

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 12, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 13	8:00 am	Gregory Hunter Rost
"	Tues.	Aug. 14	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
Pine Plains	"	"	7:00 pm	James V. & Elizabeth A. Moriarty
Amenia	Wed.	Aug. 15	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr
"	"	"	7:00 pm	William E.P. Murphy
"	Thurs	Aug. 16	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Aug. 17	8:00 am	Fay & William McEnroe Families
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Elizabeth Brizzie
Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 18	8:00 am	Jane Wells
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Joseph Ducillo
Pine Plains	Sun	Aug. 19	8:00 am	Fiorento Liberta
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Richard Belliveau

"IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-ST. ANTHONY PARISH"

The Immaculate Conception parish in Amenia, originally established in 1868, included the parishes currently in Dover Plains, Pawling, Pine Plains and Millbrook. At present, the parish consists of St. Anthony's Church in Pine Plains and the Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia; both primarily agricultural communities with dairy farming declining and horse training and breeding becoming increasingly prevalent.

The parish records indicate that in 1844 the first priest known to attend the sick and say an occasional Mass in the area of Northeast and Amenia was Fr. Riordan of St. Peter's Church, Poughkeepsie. In Amenia, he first celebrated Mass in the home of Thomas McEnroe. Then, in 1859 Father Charles Slavin became responsible for early Catholics here by being given charge of the whole Harlem Valley. He resided at Dover Pains and built the church there.

Fr. John Orsenigo followed him, in 1864, living at Croton Falls. He used to say Mass in the sheds at the railroad station in Amenia and in homes around Millerton. It was he who purchased the land and started to build the churches in Amenia and Millerton.

During the pastorate of Fr. Orsenigo, masses were held in private homes around the village while preparations were made to build a church.

It was difficult to obtain an appropriate piece of land, because of opposition from non-catholics, until George Greathead (a Protestant) purchased the necessary land for the church. The ground was broken and the building began through the labors of the parishioners. In 1866 the church was completed. The first wedding occurred on the 14th of November 1876 between John Burk and Mary Ann Mack.

In Amenia, the first church was located at the corner of Route 22 and Powder House Road, on the site of a house later belonging to Edward Foley. The church was dedicated in September 1868 with the first baptism that of John Edward Jahem, the son of John and Ann Jahem, born on the 9th of July, 1868. The first recorded marriage was between James Milas St. John and Catherine Farrelly.

*To be continued,
Fr. Wilson*

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, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Lisa Missailidis, Lori Downing, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Jennifer McRoberts, Leah Rost and Genevieve Minischetti.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, August 13th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

VINE & BRANCHES - The winner of the 50/50 was Christopher Willig. The split was \$70.00. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, August 18th, at 10 am in our gym. All food donations are much appreciated but we are especially in need of toothpaste, shampoo, bath soap and toilet paper.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken to heaven body and soul at the end of her life. The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of obligation and will be celebrated at the following Masses:

Tuesday, August 14th - 7:00 pm (Pine Plains)

Wednesday, August 15th - 8:00 am (Amenia) and 7:00 pm (Amenia)

The Feast of the Assumption has always been loved dearly by the faithful who are children of Mary. We seek to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience.

MAKE JESUS' MOTHER YOUR OWN - Catholics reserve worship for God, but Mary has a special place of honor in our hearts. When we follow Jesus' request to take His Mother as our own, we are sheltered by her maternal protection, share in the love between Mother and Son, and take a unique route to the heart of Our Lord.

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38). From the first "Yes" to her unique role in God's plan to the final moments at the foot of the Cross, Mary cooperated with faith, hope, and charity in her Son's plan to restore supernatural life to us. She is ready to protect our new life and help us grow in love of her Son, if only we ask.

"Woman, behold your son" (John 19:26). Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross was the ultimate act of love. Out of love, too, He offered to share His beloved Mother with all of us as our own Mother. Heeding Jesus' words, *"Behold your mother"* (John 19:27), we can take Mary into our hearts and homes.

"Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5). Mary brought others to Jesus by bringing Him into the world and talking about Him. Bringing others to Jesus is our job, too. We can follow her example, ask for her help, and be obedient like her.

START SEPTEMBER WITH GOD - Come join us for coffee and snacks followed by Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains at 10 am on Saturday, September 1st. Guided Meditation is a way of deepening your relationship with Jesus by imaginatively entering into a Biblical scene yourself. It's like a Biblical version of the "We Were There..." book series.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, August 4-5, 2018, we collected \$3,329.60 in our Regular Sunday Collection. 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.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Barbara Murphy
In Loving Memory of William E.P. Murphy*