

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 13, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 14	8:00 am	Patrick & Annie Marie Fay
Pine Plains	“	“	7:00 pm	James & Elizabeth Moriarty
	Tues.	Aug. 15	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
	“	“	7:00 pm	William E.P. Murphy
“	Wed.	Aug. 16	8:00 am	Philomena Ketchum
“	Thurs.	Aug. 17	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Aug. 18	8:00 am	Gladys Morris
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Irma Maschi
Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 19	8:00 am	James Moran
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Deborah Downey
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Pine Plains	Sun	Aug. 20	8:00 am	John Soracco
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“VOCATIONS I”

*For All Eternity, God had a
special mission designed for you –
a mission only you can fulfill*

Dear Friends:

As I am away in August, I would just like to reflect this month on “vocations.” Many think of vocations as relating only to the priesthood, or sisterhood, or brotherhood. But vocations are for everyone – everyone is called by God to do something beautiful and meaningful in this world. Our challenge is to find out what God wants us to do. In the coming weeks, I would like to speak about different lives of service we can choose from in our pursuit of holiness and happiness.

I would first like to talk about the “single” life. Many people go through life and they don’t get married. They remain faithful and try to lead a life of prayer and service. Their single lifestyle allows them great freedom, freedom to devote to commitments to loving service.

Sometimes these Christian single people have employment where they can put Christian principles into action. In my career as a priest, I have encountered many single people who do the world a great deal of good by devoting their lives to their vocation in the world. Single people also do great work in the Church, in different areas such as education and administration.

Being single allows people a greater freedom to devote many hours to the Church in different ways. In my career, I have experienced so many single people who have volunteered in many very significant ways. Generous and devoted single people are a precious blessing in the work of the kingdom.

Sometimes it is difficult for single people to “fit in” to the life of the Church, and the life of society. We need to make an extra effort to welcome them into our life. They have so much to give.

Fr. Wilson

WE DID IT !!!!! - We made our Cardinal’s Appeal goal of **\$41,500**. My sincere thanks and gratitude to all our parishioners whose support and generosity enabled us to achieve our 2017 Cardinal’s Appeal goal. This is a proud and awesome moment for our parish. I honestly didn’t think we could make it. I thank each and every one of you for your sacrifice and pray that God will be bless you for supporting the work of the Cardinal’s Appeal.

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 Remsburg, 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, Kathryn Garzetta, Katherine Cooper and Joseph Licurse.

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.

VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Donald McGinness. The split was \$104.00. The next food distribution is Saturday, August 19th at 10 am in our gym. Many thanks to all those who purchase 50/50 tickets and donate food items to our food closet for the benefit of those who need extra help feeding their families.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - There will be no Altar Rosary Society meeting on Monday, August 14th, due to the Holy Day Mass schedule for the Assumption.

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**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - Declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken to heaven body and soul at the end of her life. The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of obligation and will be celebrated at the following Masses:

**Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** - **7:00 pm (Pine Plains)**  
**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** - **8:00 am (Amenia)**  
**7:00 pm (Amenia)**

The Feast of the Assumption has always been loved dearly by the faithful who are children of Mary. We seek to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience.

***"May we see heaven as our goal and come to share her glory"***

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MONTREAL & QUEBEC - A Parish Pilgrimage to Montreal & Quebec from November 5th – November 9th, 2017 is being hosted by Church of St. Christopher & St. Sylvia. Travel by bus. Updated passport required. For info and to register go to <https://goo.gl/BWYF98>. Temporary access code: PM_7014. Temporary password: 7014!. Registration is due by September 9th. St. Christopher's telephone number is (845) 758-3732.

WHY DO CATHOLICS LIGHT CANDLES - The sight of burning votive candles – real or electronic- is common in most Catholic Churches. The candles are usually placed before statues of saints or at shrines. But how did this tradition get its start? According to *"A Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals"*, by Ann Ball (*Sunday Visitor*) the practice of lighting candles in order to obtain some favor probably has its origins in the custom of burning lights at the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs. The lights burned as a sign of solidarity with Christians still on earth. Because the lights continually burned as a silent vigil, they became known as vigil lights. Vigil lights from the Latin *vigili* means "waiting" or "watching". Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night, prayers for the saint's intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, August 5-6, 2017, we collected \$4,269 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.