

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 24, 2017**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Sept. 25	8:00 am	Philomena Ketchum
	Tues.	Sept. 26	8:00 am	Mary Lyman
“	Wed.	Sept. 27	8:00 am	Agnes Mahoney & Anna McDonnell
“	Thurs.	Sept. 28	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Sept. 29	8:00 am	Marcella & George Butts
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Gabriel Mallozzi (Living)
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Sept. 30	8:00 am	Mary Lyman
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Leo Jr. & Marie McEnroe
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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Oct. 1	8:00 am	Eleanor Cooke
<b>Amenia</b>	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

**“RELIGIOUS EDUCATION”**

*Dear Friends:*

*A couple of weeks ago we started our Religious Education Program for the year 2017-2018. (By the way, Religious Education Programs are often called “C.C.D.” Programs. That was an acronym for “Confraternity of Christian Doctrine”). Last Sunday we celebrated Catechetical Sunday, and honored the teachers in our program.*

*Once again, I wish to thank all of our teachers for their commitment to our program. Many of you know that they are volunteers, and the only compensation they receive is the love of their students and the support of their parish. Their job is difficult and challenging, and becomes more so every year. It is not easy to motivate 10 or 15 young people for an hour and a half every Sunday.*

*I would like to formally thank each of our teachers for their commitment to following Jesus Christ by sharing the Gospel every week with our treasured young people. The religious formation of our young people is so important to our Church.*

*I want to also thank the parents of these children. Making a commitment to support their children in religious education, driving them here, helping them with prayers, continuing year after year to bring them back: that is a lot. We thank you parents.*

*Sometimes a family will remove a child after a few years, or after First Communion. Perhaps a student will complain of having to get up on Sundays or of being overworked. But I feel religious education is as important as regular education. Would you take your child out of school just because he or she was tired or felt it was too much work?*

*I also want to thank Virginia Bida for the tireless dedication in Coordinating our program, as well as thanking Denise Conway for all the clerical work that is needed in running the program. A big thank you to everyone and let's together make this year the best year ever!*

*Fr. Wilson*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - All Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to attend a workshop on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm at the Parish Center in Amenia. The goal of the workshop is to assist participants in their ministry by:

1. *Deepening the call to service*
2. *Renewing appreciation of the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives*
3. *Reviewing practicalities of this ministry in Church and in bringing Communion to the homebound*

**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, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Shirley Remsburger, 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, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Diana McPadden, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Lisa Coon Pedersen, Hans Pedersen and Teresa Pelkey.

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**VINE & BRANCHES** - The winner of the 50/50 was Donald McGinness. The split was \$109.00. Last week we provided food for 31 families and approximately 147 people. I want to thank all of you who donate food, purchase 50/50 tickets and volunteer at the food closet. Together we are helping the less fortunate in our community.

**PARISH PAY** - WeShare will be taking over Parish Pay on October 9<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

**CROP HUNGER WALK** - The Pine Plains Council of Churches is sponsoring the 2017 Pine Plains Hunger Crop Walk on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lion's Club Pavilion with registration beginning at 1:15 pm. It will take about an hour to walk around the lake if you decide to do the entire walk. Of course, you can decide how far you want to walk; however, walkers should end up back at the pavilion by 4 pm. 25% of the funds raised are given to the Pine Plains Community Food Locker to alleviate hunger in our local community with the remainder of the funds going to global hunger issues. All checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP. Completed pledge envelopes and individual donations (enclosed in an envelope marked "CROP WALK") can be turned in at the registration table on October 8 or put into IC/SA's offertory collection at any time. Please consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause.

**FALL INTO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!** - Come join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation, Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains. For more information, contact Lisa Shay at [lisa.shay@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.shay@gmail.com).

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - GOD'S TIMING** - Sometimes it seems like no matter how much we pray, God doesn't hear us. It can be tempting to give up hope, but remember, God always answers prayer in His time. Each day, decide to trust God; His timing is perfect.

**CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE - PASSION PLAY AT OBERAMMERGAU 2020** - The world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany is held once every ten years. Tickets and accommodations are always in high demand so we must make reservations now. Father Michael McLoughlin, Pastor of St. Columbia, Hopewell Junction, and Peter's Way Tours invites you to join us on a Pilgrimage on July 30-August 8, 2020. We will visit Vienna (St. Stephen's Cathedral, Schonbrunn Palace & free time), Melk Abbey, Cruise the Danube, Shrine of Mariazell, Salzburg (Shrine of Maria Plain, guided tour of city including St. Peter's Abbey from "Sound of Music" and free time), King Ludwig's Castle, Oberammergau, Dachau and Munich. Please call Father Michael at St. Columbia 845-227-8380 or email [rectory@stcolumbaonline.org](mailto:rectory@stcolumbaonline.org) for a Pilgrimage Brochure! Spaces are limited so do not delay.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, September 16-17, 2017, we collected \$4,252.10 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,922.65 for the Propagation of Faith. I thank you for your presence, generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and I 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, Michael Pomeisl and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.