Thurs.	June 1	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	June 2	8:00 am	Margaret Sicord
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rossi 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. (Living)
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	June 3	8:00 am	Jane Wells
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Deceased Arni Family Members
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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	June 4	8:00 am	James Skau
“	“		10:45 am	John Lyman, Sr.

### “CONFIRMATION”

*Dear Friends:*

*As I write this, we are preparing for Confirmation for our 9<sup>th</sup> graders. It is always an exciting time for them and for their families. A challenging time as well, as these young people face many issues as they look toward the future.*

*We often disregard the power of the sacraments, including Confirmation. Sometimes we think that’s just what we do as we grow up; we receive Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, then Confirmation and we go on our merry way. But every sacrament presents us with the power of the Holy Spirit and the strength of Jesus Christ. And, boy, do we need it.*

*I often explain the power of Confirmation in terms of the Apostles. They were close to Jesus – they had pledged to follow Him completely. Then he was arrested and crucified. The Apostles were confused and afraid and didn’t know what to do. They were lost.*

*Then Jesus was resurrected and appeared to them. He reassured them, and gave them peace and forgiveness. They were encouraged.*

*Jesus then ascended to the Father. We can imagine that the Apostles were somewhat confused. Their leader was gone, although He promised that the Holy Spirit would come. Perhaps they were again afraid, lost, and discouraged.*

*The Holy Spirit then came to them at Pentecost. Suddenly, they had strength, confidence, and a sense of direction and purpose. They were able to do magnificent things for the Lord. That’s what we hope happens at Confirmation.*

*When we receive the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, we pray that we are given the confidence and strength that the Apostles received at Pentecost. The Lord knows we need it.*

*Remember that we can only receive Confirmation once. That means that the power and confidence that were given to us in our Confirmation is with us today. What a blessing we have in this sacrament of the Holy Spirit.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS** - Our annual Memorial Day Mass in the Amenia Cemetery will be on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. All are invited. For your comfort, we ask that you bring a “folding chair”. In case of rain, the Mass will be held in Immaculate Conception Church.

**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 Kain, Philomena Ketchum, Hilda Delgado, Luz Pelkey and Diana McPadden.

**VINE AND BRANCHES** - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in our gym.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - We will have the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Won't you consider spending a half hour with our Lord?

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE** – The 10:45 am Sunday Morning Mass in Amenia will remain the same throughout the entire year. There will be no time change during the summer months.

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

**HONOR THE MEMORY** - Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. Though their names may fade with the passing generations, we must never forget the sacrifices they made to ensure our freedom.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARDS DINNER** - Don't miss the opportunity to attend a wonderful evening on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, honoring friends of Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County, who exemplify the Spirit of Service: Fr. Richard LaMorte-Humanitarian Award, Elizabeth "Betty" Mylod Wolf-Light of Hope Award, and Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union-Corporate Citizenship Award. Funds raised support our local programs in Dutchess County. For more information: [www.catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org](http://www.catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org) or [Kim.Whelly@archny.org](mailto:Kim.Whelly@archny.org). (845) 452-1400 x 4263 or Mary Marshall (845) 451-42317.

**2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - Our parish has received **\$34,625.00** in pledges/gifts from **89** families. We are only **\$6,893** short of our parish goal of \$41,500. To date, approximately 30% of our families have responded to the appeal. If everyone pitches in, I am confident we can make our goal. No amount is too small. I thank you for your sacrifice and pray that God will bless you for supporting the work of the Cardinal's Appeal.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, May 20-21, 2017, we collected \$3,601.46 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,174.00 for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. 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, Nathan Tong and Mark Hall. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers. "Almighty and eternal God, protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord." Amen.

**† Sanctuary Light †**  
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Ann Marie Nonkin  
In Loving Memory of Florence Borino*