

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 8, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 9	8:00 am	Elizabeth & Earl Proper
	Tues.	Oct. 10	8:00 am	Eugene Ketchum
“	Wed.	Oct. 11	8:00 am	Theresa Walsh
“	Thurs.	Oct. 12	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Oct. 13	8:00 am	Katherine Hardisty
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Joseph Michetti
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 14	8:00 am	Patrick DeRosa
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.

Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 15	8:00 am	Angelo & Rita Cutone
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“WELCOMING”

Dear Friends:

Consider this sign in front of a Church:

***You are not too bad to come in.
You are not too good to stay out.***

Notice in this profound statement is the concept of welcoming. That should be fundamental to any Christian Church. The attitude of being open to the searching sinner is so beneficial to a vital and living parish.

I recently was able to read a magazine article evaluating Catholic parishes in 2017. The writers went to different Churches on a Sunday Mass around the country and shared their experiences. Some went to their familiar regular parish, some went to a parish they had never been to before.

The parishes range from wealthy areas to poor areas. They range from crowded, busy Churches to struggling half empty Churches.

There are scenes presented to us of St. Eugene Mission in Tallahassee, Florida. The service consists of a very musical and jubilant atmosphere, even though the Church is very small. The parishioners are Black Florida Natives and Immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean.

There was another parish in Hazard, Kentucky, in the heart of rural Appalachia. This again was a very small Church, but a very close community, focused on the many needs of the poor in that area.

There was an experience at the Church of the Holy Rosary in Antioch, California. The writer states that the Sunday Mass is basically “normal”, with no surprises and not much enthusiasm. But, the author notes, we encountered Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The author writes, “On a blistering hot Sunday in Ordinary time, is it reasonable to ask for more?”

Whatever the judgment that might be made on a particular Sunday, we all hope that every Catholic parish in the world is welcoming.

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, 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, Teresa Pelkey and Renee Cobuzzi.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, October 9th, at 7 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception in Amenia.

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

Stewardship Prayer Pledge

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

I will make generous gifts to many causes.

If I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy,

If I, who make it what it is, am filled with the same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 30-October 1, 2017, and we collected \$4,916.32 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,113.01 for St. Joseph's Seminary. 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.

† Sanctuary Light †

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Renee Cobuzzi
In Loving Memory of Philomena Ketchum*