

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 23, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	July 24	8:00 am	Philomena Ketchum
	Tues.	July 25	8:00 am	Barbara & Ray McEnroe
“	Wed.	July 26	8:00 am	Fay & William McEnroe Families
“	Thurs.	July 27	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	July 28	8:00 am	Elizabeth Brizzie
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Cleto Guglielmetti
Amenia	Sat.	July 29	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
“	“	“	4:30 pm	J. Chester & Frances Maroney

Pine Plains	Sun	July 30	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	Mary Monette

“VACATION”

Dear Friends:

Summer is the time for vacations. If you have had yours, or are soon having yours, I hope it is a safe and happy one.

Vacations are an important part of life. Everyone needs a break from the normal routine. I think it was Cardinal Cushing who told his priests that they must take a vacation. He told them – “you need a break from the parish, and your parish probably needs a break from you!”

I will be going on vacation from August 2nd to August 30th (approximate dates). Father Godfrey will be covering for me (many of you know him very well). I’m sure you will be very kind to him as you always are.

I also expect you to behave while I am gone (“When the cats away, the mice will play”). Just to let you know, I have confidential informants who will tell me if anything is amiss.

As I said before, vacations are an important part of life. They are essential to our mental health. How many studies have I read that tell us breaks from work and the normal routine bring better emotional balance, lower blood pressure and a longer life. There are countries in Europe that mandate a vacation for every working human being.

I’m sure you have heard how you should keep God in your vacation. It is a common plea on the part of priests. But, it is true. Our relationship with God never takes a day off. Besides, I always find it fascinating to look at churches in different places, and meet different priests and learn about their journey. If you get nothing out of a vacation, at least you could see what the world is like from a different place and time – and be able to meet people who are so different from you.

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 : 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 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, 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 and Mary Fitzgerald Roth.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR OUR RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER - If you have not yet registered your child/children for the 2017-2018 Religious Ed program, please return your registration papers to the office as soon as possible as classes have to be formed. If you misplaced your papers, call the office at (845) 373-8193, Monday through Thursday, and another set will be mailed to you. The last date to register your children is Monday, July 31, 2017.

VINE AND BRANCHES - Last Saturday we provided food for 19 families/80 people. I want to thank everyone who donates food, purchases 50/50 tickets and volunteers at our food closet. Together we make a difference.

YOUTH GROUP FOR HIGH SCHOOL - A group will be meeting to discuss the formation of a parish Youth Group for High School age students. If anyone is interested in helping, please feel free to attend. The meeting will be held Thursday, August 3rd at 7 pm in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, email pomeisl@optonline.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - This summer St. Anthony's Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School for the children in Pine Plains. The dates are August 14 to 18 from 9 am to noon. For more information call 845-373-8193.

DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM MASS - The lazy days of summer can make it tempting to be lazy on Sunday and stay home from Mass, but here are 4 reasons to fit Mass attendance into our summer:

1. After Jesus' resurrection, the followers came together to keep his message alive and became the early Church. Every time we attend Mass, we help to keep Jesus' message alive.
2. At Sunday Mass, millions of people we don't know are praying for us and with us. Where else can we get that kind of help.
3. Attending Mass connects us to the Communion of Saints – the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and believers on Earth. That's powerful company.
4. Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills the 3rd Commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day – instructions straight from God.

Note: To find a Catholic Church or Mass time anywhere in the country, call 858-207-6277 or visit www.masstime.org

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, July 15-16, 2017, we collected \$4,043 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,328 for Summer Maintenance. 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.

2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL IS WINDING DOWN - My sincere thanks to the 112 families who have pledged or made a donation to the Cardinal's Appeal. To date, we have received **\$38,409** and are only **\$3,091** short of our goal of **\$41,500**. To those of our parishioners who have not yet contributed, I ask that you consider supporting this Appeal. It's not necessarily the large donations that enable us to reach our goal. Perhaps the true measure of success is when all our families are able to make a contribution to the Cardinal's Appeal regardless of the amount.