

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 18, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	June 19	8:00 am	Father's Day Intentions
"	Tues.	June 20	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Wed.	June 21	8:00 am	NO MASS.
"	Thurs.	June 22	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	June 23	8:00 am	NO MASS
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	NO MASS
Amenia	Sat.	June 24	8:00 am	Father's Day Intentions
"	"	"	4:30 pm	John Mahoney & Earl Proper

Pine Plains	Sun	June 25	8:00 am	Michael Mallozzi
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"JUNE"

Dear Friends:

Ah June, the beautiful month. Summertime is finally here. Do you notice the flowers? They are everywhere. I have noticed the birds, too. I have seen so many ducks recently.

Ah yes, the green of the grass and the blue of the sky. The days are so long. There are a lot of things to do! Too bad we have to work. At least some of us do.

June is the month of graduations (also sometimes in May). What a magnificent time, to mark the work and dedication of our young people and, even better, to look forward to the possibilities to come. I recall back in St. Mary's in Fishkill, they even had Kindergarten graduation – I don't think there is an event on Earth that is more adorable and captivating.

Our prayers and good wishes go to all our graduates this year. We are so proud of them. We hope that their future is safe and fulfilling.

And, of course, there is golf. Some of you will scoff at me and consider golf a waste of time. Or, as Mark Twain said, "golf is a good walk spoiled." But, for me golf is special. It is a respite from the craziness of our world. It is a mental challenge as well as a physical challenge. It takes place in beautiful places. It is fun to keep score. And most of the people in golf are terrific human beings. And you can play until you are 80 – or more. Have I convinced you?

Then there is my retreat. I pick June because it is a little break time after Easter, First Communion and Confirmation. I will leave the afternoon of Monday, the 19th, and return Friday the 23rd. There will be no 8 am Mass in Amenia on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, as well as no 12 noon Mass on Friday in Pine Plains. Thank you for your understanding and especially for your prayers.

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.

FR. WILSON'S RETREAT - Fr. Wilson will be going on retreat from midday on Monday, June 19th, through Friday, June 23rd. Therefore, there will be no 8:00 am morning Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in Amenia as well as no 12 noon Mass in Pine Plains.

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, Philomena Ketchum, Hilda Delgado, Luz Pelkey, Diana McPadden and Averil Burke.

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CELEBRATE FREEDOM WITH GOD! Join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation on July 1st at 10am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.

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.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – All are invited to a great breakfast after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass in Pine Plains on July 18th. Come and celebrate Father's Day with us.

THERE ARE CALMER WATERS AHEAD - Following current events can feel like floating in a rowboat without oars. Tossed about in a sea of indifference, battling the waves of terrorism, rocked by swells of immorality gives the impression disaster is looming. As children of God, though, we know there are calmer waters ahead.

Pray - Prayer keeps us moored to God. It is during prayer that we hear God's voice and learn his path for our lives. During prayer, especially the Rosary when we reflect on Jesus' salvation journey, God fills our hearts with the peace and grace we need for our travels.

Hope - *Hope is what keeps us moving forward no matter how rough the seas. Children of God know that when we surrender to God's care, his promise of a better future will be fulfilled. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life...(Luke 12:22).*

Detach - *In rough seas, the right amount of weight can float or sink a boat. To survive, we can lean on God for what we need and throw the rest overboard. Either we live spiritually or we live materially. We can't do both.*

Obey - *There is one captain on this ship. If we follow his commands, we will survive any storm. Remember though, there are many other voices vying for our attention. Obey one. Obey His.*

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - My sincere thanks to the **96** families who have pledged or made a donation to the Cardinal's Appeal. To date we have received **\$36,425** and are only **\$5,075** short of our goal of **\$41,500**. To those of our parishioners who have not yet contributed, I ask that you consider supporting this Appeal. It's not necessarily the large donations that enable us to reach our goal. Perhaps the true measure of success is when all our families are able to make a contribution to the Cardinal's Appeal regardless of the amount.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, June 10-11, 2017, we collected \$4,402.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,061.00 for the Utility and 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

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.

† **Sanctuary Light** †

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Denise & Bob Conway*

In Celebration of Philomena Ketchum's 95th Birthday