

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 10, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Sept. 11	8:00 am	Philomena Ketchum
	Tues.	Sept. 12	8:00 am	Richard B. Kain
“	Wed.	Sept. 13	8:00 am	Grace McGowan
“	Thurs.	Sept. 14	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Sept. 15	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Sr.
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Irma Maschi

Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 16	8:00 am	Luke Garrison
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Leo & Dorothy McEnroe

Pine Plains	Sun	Sept. 17	8:00 am	James & Elizabeth Moriarty
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“GOOD NEWS”

Dear Friends:

One of the more interesting things I do while traveling is to visit different Catholic Churches for Mass. Once I get past my normal observations on Church cleanliness, Church design, Church organization (a very tough occupational hazard), I am able to experience a great feeling of community and real understanding of being at “home.”

I went to Church in a wealthy Cincinnati parish, and I wasn't really that impressed. The Church seemed cold, although the people were very nice.

I went to Church in a small Colorado parish and the Church was packed. It was a mixture of visitors, Hispanic families, and young people. It was very fun and very “2017.”

Then I went to a small parish in a low-income section of Victorville, California. The parish was very Hispanic and yet had a wide variety of people and families.

All experiences were good for me, in varying degrees. But I must say that all of the parishes were alive. The priest may be a little boring, the music may be a little strange, but there was life in every experience. It is a rare and very valuable thing in our mixed-up and self-centered modern world, that we can feel a connection with other people from every section of society. That is the beauty of our Catholic Church: to worship together with believers who are so different than us.

I also want to express my incredible gratitude for the generosity you have shown week after week in our collections. If you look at the numbers in our bulletin you have noticed the weekly collection is so much larger than it used to be a few years ago. This generosity is not only amazing, but it allows us to worry less about the daily arrival of bills in the mail, and worry more about what the parish needs to grow and prosper.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - All Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to attend a workshop on Saturday, September 30th, at 1:00 pm. Please clear your calendars for that day. Further details to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Ralph Cummings, Ann Bida, 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 DeLuca, Amanda Carneski, Baby James Ryan Farrell, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard & Mary Ann Valinsk, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Barbara Moissonnier, Nina Williams, 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, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Ann Marie Russolillo, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Hilda Delgado, Luz Pelkey, Diana McPadden, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Katherine Cooper, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Lisa Coon Pedersen, Hans Pedersen and Teresa Pelkey.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, September 11th, at 7 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome,

VINE & BRANCHES - The next food distribution will be on Saturday, September 16th, at 10 am in our gym. All food donations are most welcome but we especially need canned fruit, tuna fish, pasta, pasta sauce, bath soap, toilet paper and toothpaste.

FOREIGN MISSIONS - A Maryknoll Father will be speaking at our Masses next weekend, September 16-17 at which time there will be a second collection for the benefit of the Missions. Please make your donation payable to Immaculate Conception.



WITH A NEW SCHOOL YEAR - Each new school year offers a new beginning. This is a chance to rethink your priorities, create a new family rhythm, and acquire virtues so parents and children can grow and learn.

Rethink priorities. In past school years, have you found your family pulled in too many directions by a too-busy life? Consider blocking out time for family activities you value most: family meals, pray together, Mass, religious education, school work, visiting relatives. Make these "immoveable." Then schedule other activities that will fit without causing stress. Say "no" to anything else.

Create a new family rhythm. Creating a predictable rhythm to days can give your family life order, balance, and joy. Base the rhythm on anchor points of waking, bedtime, meal times and school/work. Add in natural, calming activities children can count on such as morning prayer, bedtime stories nighttime prayer.

Acquire virtues. Virtues help us give the best of ourselves. As a family, choose a virtue each month that you would like to strengthen. The four Cardinal Virtues are considered key to acquiring others. Prudence enables us to make good choices. Justice helps us to play fair and see others' points of view. Fortitude ensures we don't give up when the going gets tough. Temperance keeps us from overdoing and keeps us in balance.

FEARLESS! RETREATS FOR TEENS IN GRADES 8-12 - Disciples, what is required of you? Courage and Endurance! As St. Paul said, "Run so as to win!" Fearless Ministries (formerly Youth 2000 NY) is pleased to present 3-day retreats for teens in grades 8-12. This experience at the foot of the Cross will highlight Jesus' call to holiness and will highlight the incredible life of the saints. \$45 fee includes meals and lodging. (Volunteers attend for free). Three different locations for Fall 2017: September 15-17, at John A. Coleman Catholic High School near Kingston, NY; October 6-8, at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown, CT; and December 8-10, at John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, NY. Pre-registration is required online at www.fearlessretreats.com. For additional information, visit their website or contact Jennifer Edwards at fearlessretreats@gmail.com or 845-663-1689.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 2-3, 2017, we collected \$4,593.42 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,156.00 for Utility and Energy. I thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and 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 Michael Pomeisl. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.