

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 16, 2018**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Sept. 17	8:00 am	R.B. Kain
"	Tues.	Sept. 18	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
"	Wed.	Sept. 19	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
"	Thurs	Sept. 20	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Sept. 21	8:00 am	Rudolph Eschbach
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Pat Boice (Living)
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Sept. 22	8:00 am	John Mescall
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Bill McEnroe Family
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Sept. 23	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Bill Lutz

**"AGING"**

*Dear Friends:*

*I recently read an article about "Anti-Aging." It seems like something everyone would want. Why not develop a medicine that can stop the aging process? Wouldn't you want that? Participating in some kind of therapy or medical help that would let you live to 100 or 150 years? Or even longer?*

*Many Silicon Valley entrepreneurs are actively entering to this "war on death." Bill Maris, CEO of Google Ventures, invested a billion dollars into studying life – extending drugs. Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, has pledged to donate more than 3 billion dollars toward a plan to cure, prevent or manage all disease.*

*We see the goal of this "longevity" research is to dramatically increase the human life span. To many, this seems like a wonderful idea. If we could help people to live to 200 years, what a great world it would be!*

*People have often wanted to live forever. No one wants to face the finality and pain of death. This has been part of the human spirit since the beginning of time. That is why the Christian vision is so attractive. For through Jesus Christ in His life, death and resurrection, we have the real possibility to have eternal life – a life of eternal happiness with God.*

*Many in our modern society have turned away from this wonderful belief. They have rejected religion and belief in God and therefore they have, in my opinion, no where to turn as they face the inevitable ending of human existence in this passing world. And so they, as so many today, turn to science.*

*But one has to wonder. How long will these medical procedures give those who want to live longer? What will they do when that ends? And who is going to pay for these procedures? Will they only be for the rich? Who is going to take care of these new elderly people when they live another 20 or 30 years? And, finally, couldn't this money be better used battling the many problems of our world, such as poverty and starvation?*

*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, 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, Genevieve Minischetti Susan Consentino and Pat Boice.

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**THE VINE & BRANCHES** -. The winner of the 50/50 was Victoria Perotti. The split was \$60.50. I want to thank all of you who purchase 50/50 tickets for the benefit of our food pantry as well as those of you who donate food. A special thanks to all our volunteers who come each month and help us distribute the food. We couldn't do it without you.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS** – The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish is coming up fast. I am hopeful that everyone will try and attend the 10:45 am Mass on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, as we gather together and give thanks to God for our Church. I look forward to seeing you all at the delicious barbecue afterward. We are giving a shout-out for the bakers in our parish to add to our dessert table i.e. cookies, brownies, cupcakes etc. Thank you in advance for your delicious treats. You may drop off your baked goods on Sunday morning (9/23) in our kitchen located in the gym of the parish center.

**THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS** - When someone wrongs you in some way, do you hold a grudge and keep the hurt? Here are three reasons to embrace the power of forgiveness.

*Forgiveness is not something we do for the other person, but something we do for ourselves. Refusing to forgive merely prolongs hurt feelings. It helps us dwell on them and keep them alive. And that feels awful.*

*But when you forgive, the negative feelings are purged and there's new room for goodness. The energy that sustained the anger is now available for other purposes. And that's a much better feeling.*

*Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive daily forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't – how can we obtain it for ourselves?*

*Think about praying for anyone who hurts you and ask God to bless him. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you'll be saying one of Jesus' favorite prayers. He prayed it while on the Cross.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, September 8-9, 2018, we collected \$5,404.75 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.

**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 Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers

**BE A WITNESS TO LIFE:** Support life as you participate in the following Life Chains. All Chains will be held on Church Street in Poughkeepsie. Sunday, Sept 30; 3:30-5pm/Sunday, Oct 7; 2-3:30pm/Sunday, Oct 28; 3:30-5pm For more information, call 845-853-6529.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** September 26<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup> For information on the local campaign, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/poughkeepsie](http://www.40daysforlife.com/poughkeepsie) or call Maureen 845-853-6529..