

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 11, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Feb. 12	8:00 am	Richard Delgado
"	Tues.	Feb. 13	8:00 am	Richard Delgado
"	Wed.	Feb. 14	8:00 am	Richard Delgado
Pine Plains		"	12 noon	James V. Moriarty & Elizabeth A. Moriarty
Amenia		"	7:00 pm	Ketchum, Marano, Eckardt & Conway Families
"	Thurs.	Feb. 15	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Feb. 16	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Richard Delgado
Amenia	Sat.	Feb. 17	8:00 am	Richard Delgado
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Laura Galdiero
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Pine Plains	Sun	Feb. 18	8:00 am	Gary Keeler
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"SPIRITUAL HEALING"

Dear Friends:

Every one of us has experienced illness, either with ourselves or with someone we care about. It is a part of our human experience. It can be a very difficult, and very discouraging. We all look for answers, and we all look for healing. One of the greatest religious questions is "why is there human suffering?"

If you read through the Gospels, you will see time and time again Jesus healing. He heals paralytics, the lame, lepers, as well as those possessed by evil spirits. These healings tell us many things: that Jesus has divine power, that God cares about our difficulties, that suffering can be overcome. We are encouraged by these miracles.

When illness happens to us or to our loved ones, we obviously want miracles. Every day we pray here at Immaculate/St. Anthony for the healing of our sick parishioners. We also pray for family and friends around this area near and far. It is part and parcel of who we are as Catholics. We pray, we pray a lot, and we pray for healing and miracles. It's what we do. And it's what we should do.

We know that miracles do happen, and sometimes they don't. But we keep praying, because God wants us to and we know that it's something we should do.

But we also need to be more aware of the possibility of spiritual healing. There is a direct and strong connection between the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Confession. That's because part of the Sacrament of the Sick is to put into effect spiritual healing. Miracles may not happen in respect to physical healing, but spiritual healing can happen more than we realize. A person's body may not be healed, but a person's soul can be healed, released from the slavery of sin and mental anguish.

Spiritual healing can happen. God wants to give us a new soul, free from the anxiety of mental and spiritual stress. All we have to do is let the Lord enter our life.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 14th, is as follows:

8:00 am in Amenia - 12 noon in Pine Plains - 7:00 pm in Amenia

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, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, 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, Frances Anello, Colton Culligan, Irene Smith, Michael Engel and Theresa Thompson

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, February 12th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception in Amenia.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN AMENIA - Fr. Wilson will be conducting the Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm in Immaculate Conception Church. Please join us for this Lenten Devotion.

RELIGIOUS ED RECONCILIATION - Our 2nd graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 10th, at 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Church following a breakfast in their honor. Please keep the following children in your prayers: Emily Arnold, Albert Bailey, Alfred Blackburn, Emily Booth, Joseph Cruise, Anthony Della Rossa, Roselyn Jardines-Ballinas, Raegan Palladino, Dominique Polverari, Daniel Polverari, Isabelle Reyes, Nathan Runge, Thomas Sanchirico, and Julia Villano. A special thanks to Marilyn Tyree, their teacher and her aide Danielle Polverari, for preparing these children to make their first Confession.

VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Frank Foley. The split was \$58.00. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, February 17th, 2018 at 10 am in our gym. I wish to thank everyone who purchases 50/50 tickets, donates food and volunteers at the food closet each month.

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† **LENTEN REGULATIONS** †

**Weekdays of Lent** - There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** - These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

**Days of Abstinence** - All Fridays in Lent. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. You also cannot eat soups and gravies made from them. You can eat fish.

**Easter Duty Obligations** – After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, February 3-4, 2018, we collected \$4,131.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$6,363.69 for Christ the King Seminary. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and for your faithful support for Christ the King Seminary. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Live Unafraid. Christ suffered, died, and rose to free us from sin and give us the promise of everlasting life. *"I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me."* (Galatians 2:20b).

"We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."
Pope (Emeritus) Benedict

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.