

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 5, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 6	8:00 am	Molly, Sadie & Elizabeth Dunn
"	Tues.	Aug. 7	8:00 am	Richard Carroll
"	Wed.	Aug. 8	8:00 am	Christopher Rzemieniewski
"	Thurs	Aug. 9	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Aug. 10	8:00 am	Gregory Rost
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	James V. & Elizabeth A. Moriarty
Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 11	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Mary, Leonard & John Monette
Pine Plains	Sun	Aug. 12	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Lorraine O'Hara

"EVOLUTION"

Dear Friends:

I have just finished a biography of Charles Darwin. He is known as the "Father of the Theory of Evolution" although there were others before him who had "discovered" elements of evolution and natural selection.

The theory of evolution tells us that life progresses by small improvements and the next generation continues those improvements, and the species improves over the period of thousands or millions of years.

Charles Darwin noticed this in his work with botany and paleontology. He wrote "Origin of Species" which attempted to explain the progress of all life on planet Earth, including humans. His opinions were controversial. They were seen as a challenge to religion and the biblical account of creation.

The writer of the biography was very perceptive in pointing out the flaws of Darwin's theories. The idea of natural selection and slow progress of species of animals has never explained the clear differences between species and how they developed.

The species in our world are so different – and there is not a lot of evidence how one changed into another. That is clear in the development of the human species, where there is still no direct evidence of progression from other species.

What is the Catholic view of evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII, in the encyclical Humani Genesis, said there was no conflict between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that Christians believe that God created all things and that the individual soul is the direct creation by God and not the product of purely material forces.

We have seen for years that the book of Genesis is not a book of science but a book of faith. For me, the book of Genesis, the account of creation, is more about the fact that God created the world and humans and less about how it happened.

The bottom line for Christians and Catholics is that God created the world and human beings. That is the fundamental truth for all believers.

Fr. Wilson

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, 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, Mike Butts, Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, 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, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Lisa Missailidis, Lori Downing, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Jennifer McRoberts, Leah Rost and Genevieve Minischetti.

MEN'S CLUB - There will be no Men's Club on Monday, August 5th, (Fr. Wilson will be on vacation) or Monday, September 3rd, which is Labor Day.

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.

ARE YOU A NEW CREATION - When sin first entered the world, God's perfect plan of creation went awry. Instead of being inclined to do good, humans now choose sin. That is not what God intended, so he gave us a chance to become new creations. *"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). Are you ready to become something new?

Our new life begins now. Jesus did not die on the Cross so that your new life could begin someday. Our new life begins now. We start by working to become a living, breathing example of the teachings of Jesus Christ. We start by trying to look like him.

Immediate perfection is not required. It is important not to wait until we think we can get it completely right. All that matters is to make a start. God will help us with the rest.

Use the Lord's strength. Jesus knew that once lost, we couldn't make it to Heaven on our own. We need His help so He left us supports such as the Sacraments where we can seek His grace. When we stumble and fall, Jesus will pick us up and help us get back on track. Trying again is what makes the difference between the old and the new.

2018 PINE PLAINS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - The Pine Plains Community Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17th from 9 am to 12 noon at the Episcopal Church of the Regeneration at 18 Pine Street in Pine Plains with registration on Monday, Aug. 13 from 8:45 am. While you can fill out a registration form on the first day your child attends the VBS, bringing a filled-in form with you will make the registration process more efficient. Registration forms will be available in the back of Church. Please speak with Fr. Wilson or call the office should you need additional information.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, July 28-29, 2018, approximately 313 people attended Mass and we collected \$4,536.00 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 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 Lucille Abad and Family
In Memory of Rudy Eschbach*