

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 13, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	May 14	8:00 am	Anna McEnroe Costine
	Tues.	May 15	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Haridisty, Jr.
“	Wed.	May 16	8:00 am	Charlie DeCarlo
“	Thurs.	May 17	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	May 18	8:00 am	Mother's Day
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Mother's Day
Amenia	Sat.	May 19	8:00 am	Mother's Day
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Antonia & John Sferratore and Mary, Sam and Marjorie Crodelle
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Pine Plains	Sun	May 20	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	Ed & Lois Pomeisl

“VOCATIONS”

Dear Friends,

May is a happy time. The weather is so much better, and the grass is green and the flowers are blooming. I don't have to wear a jacket.

It is a happy time for the parish. We just celebrated 1st Communion (what a wonderful sacrament) and we look forward to Confirmation. So many great moments for our young people.

It is also a happy time for me since I don't have to worry about heating oil bills and thermostats. I also look forward to the possibility of golf and time off.

May is also important for me for it is the anniversary month of my ordination. I was ordained on May 12, 1990. I am always inspired and excited for those who are ordained at this time of year here in New York and throughout the world.

This joy we experience every year is somewhat lessened by the reality that we are falling short in our vocations in the Church for the priesthood and religious life. Many words and theories have been proposed for overcoming this shortage. At this moment there are hundreds of priests, brothers, sisters and lay people working to address this challenge.

But it is the challenge we all must face. Every Catholic can make a difference. If you know a priest, support and encourage him. If you meet a sister or brother, thank them and pray for them. The life of a religious is harder than you might think. They could always use your help. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we can all pray for vocations. And pray a lot!

One key to vocations is family life. It is essential for all of us to re-double our efforts to support families in our society. Pray for them too.

Another happy part of May is Mother's Day! When I think of Moms everywhere, I think of strong women who daily practice unconditional love. How special are our Moms to all of us!

Fr. Wilson

COLLECTION ENVELOPE ERROR - In 2017, the Archdiocese added a “one-time” collection for The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception located in Washington D.C. to help with the renovation, Unfortunately, the envelope company incorrectly added this collection envelope again in the 2018 batch. Therefore, please disregard this collection and void/destroy the check you may have issued in this regard. Thank you.

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, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Lisa Missailidis and for Baby Jack Thomas Farrell and Lori Downing.

VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Maria Pogact. The split was \$64.50. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, May 19th, at 10 am in our gym. All food donations are much appreciated.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

TURN TO MARY – This month, we honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, too). Trust her for guidance and protection: “Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.”

“I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, Your God, is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Loving God, you wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children.
We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives:
our own mothers who brought us into this world,
the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families,
our grandmothers, who took time for us,
and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children.
Bless all the mothers of the world today.
May they know the fullness of love they have shared
and be blessed every day of their lives.
Amen.*

FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE - On Friday, June 1st, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to Honor the Feast of Corpus Christi from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm and from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm we will have Rosary and Benediction. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company and give Him your sincere love and devotion.

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, May 5-6, 2018, approximately 312 people attended Mass and we collected \$4,719.75 in our Regular Sunday Collection. 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Denise & Bob Conway
In Memory of Philomena Ketchum & Bertha Conway*