

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 6, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	May 7	8:00 am	Maura O'Grady	
"	Tues.	May 8	8:00 am	Jim & Marie Cayea	
"	Wed.	May 9	8:00 am	Patricia Hinck	
Pine Plains	"	"	7:00 pm	Rev. Carlos Lopez-Acosta	(Ascension)
Amenia	Thurs.	May 10	8:00 am	John Macura	(Ascension)
"	"	"	7:00 pm	Mary Lyman	(Ascension)
"	Fri.	May 11	8:00 am	Martha J. Flanigan	
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	James & Elizabeth Moriarty	
Amenia	Sat.	May 12	8:00 am	Lauren Whalen	
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Anna McEnroe Costine, Elizabeth N. McEnroe, and Katherine Haridisty	

Pine Plains	Sun	May 13	8:00 am	Claire Patricia Watterson	
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish	

"EASTER TIME"

Dear Friends,

With all the excitement of Easter and Holy Week, it may be that we miss the blessings of Easter time, the 7 weeks of Catholic worship after Easter. It is good and right that we should see Holy Week and Easter as the real high points of our liturgical year. In Catholic theology and prayer life, we emphasize Holy Week and Easter as the most important days of the year.

But, of course, all time is holy and we should always live in the present and the present now is "Easter time" and continues until Pentecost. This time presents so many fruitful opportunities for us to deepen our understanding of our faith in Jesus Christ.

The "Acts of the Apostles" is presented to us as readings every day and on Sundays. The Acts are so interesting and filled with tales of imprisonment, persecution and martyrdom, as the courageous early missionaries build a new Church.

The "Acts of the Apostles" reveal so much to us as the new Church grapples with its understanding of Christ and the nature of His Church. We see in the "Acts" the apostles and others trying to determine whether to let non-Jews, or Gentiles, enter the Church.

It is so meaningful for us to study the early Church because it was a time so near to the life of Christ, so that the real presence of Christ was still fresh in the minds of the Apostles and the disciples.

As we journey through Easter season, we experience soon the Ascension and Pentecost. This again presents us with very fruitful reflections on the nature of our faith. As we look to the Ascension, we experience with the Apostles the departure of Christ from the scene, and we are reminded that we must carry out His work on earth.

At Pentecost, we pray for the Holy Spirit to come into our life, not just to receive extraordinary gifts, but to receive more confidence, courage, focus and perseverance in our faith life.

Fr. Wilson

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS - Mother's Day cards for the living and deceased are available at the entrance of the Church. You may leave your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office.

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, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Colton Culligan, Irene Smith, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Lisa Missailidis and for Baby Jack Thomas Farrell.

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MEN'S GROUP - The Men's Group will meet on Monday, May 7th, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. All are welcome.

SPRING INTO PRAYER! - Join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation at St. Anthony's Church at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 12th. All are welcome.

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.

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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** - Ascension Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass Schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018 -- 7:00 pm Mass -- St. Anthony's, Pine Plains**

**Thursday, May 10, 2018 -- 8:00 am Mass -- Immaculate Conception, Amenia  
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FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - MAY CROWNING As is our tradition, we ask all the First Communicants to wear their communion outfits and attend the 10:45 am Mass on Sunday May 13th, and participate in the "May Crowning" following the Mass.

CREATE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH - Almost one out of four Americans is Catholic, yet misconceptions abound about our teachings and beliefs. Why not become an ambassador and spread the truth of our Catholic faith?

Remember our roots. Jesus established the Catholic Church and promised "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." The Church is the guardian of truth that comes from God, not from men.

Explain the rules. It is said that we have lots of rules. The guidance we get from the Church helps us to live holy, selfless lives that keep us right with God and teach us how to love our brothers and sisters. The goal is salvation.

Share the love. From the first, the Catholic Church has been about action: caring for the sick and the poor, teaching the children, welcoming immigrants, fighting for justice. Living selfless lives of charity and love is the best way to show others the true Catholic Church.

PPCC SCHOLARSHIP - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will award a scholarship to Graduating Seniors from Stissing Mt. High School or a graduating student who attends one of the Council Churches. Applications are available from Council Pastors and Stissing Mt. Guidance Office. All applications must be returned by May 21st.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, April 28-29, 2018, we collected \$3,875.16 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$869.49 for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. 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, Michael Pomeisl and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.