

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 9, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Sept. 10	8:00 am	R.J. Kain
"	Tues.	Sept. 11	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
"	Wed.	Sept. 12	8:00 am	Laszlo Paraszti
"	Thurs	Sept. 13	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Sept. 14	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Angela Foppiano
Amenia	Sat.	Sept. 15	8:00 am	Gerard Desrochers
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	Sun	Sept. 16	8:00 am	Jeffrey Forger
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"TRAVELS"

Dear Friends:

As many of you know, I have returned from vacation. I traveled around the United States, our wonderful and beautiful country.

A couple of things I noticed. One is that all three of my brothers are retired. It is a new phase of life for them, and thank God they have good retirement plans. But their problems are not over – as all of us eventually realize, retirement comes with all kinds of physical ailments and problems.

I noticed in Colorado that I couldn't see the mountains to the west of Denver. I asked my brother, and he said it is the smoke from the fires in California that blows over to Colorado and obscures our view of the mountains.

As I always observe on my trips around the country, the Catholic Church is everywhere. Whatever little village you walk into, you find a Catholic Church with a full Mass schedule. They are so different, yet it is the same church. I think of the work of so many people over the years who planned and built these parishes and keep them running. They all face the same problems and challenges that we do here in Amenia and Pine Plains, and they keep going.

It reminds me of our own parish as we celebrate our 150th year of service. So many people have given so much to make sure that the Church has a presence in Northeast Dutchess County. The Churches of our history have been a happy home for so many Catholics for so many years.

What happens when you cover a parish history you focus on the pastors, priests and bishops that have been involved. But it would be a mistake if we ignore the contributions of the lay people that have given so much to our history. No recounting of the story of Immaculate Conception/St. Anthony's would be complete without being so thankful for the men and women of the parish who have given so much.

I hope you can join us as we celebrate our 150th on Sunday, September 23rd at the 10:45 am Mass. Be with us and give thanks.

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, 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 Niranjan, Lisa Missailidis, Lori Downing, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Jennifer McRoberts, Leah Rost, Genevieve Minischetti Susan Consentino, William Jayne, Carol Jayne Gershkowitz and Pat Boice.

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ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will be held on Monday, September 10th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

THE VINE & BRANCHES - The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, September 15th, at 10 am in our gym. All food donations are greatly appreciated. We are in need of cold cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, bath soap and toothpaste.

CALLING ALL BAKERS – The 150th Anniversary of our Parish is coming up fast. I am hopeful that everyone will try and attend the 10:45 am Mass on Sunday, September 23rd, as we gather together and give thanks to God for our Church. I look forward to seeing you all at the delicious barbecue afterward. We are giving a shout- out for the bakers in our parish to add to our dessert table i.e. cookies, brownies, cupcakes etc. Thank you in advance for your delicious treats.

WHY DO CATHOLICS ONLY GET BAPTIZED ONCE? The Catholic Church tells us that Baptism is the gateway to the Church, and the beginning of a lasting communion with God. At our Baptism, God adopted us as His children and “marked” us as His forever. This spiritual mark of Christ opens us to grace, helps us resist the temptation to sin, and inspires us to love God and neighbor more perfectly (*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1121*). This mark is permanent, so we are only baptized once.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE POOR - One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, “How was the trip?” “It was great, Dad.” “Did you see how poor people can be?” the father asked. “Oh yeah”, said the son. “So what did you learn from the trip?” asked the father. The son answered, “I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them.” With this the boy’s father was speechless. Then his son added, “Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are”.

Give thanks for all the bounty we have.

LET GO OF THE DREAM - *Who wouldn't want to live the “good life?” Imagine having all the money you need, going on exotic vacations, and owning your dream home. Yet, people who have all the world can offer still say they don't have all they want. That's because the good life isn't here on Earth.*

*“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.”
(Romans 8:28)*

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, September 1-2, we collected \$4,500.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,086.45 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 and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers