

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 29, 2017

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Oct. 30	8:00 am	John Culligan
	Tues.	Oct. 31	8:00 am	Ralph Vinchiarello
Pine Plains	"	"	7:00 pm	Rev. Frank Bassett
Amenia	Wed.	Nov. 1	8:00 am	Ralph Cummings
"	"	"	7:00 pm	Eugene & Philomena Ketchum & Bertha Conway
"	Thurs.	Nov. 2	8:00 am	All Souls
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	All Souls
Amenia	"	"	7:00 pm	All Souls
"	Fri.	Nov. 3	8:00 am	Ralph Cummings
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	James & Elizabeth Moriarty
Amenia	Sat.	Nov. 4	8:00 am	Katherine Blinn
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Downey, Sr.
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Pine Plains	Sun.	Nov. 5	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	The Darnell Family

"THE PASTOR'S CONFERENCE"

Dear Friends:

Some of you may wonder what I was doing the week of October 16th to 20th. I was at a "Pastor's Conference" at the Breaker's Hotel in Spring Lake, New Jersey. Yes, it is on the ocean, and it is a beautiful spot. The ocean is right there, and there is plenty of time to recharge one's batteries with the serenity of the ocean and the splendid weather.

Yes, there was free time to spend as we pleased. There was also plenty of time to fellowship with priests of the Archdiocese of New York. We also had a fruitful meeting with Cardinal Dolan. As the Cardinal often does, he spent more time listening to us than talking to us. It is always a very valuable moment to be with our Shepherd and share with him our concerns and opinions.

But there was many other moments where we were able to learn about our vocation as pastors. There was a presentation by the two men who founded the Church "Rebuild" movement. Fr. Michael White and layman Tom Corcoran presented their efforts at rebuilding a parish in Maryland. They were very helpful and very impressive.

There was a conference presented by a Protestant Pastor named Reverend J.C. Austin. He spoke about being "resilient" in Parish ministry. That means being willing to bounce back from disappointments and continue serving God's people.

Msgr. Richard Henning presented a conference on preaching in Advent and Christmas. This was a very practical and relevant help to us in the challenging ministry of preaching.

This was a conference for Pastors, those who are in charge of parishes. It has been my privilege and honor to serve here at Immaculate Conception/St. Anthony's for over 8 years. I hope that I am able, as Pastor, to bring you the Good News of Jesus Christ every week and every 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.

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, 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, 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, Daisy Abruzzo, Richard Piccoli, Laura Galdiero, Joseph Scutieri, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Ray Proper, Sr., Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, John Bray, Kevin Flanigan, Karen Grimaldi and Jody Kain.

VINE & BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017. We provided food for 31 families and approximately 125 people. We wish to thank all of you who purchased 50/50 tickets, donated food and volunteered at the food closet. Together we really make a difference in helping our community. Many thanks!

FIRST FRIDAY - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, November 3rd, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Won't you consider spending a half hour with our Lord.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP - The next Parish Youth Group will be held on Friday, November 3rd, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will be meeting in the gym. All are welcome. Bring a friend. See the parish website for more info.

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**ALL SAINTS DAY** - All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The following Masses will be offered for All Saints Day:

**7 pm (10/31) in Pine Plains                      8 am (11/1) in Amenia                      7 pm (11/1) in Amenia**

**ALL SOULS DAY INTENTIONS** - All Souls Day is Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Envelopes are available in back of the Church for your All Souls Intentions. You may place the envelope with your donation in the offering basket, drop it off at the parish office, or hand it to Fr. Wilson. The following Masses will be offered on All Souls Day:

**8 am in Amenia                                      12 noon in Pine Plains                                      7 pm in Amenia**

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ALL SOUL'S DAY PRAYER - Jesus, dear Savior, on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally. Thank you for our memories of them for the good times we shared. We ask You, please through their intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - All children are invited to participate in the Children's Choir which will sing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. All are welcome. Practice will be held after the 10:45 am Mass on Sundays and will last approximately 20 minutes. Choir practices will begin on Sunday, November 5th.

THANK YOU - The Pine Plains Council of Churches' members thank the sponsors and walkers for their participation in the 2017 Crop Walk. As of October 20th, \$1,776 was raised to address world hunger issues with approximately \$445 coming to our local Pine Plains Community Food Locker.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, October 21-22, 2017, approximately 328 people attended Mass and we collected \$3,608 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$954.02 for World Mission Sunday. I thank you for your presence, generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and 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, Michael Pomeisl and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

† Sanctuary Light †
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Susan Vinchiarello
In Memory of Ralph Vinchiarello*