

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

	Mon.	Feb. 27	8:00 am	Sarah & Anthony Marano
	Tues.	Feb. 28	8:00 am	Msgr. Peter Gelsomino
	Wed.	March 1	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Msgr. Thomas Scanlon
	“	“	7:00 pm	The Ketchum, Marano, Eckardt & Conway Family
	Thurs.	March 2	8:00 am	NO MASS
	Fri.	March 3	8:00 am	Elizabeth Proper
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	James V. & Elizabeth Moriarty
	Sat.	Feb. 4	8:00 am	Don Abruzzo
			4:30 pm	William McEnroe
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Pine Plains	Sun	Feb. 5	8:00 am	Albert Cahill
			10:45 am	People of the Parish

“MISCELLANEOUS”

Dear Friends:

I would like to discuss several things. First, very importantly, I want to extend a very deep thanks to all of those who make up your donations when you miss Mass or are on vacation. Some of you are away for a long time, or are away for one week, or even have missed some Masses due to illness. Your loyalty and generosity in remembering to offer donations to our Church is just fantastic. I am so grateful, and our parish is grateful.

Also, thanks to those who have made your commitment to the Cardinal's Appeal. We received kind of a relief in terms of our goal for 2017. The goal is \$41,400, which is \$500 less than last year. In talking to my fellow pastors in the area, that is a blessing for us to have the goal reduced. We have done well so far.

As we look forward to the season of Lent, we want to prepare to take advantage of any spiritual help to get us on the right track. Of course there is Ash Wednesday, on March 1st, and the schedule is as follows:

8:00 am in Amenia - 12 noon in Pine Plains - 7:00 pm in Amenia

Then we will have the Stations of the Cross in Amenia at 7 pm on Friday, March 3rd (there will be no Rosary & Benediction on that Friday). Once again, we will celebrate the Stations in the different Churches in our Cluster during Lent (the schedule will be forthcoming). There will also be Stations celebrated in Pine Plains, the dates to be announced.

I also plan to show the new video “The Seven Last Words of Christ” as presented by Bishop Robert Barron, of the “Catholicism” Series. These two sessions will be held at the Parish Center at Immaculate Conception on the following Thursdays nights during Lent:

7:00 pm on March 9th and 7:00 pm on March 23rd

I hope and I pray that this Lent will be a very special time for you and your families, especially your children. I have a special hope in my heart that our children and young people in our parish will find this Lent a very significant part of their life. We all know that the young people of the world need God now more than ever.

Fr. Wilson

NEWLY BAPTIZED - Samantha Esquivel Espinosa, daughter of Roberto Esquivel and Rocio Espinosa was baptized on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Immaculate Conception in Amenia We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will lovingly on these children, watch over her and fill her with peace and joy.

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, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Barbara Moissonnier, Nina Williams, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, 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, Al Blackburn, Ann Marie Russolillo, Dominic Nannetti and Baby Bowen.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CREED - A class based on the Apostles' Creed will be starting Tuesday, March 7th in the Parish Center. The class will begin at 7 pm and end at 8:30 pm. The class is intended primarily for parents or grandparents of Religious Ed age children, however all are welcome. See <http://icsaamenia.org/> for more information or call the office.

† **LENTEN REGULATIONS** †

Weekdays of Lent - There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday - These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence - All Fridays in Lent. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. You also cannot eat soups and gravies made from them. You can eat fish.

Easter Duty Obligations – After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of February 17th, our parish has received \$11,540. in pledges/gifts from 27 families. Our parish goal is \$41,500. I ask that all our families prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time donation in an amount you can afford. Your consideration and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

ST. PATRICK'S POT LUCK - We are planning to have our traditional St. Patrick's "pot luck" and "bake sale" on Sunday, March 19th, from 1 pm to 3 pm in the gym. Please consider joining us for a pleasant afternoon with good food, good company and good music. There are sign-up sheets in the back of Church for the "Pot Luck" as well as for those willing to bake for our "Bake Sale". "Irish Step Dancers" are especially welcome. Please plan on joining us.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, February 18-19, 2017, we collected \$3,149.78 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,041 for Periodic Literature. I thank you for your steadfast commitment to our Church and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

† **Sanctuary Light** †
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Ann Marie Nonkin
In Loving Memory of Ann Vallen*