

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 25, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	June 26	8:00 am	Martha Flanigan
“	Tues.	June 27	8:00 am	Theresa Walsh
“	Wed.	June 28	8:00 am	Andrea Schollmeyer
“	Thurs.	June 29	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	June 30	8:00 am	Ursula M. Robertson
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	James V. and Elizabeth A. Moriarty
Amenia	Sat.	July 1	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Charles & Cynthia Goggins

Pine Plains	Sun	July 2	8:00 am	Michael Mallozzi
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	Susan Rynkar

“THE GOD SQUAD”

Dear Friends:

A recent article in Time Magazine covered some very interesting news about new young priests in the United States Catholic Church.

These new priests are trying new techniques to get people back into the Church. These priests are products of the 21st century, and they use Facebook and Snapchat. A young priest, Chris Seith, in Maryland, rides a bike through the halls of his parish's Catholic school, and bakes cakes on Catholic feast days to encourage people to celebrate holy days.

The new priests see their priesthood as a sign of contradiction to modern society. In seminaries, there are now what is called a “technology fast.” The seminarians avoid using devices for a week or even longer.

Some new priests are motivated by a strong sense of mission. Father Dominic Clemente, 27, started a youth program, filmed videos for the Church's website, and hopes to develop a new relationship with the Muslim Community Center down the street.

With all these changes, the new priest have limits. Young priests embrace institutions and rituals their millennial peers reject. Father Michael Trail, 27, in Illinois, says “people say I can worship God in my bedroom or at the bar but taking that solid time out of your week just to thank God for the way that he's come into your life, that only happens with structure.”

All of this comes at a time where the next Bishop's synod at the Vatican in 2018 will discuss youth and vocations. These new priests give hope to many in the Church. In 2005, there were 1300 graduate-level seminarians in the U.S. In 2016, there were 1900. That is a cause for hope and rejoicing. But the work continues, and, as always, we ask all of you to continue praying as much as you can.

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.

CELEBRATE FREEDOM WITH GOD! Join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation on July 1st at 10 am at St. Anthony's 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 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, Hilda Delgado, Luz Pelkey, Diana McPadden, Averie Burke and Ricky McGhee.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER - If you have not yet registered your child/children for the 2017-2018 Religious Ed program, please return your registration papers to the office as soon as possible as classes have to be formed. If you misplaced your papers, call the office at (845) 373-8193, Monday through Thursday, and another set will be mailed to you.

LOOK WITH LOVE - God looks at us with a father's love. He sees us as he created us to be – his beloved children who deserve another chance. When you're tempted to focus on another's faults, ask God to help you see everyone as he does – with love. “ *[God is] always patient, patient with us...he never tires of forgiving us if we know to turn to him with a contrite heart.*” ~ Pope Francis ~

FAMILY

*like branches on a tree,
we all grow in different directions,
yet our roots remain as One.*

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - My sincere thanks to the **98** families who have pledged or made a donation to the Cardinal's Appeal. To date, we have received **\$36,775** and are only **\$4,725** 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.

DRESS FOR MASS - The best way to dress for Mass is to put on a reverent attitude. You can do this by arriving a few minutes early and say a prayer before Mass begins. The next thing you can wear to church is a smile. That will give others the feeling that you're happy to be there and happy to see them, too. And of course you'll want to bring your best singing voice so you can sing with gusto (regardless of your ability) and really participate in the Mass. Finally, as a good rule of thumb for clothing, avoid outfits you wear to the gym, to play a sport, to work in the yard or wear to the beach.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, June 17-18, 2017, we collected \$4,423.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are. I thank each and every one of you for your generosity and steadfast commitment.

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
donated by Denise & Bob Conway
In Memory of Lenny Furnari*