

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 19, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Nov. 20	8:00 am	Philomena Ketchum
"	Tues.	Nov. 21	8:00 am	Winifred & William Miller
"	Wed.	Nov. 22	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	Thurs.	Nov. 23	9:00 am	Special Intention
Amenia	Fri.	Nov. 24	8:00 am	Catherine & Wallace Schaffer
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	James & Elizabeth Moriarty
Amenia	Sat.	Nov. 25	8:00 am	Laura Galdiero
"	"	"	4:30 pm	John & Phylis Fay
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Pine Plains	Sun	Nov. 26	8:00 am	Hon. Louis Imperato
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

***I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving
to you and your family
from all of us here at Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony's***

"SPANISH MASS"

Dear Friends:

I just want to share with you my experience with saying the Spanish Mass in Dover at St. Charles Borromeo in recent years.

I had been saying a Spanish Mass at my previous assignment in St. John's in Goshen for four years. In that parish there was a Spanish-Speaking Deacon who said the homily. It was a rewarding and challenging experience. People say, "Oh you must be fluent in Spanish." I respond, "no, I just read the prayers."

Then I moved to Amenia, and the experience was over. That was until I learned that Bishop Peter Byrne had been assigned to Dutchess County. He began a Spanish Mass in St. Charles in Dover on Sundays at 6 pm (he is fluent in Spanish). I told him I would be happy to fill in for him if he could not make it, since I am only 10 miles away. Soon, he was calling me to cover for him.

Bishop Byrne had an accident where he broke his arm earlier this year. So then for a while I was filling in much more frequently. I was happy to do it, since the community in Dover is a very warm and friendly one.

One problem I faced was the homily, or sermon, since my Spanish is very poor. So what I do is deliver a few basic ideas, employing help from some of the English-speaking parishioners. Somehow, I manage to get through, and I ask at the end if the people understood me. They are very kind. A sense of humor is very helpful in these situations.

The Masses have a consistent crowd of between 70 to 100 enthusiastic people. They provide their own music, with a distinctive Spanish flair. The people are extremely friendly and love to participate in the Mass. The population is very young, with families and children.

Whenever I go to this Mass, I think of the enormous pressure that these people are under. Having to provide for their families, and having a limited understanding of the language, must be a very daunting experience. It is clear that their strong faith is a very great help in their daily life.

Fr. Wilson

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will have an Ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer service at the Church of the Regeneration on Pine Street on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 7 pm. Please come and join with our fellow Christians in giving THANKS for all that we receive.

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 Valinski, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff 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, Richard Piccoli, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, John Bray, Kevin Flanigan, Karen Grimaldi, Frances Anello and Colton Culligan.

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PUT SOME PEACE IN YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON - Tune out the noise and tune into God. Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation, December 2nd, at 10 am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains. God is waiting for YOU!

ADVENT CANDLE SETS - The Advent sets and candles are available in the back of Church. Advent sets (Wreath & Candles) are \$10.00, Candles only \$5.00. You can give the money to Fr. Wilson.

THE ROSARY SOCIETY BASKETS - The Altar Rosary Society will also be displaying "Baskets" at the Living Nativity to be raffled off on December 10th. Tickets can be purchased before and after each Mass as well as the Thrift Shop on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Proceeds go to our Church.

ALTAR ROSARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON- The Altar Rosary Society is planning a Luncheon at The Ponds in Ancramdale on Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:00 pm. All are invited. Dinner choices will be chicken marsala or flounder francese @ \$25.00 per person or prime rib @ \$30.00 per person. Dinner will include Soup or Salad, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Dessert, Tax and Gratuity. If you wish to attend, please contact Margaret Gregoire at (518) 789-3337 or the Parish Office (373-8193). Reservations and the price of your dinner should be given to Margaret no later than Monday, November 27th.

SAVE THE DATE - Our Annual Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 10th following the 10:45 am Mass. There will be animals, light refreshments, a bake sale, a cash and carry table, and craft vendors. Please mark December 10th on your calendar and come join us and bring a friend!

BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are in need of baked goods for our "Bake Sale" at the Living Nativity. There will be a sign-up sheet in back of Church for those willing to bake for this fundraiser. We also need volunteers to help out at the Living Nativity. Please call the office if you are willing to lend a helping hand. *"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."* ~Elizabeth Andrew~

THE ROSE THRIFT SHOP - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, will have their "**BAG SALE**" on Wednesday, December 6th and Saturday, December 9th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The shop will close for the season at the end of the business day on Saturday, December 9th. Our thanks to everyone who supported the shop throughout the year. My sincere gratitude and thanks to our wonderful volunteers (Maureen and Norman Moore, Charlene Mayville, Patty Barron, Rosanna Hamm and Peg O'Hara) who donate many hours of their time for the benefit of our Church. We could not have the Rose Thrift Shop without them.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sacristies in Amenia and Pine Plains for the Christmas Schedule for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. Please place your name on the schedule for the time you are available to serve. You are most needed and greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, November 11-12, 2017, we collected \$3,768.88 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,241.39 for Utility and Energy. 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 Amy San
In Memory of Laura Galdiero