

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 30, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	July 31	8:00 am	Margaret Cunningham
	Tues.	Aug. 1	8:00 am	Lena & Jeremiah Carroll
“	Wed.	Aug. 2	8:00 am	Lois Kain
“	Thurs.	Aug. 3	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Aug. 4	8:00 am	Cynthia Goggins
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Irma Maschi
Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 5	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	“	“	4:30 pm	John Lyman, Jr.

Pine Plains	Sun	Aug. 6	8:00 am	Vivian Smith
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“INSPIRATION”

Dear Friends:

Where do we look for inspiration? Where do you look? There are many places we can look. But what does it mean to be “inspired”? To be inspired is to be stimulated to do a creative activity by someone or something. In other words, an inspiration is something that moves you to do something good or beneficial. We want to be inspired. We need to have something help us to be better, and to do good.

Where do you look for inspiration? The natural response is to look to other people for inspiration. As Catholics, we are encouraged to look to others to help us in our faith. This is often very helpful, as the support and direction of other trusted people can help us a great deal. As Catholics, we often look towards Bishops, priests, deacons, and sisters to inspire us and fill us. Many times, they are so helpful and fill us with faith-filled energy.

However, as we have learned so often in recent years, our Church leaders have proven to be very imperfect and fallible. Sometimes, very sadly, they have betrayed our trust in shocking and tragic ways. What do we do? Each of us has to find our own answer. One answer may be to make our own faith so strong that it will not be affected by these events.

Sometimes we put our faith in political movements. We find them inspiring, as they promise a better life and a better world. We are inspired by politicians and their promises and their dedication to public service. However it is clear that when we put our trust in political movements, we can be disappointed. That is the way of history, the way of human nature.

Which leads us to the real source of our inspiration, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Along with the saints of our faith, our Redeemer provides the ultimate inspiration for us. The saints and Jesus Christ are always there, always ready to help us, always ready to give us inspiration.

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.

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, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Ann Marie Russolillo, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Hilda Delgado, Luz Pelkey, Diana McPadden, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth and Kathryn Garzetta.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR OUR RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM IN 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 by the deadline date of **Monday, July 31st, 2017**. If you misplaced your papers, please call the office at (845) 373-8193 and make arrangements to come in and fill out the forms. We are here to assist you in your children's religious education.

VINE AND BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, August 3rd. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 10 am in our gym. All food and monetary donations are greatly appreciated in our effort to help those in our community who need extra help putting food on their table.

YOUTH GROUP FOR HIGH SCHOOL - A group will be meeting to discuss the formation of a parish Youth Group for High School age students. If anyone is interested in helping, please feel free to attend. The meeting will be held Thursday, August 3rd at 7 pm in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, email pomeisl@optonline.net.

FIRST FRIDAY - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, August 4th at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Won't you consider spending a half hour with our Lord?

MEANING OF LIFE

No matter who you are, relationships are critical to your existence as human beings. God created you to have relationships with others, and Him. He wants to be connected to you through His Son Jesus. A relationship with your creator is to be known by God Himself.

SAIL AWAY WITH PETER AND JESUS ! - Come join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation at 10 am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains on Saturday, August 12th. We'll enjoy coffee and pastries, experience each other's company, explore the Sunday readings and encounter Jesus on the stormy sea.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION - The Pine Plains Community Vacation Bible School will be held on from Monday, August 14 through Friday, August 18th at St. Anthony's Church from 9 am through noon. While you can fill out the registration form on the first day your child attends the VBS, bringing a completed form with you will make the registration process more efficient. The Registration form is on the table in the entrance way. Please call 845-373-8193 to obtain additional information.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY - The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Bill Schneider, General Agent, at 914-420-6836 or william.schneider@koc.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, July 22-23 2017, we collected \$4,673 in our Regular Sunday Collection. 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, Mark Hall and Michael Pomeisl. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL IS WINDING DOWN - My sincere thanks to the **112** families who have pledged or made a donation to the Cardinal's Appeal. To date, we have received **\$38,409** and are only **\$3,091** 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.

