

**THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2017**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

	Mon.	Jan. 2	8:00 am	Jane Ann Zuk
	Tues.	Jan. 3	8:00 am	John & Agnes Mahoney
	Wed.	Jan. 4	8:00 am	Jaszovics Bela
	Thurs.	Jan. 5	8:00 am	NO MASS
	Fri.	Jan. 6	8:00 am	Father Vincent A. Lancellotti
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	James & Elizabeth Moriarty
	Sat.	Jan. 7	8:00 am	Ursula Robertson
			4:30 pm	Mary Monette

Pine Plains	Sun	Jan. 8	8:00 am	Norma Keeler
			10:45 am	People of the Parish

"YOU ARE THE BEST"

Dear Friends:

There is so much to be thankful for in this Holiday season. We are thankful for the many families who are able to visit each other during this time. In this country and in this time, we find travel relatively easy – when you think of what families of history had to endure to visit each other. Families separated by oceans and thousands of miles, lucky to even speak with each other. Or just imagine during times of war or repression when families cannot even contact each other for months and years. We have a lot to be thankful for.

I am very thankful for all the gifts that you blessed me with. Your generosity is always amazing and always much appreciated. Thank you to all of you who blessed me with gifts this time of year.

I am very, very thankful for those who helped us so much to celebrate the birth of Christ. Thanks to the Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. A very special thanks goes to Regina Syversen and the Choir (including the Children's Choir) for the magnificent energy and beauty that they brought to our celebrations. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel.

Many thanks also to our office people who worked so hard to make everything work so smoothly. All of the things they do are not easy, and I appreciate them so much. A special thanks to those who decorated the Churches of Amenia and Pine Plains. What a great job they did.

I hope I didn't miss anyone. A big, giant thank you to all of you, our people, for your presence at our liturgies and your generosity. I was so happy to see you and your families. (I was also thankful that the weather cooperated). A big thanks to all of you for your sacrificial giving, always keeping in mind our needs and obligations. For all of you, a huge THANK YOU! And also, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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.

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP - On Saturday, January 7th, 2017, Chris Ferreri of our parish is planning a bus trip to various sites in New York City. If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris as soon as possible at (845) 373-9192 or ctmnferreri@optonline.net as seating is limited.

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, Billy Carroll, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Baby James Ryan Farrell, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard & Mary Ann Valinsk, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Andrea Scholmeyer, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Barbara Moissonnier, Nina Williams, Judy Carroll, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Delores DeMarinis, Shirley Remsburger, Teresa Schell, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, John Kemmerer, Jr., Alan Carroll, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Bernard Heaney, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Charlie Guarnieri and Al Blackburn.

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MEN'S GROUP - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, January 2nd, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. All are welcome.

VINE & BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, January 5th, 2017. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, January 21st, 2017, at 10:00 am in our gym.

FIRST FRIDAY - We will have the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, January 6th, at 7:30 pm in Amenia. Please consider spending a half hour with our Lord.

EXPERIENCE GOD IN A NEW WAY - Let God bathe you in His healing light during these dark months of winter. You are invited to Morning Prayer & Guided Meditation, Saturday, January 14th at 10 am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.

***"Let us always meet each other with smile,
for the smile is the beginning of love."
~ Mother Teresa ~***

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION - What better way to start the New Year than in the spirit of thanksgiving? Thanksgiving is what the word "Eucharist" means. There's no better way to show thanks to God than by living our lives in a new way beginning with Mass each week.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, December 24-25, 2016, we collected \$4,678. in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$7,869. In our Christmas Offering. I am so very thankful for your continuing generosity and steadfast commitment to the Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families

THANK YOU - My thanks to all of the Religious Ed Students/Parents for the beautiful cards and gifts. It was so thoughtful of you to think of me. ~ Virginia Bida ~

MANY THANKS - Our thanks to the Furnari Family for donating the delicious cupcakes in memory of Salvatore and Angela Furnari for the children of our parishes to enjoy.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY - Please keep the following service men and their families in your prayers: Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza and Nathan Tong.

† Sanctuary Light †
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Virginia Bida for a Special Intention*