

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 22, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 23	8:00 am	Mary Lyman
	Tues.	Oct. 24	8:00 am	Katherine Cooper
“	Wed.	Oct. 25	8:00 am	Claire O'Dell
“	Thurs.	Oct. 26	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Oct. 27	8:00 am	John Culligan
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Kimball & Schafer Families
Amenia	Sat.	Oct. 28	8:00 am	John Culligan
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Lawrence Lee
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Pine Plains	SuN.	Oct. 29	8:00 am	James & Elizabeth Moriarty
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“CATHOLIC MARRIAGE”

Dear Friends:

One recent trend in our Catholic Church in the United States is the decrease in Catholic Marriages. One might say, well a lot of people aren't getting married at all – they are just living together. This is partly true, but what is also happening is that Catholic couples are getting married in courthouses, catering halls, wedding chapels and outdoors. In other words not a Catholic Marriage.

What is happening? I'm not sure. I have asked many young people and often, they are not sure. One Catholic girl told me that people want to get married outdoors. True, that sometimes happens. But that doesn't account for the many other civil marriages in catering halls and courthouses.

It could be that the couples are reluctant to enter the Catholic process of paperwork and preparation. That could be, but I don't think the paperwork is that much. And all couples could use some preparation.

Some say it might be the money involved. Some Churches charge a lot, it is true. But here in our Parish, the wedding is only \$200, perhaps the lowest expense involved in a traditional wedding. The flowers alone can cost \$1,000.

Perhaps it is the Churches' insistence on understanding marriage is a lifetime commitment. But honestly, if one looks at marriage as a temporary commitment, it's not going to work at all, in my opinion.

I'm not sure what is going on. Perhaps it is the decreasing role of religion in society. There is no doubt that is happening. That is why we must re-double our efforts to bring about a rediscovery of Christianity in our modern world. Our society needs Jesus Christ. Let's do all we can to bring Him to everyone.

Fr. Wilson

ALL SOULS DAY INTENTIONS - All Souls Day is Thursday, November 2nd. Envelopes will be available in back of the Church for your All Souls Intentions. You may place the envelope with your donation in the offering basket, drop it off at the parish office, or hand it to Fr. Wilson. On Thursday, November 2nd, there will be three Mass offered for All Souls, 8 am in Amenia, 12 noon in Pine Plains and 7 pm in Immaculate Conception.

LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS - All young people in Grades 4 and over are welcome to join the Ministry of Altar Serving. It is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and help our Church celebrate the Mass. Please contact Fr. Wilson or call the office (845-373-8193) if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : 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, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, 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, Renee Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, John Bray, Kevin Flanigan, Karen Grimaldi and Jody Kain.

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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.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP - The next Parish Youth Group will be held on Friday, November 3rd, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will be meeting in the gym. All are welcome. Bring a friend. See the parish website for more information.

MORNING PRAYER AND GUIDED MEDITATION - Due to schedule conflicts, we will not celebrate Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation in November. Please join us the first Saturday in December, i.e. December 2nd. The usual place and time: St. Anthony's Church at 10:00 am.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN EVENTS - Please consider joining the following events:

Life Chain – Sunday, October 29th, 2 pm to 3:30 pm: Church Street, Poughkeepsie (between Market & Academy St.). Be a witness to life as you peacefully and prayerfully hold signs with pro-life message.

Saturday Morning with Mary – Saturday, November 4th, 8 am to 12 noon; Public right-of-way outside 17 Noxon Street, Poughkeepsie. Pray rosaries and Marian prayers/hymns asking the intercession of our Blessed Mother to end abortion.

Final Hour Candlelight Vigil – Sunday, November 5th, 6 pm to 7 pm; Public right-of-way outside 17 Noxon Street, Poughkeepsie. Join us as we give thanks to God for the many blessings during the campaign in the final hour. For info, call 845-853-6529.

CHOOSE TO LIVE A FREE LIFE - God gave us free will so we can make our own choices and be free. Popular culture tells us freedom means doing whatever we choose even if that includes sin. Yet, true freedom is being open to God's love and closed to sin. *"Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil"* (1 Peter 2:16). We are at our freest when we choose for good.

Don't give away freedom. Sin can overtake us without our noticing. For example, sharing one juicy secret may make us feel popular but over time, gossip can become a habit we can't control. A nightly examination of the day can help identify sinful actions before they become habits. Monthly visits to the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also sharpen that sense of sin.

Freely choose love. God won't force us to love him; he hopes we will choose it. Often, we don't approach him because we feel unworthy, guilty, or distant. Instead, choose to believe that God's love is stronger than our sin or guilt. When we have faith that he loves us, we are free to love him back.

Choose for good. Consistently making good and moral choices in today's society is hard but it leads to great reward. The more we choose good, the freer we become.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October 14-15, 2017, approximately 339 people attended Mass and we collected \$4,408.63 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$962.75 for the School of Religion. 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 Patty Barron
In Memory of John Culligan*