

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 15, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

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| Amenia | Mon. | July 16 | 8:00 am | Sr. Teresita Fay |
| " | Tues. | July 17 | 8:00 am | Jane Cayea |
| " | Wed. | July 18 | 8:00 am | Katherine Blinn |
| " | Thurs. | July 19 | 8:00 am | NO MASS |
| " | Fri. | July 20 | 8:00 am | Barbara P. & Ray McEnroe |
| Pine Plains | " | " | 12 noon | James V. & Elizabeth A. Moriarty |
| Amenia | Sat. | July 21 | 8:00 am | Jane Wells |
| " | " | " | 4:30 pm | Jerry Henry |
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| Pine Plains | Sun | July 22 | 8:00 am | Angelo & Rita Cutone |
| Amenia | " | " | 10:45 am | People of the Parish |
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"SUMMERTIME"

Dear Friends:

As we all face the stresses and strains of modern life in this hurried and crazy world, it is good to think about living in the blessings of the summer.

We experienced a very difficult and challenging winter. It was tough. I remember thinking that I can't wait for the summer. It would be so great, I thought, to have the sun out and not worry about parking lots and fuel oil bills.

Well, here we are. It is summer. And it is good to just say "Thank you, God." We have the sun and the grass and beautiful days.

I know it was very hot. I have to tell you I was saying Mass at the Sisters of Life Camp at Wethersfield. There is no air conditioning. It was very hot and very uncomfortable. No doubt many of you experienced the same things. I was praying for the sisters for they have their habits on and still remain cheerful. But it was beautiful outside up at the St. Joseph camp grounds.

Yes, we have to be so thankful it is summer. We are so blessed in the Mid-Hudson Valley because we really don't have the typical summer disasters. We don't have hurricanes or wildfires (knock on wood!). We don't have earthquakes or volcanoes. That is really great.

We are also thankful for being here in Amenia, Pine Plains or Millerton in the summer. Many people would love to be up here at this time. It is so beautiful and so peaceful. And very little traffic!

If you are going on vacation, don't forget about God. I know that sounds like what priests have been saying about vacations forever. But it is true. If you are traveling, please get to Mass as often as you can. I know that in my travels, I have often enjoyed so much experiencing Mass in different places. Many times I get new ideas for homilies and other things.

But please remember that wherever you go you are always in our hearts here at home. We are eagerly waiting your safe return.

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

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, 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, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjan, Lisa Missailidis, Lori Downing, Anthony Mottola, Ann Liberatore, Ralph & Kathy Locantore. Frank Foley, Fred Arni and Brandon Rojas.

VINE AND BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Patty Cassidy. The split was \$65.50. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, July 21st, at 10 am in gym. Sincere thanks to all those who purchase 50/50 tickets, donate food and volunteer at the food closet. We couldn't do it without all of you.

THE MISSIONS - As mandated by the Archdiocese, we will have a Mission Appeal on the weekend of July 21 and July 22. A member of the St. James Apostle Missionary Society will come to speak. The second collection will be for the missions. Make your check payable to Immaculate Conception/St. Anthony. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE – Please save the date of Sunday, September 23rd, 2018, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Church. We will begin with the 10:45 am Mass. As we gather together to give thanks to God for our Church, Cardinal Dolan has agreed to celebrate Mass with us on this very special occasion. A barbecue will follow in the gym. I hope you can join us.

LIVE A CATHOLIC LIFE - Our history is rich with Catholic men and women like us who have carried their faith into the world and made a difference. When we live a Catholic life, we help shape a better society and a more peaceful world.

At Home. Our Gospel values guide us to value our families and friends as gifts of God's love. This translates into spending time together, working to strengthen and build up our loved ones, and being for them instruments of love.

At Work. As people of faith, we can be pressured to choose between competing values in the workplace. Making Catholic choices means not just avoiding evil but consciously choosing good. It means having the courage to honor our Catholic consciences always.

In the World. *"Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required"* (Luke 12:48) Catholics – especially in the United States – are called to care for the poor, protect the vulnerable, welcome the stranger and treat all people with dignity. That is the true Catholic way.

PARISH MINISTRIES - Parish ministries usually suffer during the summer because of vacations. If you are unable to serve in your ministry, please try your best to get a replacement.

BIRTHRIGHT - Birthright is looking for Saturday volunteers from 10 am to 1 pm in their Poughkeepsie office. Birthright is a pregnancy support center. We believe in the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born. Please call Honey-Jo Kelly at 914-475-9434.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, July 7-8, 2018, we collected \$4,279.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,1,30.00 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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - The road to Heaven is hard but we don't have to travel alone. Jesus knew we would need a community where we could find support so He gave us the Church.