

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 20, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 21	8:00 am	John J. Carroll
	Tues.	Aug. 22	8:00 am	Deborah Downey
“	Wed.	Aug. 23	8:00 am	James M. Murphy
“	Thurs.	Aug. 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Aug. 25	8:00 am	Philomena Ketchum
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Irma Maschi
Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 26	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Bertha Conway

Pine Plains	Sun	Aug. 27	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	Lore Darmanin

“VOCATIONS II”

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

Dear Friends:

Last week I spoke about vocations, dealing specifically with the vocation of the single person. This week I would like to reflect on the vocation of the married person.

Married people have an incredible contribution to make to the mission of the Church, and to the betterment of the world.

The family is the “first parish” of the parishes of the world, the little Church inside the larger Church. A Church can have the best liturgies, the best homilies, the best Religious Education programs in the world, and if the family is not living out the faith, it will all be less affective. The parents are the potentially most powerful educators of the life of Jesus Christ to their children.

The mission and vocation of parents is so vital to the healthy life of the Church. That is why parents must take seriously their own education in the truths of our faith.

Religious growth of children is impossible without the efforts of the parents. How grateful are we pastors for the heroic support of parents in helping their children. Parents have to bring their children to religious education classes, bring them to Church, bring them to special events. Not only that, but the parents must provide an environment at home that is holy and prayerful.

It is even more important that we support families who have been broken due to divorce or other events. A better realization of the value of the vocation of parents on the part of the Church is essential in the future. All of us, bishops, priests, sisters and deacons need to improve our support for the dignity of married life. Married people are a treasure in the day to day of God’s Church.

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, Kathryn Garzetta, Katherine Cooper, Joseph Licurse. and Barb King.

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ROSE THRIFT SHOP - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Immaculate Conception Church, Route 22, Amenia, will have their **"BAG SALE"** from 10 am to 2 pm on Wednesday, August 23rd and Saturday, August 26th. The Thrift Shop will be closed on Wednesday, August 30th, in order to re-stock. The Shop will re-open for business on Saturday, September 2nd. Please stop by and bring a friend.

WHERE IS GOD WHEN YOU NEED HIM - God can be found one hundred times every day if we look for him. *"So it was you all along. Everyone I ever loved, it was you. Everything decent or fine that ever happened to me, everything that made me reach out and try to be better, it was you."* (C.S. Lewis).

When you need encouragement, God sends you a kind glance or a friendly word. Look for His face in the person who gives it.

God surrounds us with beauty to help us think of Him and remind us of His love for us. Don't miss the chance to appreciate a lovely garden or a mighty tree.

When you are anxious or lonely, God comes to you in the sympathetic friend who listens, or the stranger who smiles at you.

When you are on unfamiliar ground, God sends us a colleague to make us feel comfortable at work or a neighbor to help us feel more at home.

Where is God when you need Him? He is everywhere you are.

***"Courage doesn't always roar.
Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day
that says I'll try again tomorrow."***

LIVING HEALTHY WITH DIABETES WORKSHOPS - Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County, in partnership with Hudson River Health Care is offering a free 6 week education program for people living with diabetes, their caregivers, and loved ones, every Thursday, September 14th through October 19th from 10 am to 12:30 pm, at 218 Church Street, Poughkeepsie. A variety of topics will be covered including: finding practical ways to deal with sick days, fatigue and pain; discovering better food and exercise choices, understanding new treatment options; learning better ways to talk with medical professionals and loved ones about health care. Space is limited. To register or for more information, contact Kim Whelly at 845-451-4299 or Kim.Whelly@archny.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, August 12-13, 2017 we collected \$3,789.75 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,223.60 for Utility & 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 Norm & Carol Cayea
for the healing of Katherine Cooper*