

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 29, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	April 30	8:00 am	John Tobin, Jr.
"	Tues.	May 1	8:00 am	John & Phylis Fay
"	Wed.	May 2	8:00 am	Deceased Members of Wolfington Family
"	Thurs.	May 3	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	May 4	8:00 am	Raymond Proper, Sr.
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Maura O'Grady
Amenia	Sat.	May 5	8:00 am	Jason Rebideau
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Mary Maroney Murphy
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Pine Plains	Sun	May 6	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Kathryn Finkle

"MAY DAYS"

Dear Friends,

As we travel into the end of April and the beginning of spring, we enter into the busy month of May. I ask you to pray for our young people as we prepare to celebrate the important Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

On May 5th, we celebrate First Communion. I always completely enjoy this day as our children receive Jesus for the first time. It is one of my favorite days of the year. We are so proud of our students as they have worked hard to prepare for this amazing sacrament. I want to thank Marilyn Tyree for her hard work this year. I had the privilege to teach these wonderful young people, especially last Saturday when I showed them the important articles of the Mass in the Church. They were wonderful.

At the same time I have been interviewing the candidates for Confirmation, which will take place on May 24th. We have a very big class this year (which I am happy about) and that means a lot more work for me and a lot more work for our excellent ninth grade religion teacher, Ken Pomeisl. The candidates are very well prepared and very much looking forward to receiving the sacrament. I give thanks also for our eighth grade teacher, Lisa Shay, as our Confirmation preparation is a 2 year program and both eighth and ninth grade students participate in the annual retreat (on May 6th). You are invited to attend our Confirmation celebration at 6:00 pm on May 24th.

I also very much want to thank Virginia Bida who has worked so hard to coordinate our Religious Education Program. I am so grateful for her commitment. Major thanks also go to Denise Conway, our parish secretary, for her incredible efforts in making sure that all the paperwork is taken care of. Also, a big thank you to all the parents for their support and encouragement.

It is one of the most essential parts of my job to make sure that our young people have the chance to learn about Jesus Christ and His Church. I thank God that I have so many good people to help me.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS - Mother's Day cards for the living and deceased are available at the entrance of the Church. You may leave your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office.

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, 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, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Colton Culligan, Irene Smith, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Robert Bartolomeo, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Lisa Missailidis and for Baby Jack Thomas Farrell.

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VINE & BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, May 3rd. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 10 am in our gym. Last Saturday we provided food for 22 families and 79 people. Many thanks to our volunteers who help out each month at the food closet. We couldn't do it without them.

FIRST FRIDAY - We will have the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, May 4th, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Won't you consider spending a half hour with our Lord?

SPRING INTO PRAYER! - Join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation at St. Anthony's Church at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 12th. All are welcome.

***The greatest man in history had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.
His name is Jesus.***

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - MAY CROWNING As is our tradition, we ask all the First Communicants to wear their communion outfits and attend the 10:45 am Mass on Sunday May 13th, and participate in the "May Crowning" following the Mass.

ST. DYMPHNA HEALING MASS - The 19th Annual Healing Mass, including the communal rite of anointing the sick and a blessing with a relic of St. Dymphna, Patroness of those suffering from Emotional and Psychological difficulties, and any illnesses of the mind such as Autism & Alzheimer's, will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 7:00 pm in Mt. Alvernia Chapel in Wappingers Falls, NY. A social follows the Mass. For directions to Mt. Alvernia Retreat House call (845) 297-5706 or visit www.mtalvernia.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2018-2019 - Please try and register your children in our Religious Education Program for next year (beginning in September) as soon as possible. **All children must be registered by May 6th**, as the books must be ordered by May 31st. Our program helps parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. You may either mail or drop off your registration form to the parish office. If your child is entering 1st grade in September, please call the office at 373-8193 and we will mail the registration form to you. Our program meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am.

PPCC SCHOLARSHIP - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will award a scholarship to Graduating Seniors from Stissing Mt. High School or a graduating student who attends one of the Council Churches. Applications are available from Council Pastors and Stissing Mt. Guidance Office. All applications must be returned by May 21st.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, April 21-22, 2018, we collected \$4,166.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,413.59 for Utility and Energy. I thank you for your presence, your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church. 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.