

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## November 25, 2018

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Nov. 26	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
"	Tues.	Nov. 27	8:00 am	Sarah Marano
"	Wed.	Nov. 28	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
"	Thurs.	Nov. 29	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Nov. 30	8:00 am	Margaret Quinn
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	Dr. Anthony Naglieri
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Dec. 1	8:00 am	James & Frances Mahar
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Elizabeth Riva
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Dec. 2	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Special Intention for the Wolfington and DeCarlo Families ( <i>Living</i> )

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### "ADVENT"

*Dear Friends:*

*As we look forward to the Advent season there are many things to consider. As always, I encourage you to strive to not get obsessed with Christmas preparations (easier said than done). But, as often happens in life, there is a balance to be made in this. We can take care of our pre-Christmas obligations (I have them too) and also make progress in our spiritual life. The challenge, as usual, is time.*

*If we can fit in a little spirituality in little spaces of time, that would be a big help. I was awaiting the first appointment I had for a root canal last week and I was in the office waiting room for 1-1/2 hours. It was very difficult, as the magazines were terrible and the TV was worse. I mentioned it to someone and he said why didn't you say a rosary? I thought, why didn't I think of that?*

*One thing we can do is reflect on the colors of nature and what they tell us about God. We know that the liturgical year blesses us with colors in our vestments. Those colors symbolize different aspects of our faith. Then we can relate them to the beautiful world God has blessed us with. There is the green of ordinary time. Even though we don't use green in Advent or Christmas, it might be the major color of the season. The wreaths around us are green, as are the trees in the country. And green is considered symbolic of everlasting life, as our trees around us are green all year.*

*I had another thought. Ever talk with anyone about God? We are normally shy about any God conversations in our world outside of Church. But maybe that should change. It doesn't have to be theologically deep or confrontational. Just try telling a friend how you feel blessed or how much you find Church peaceful. Just a little touch here and there. And always sprinkle any words with a little kindness. After all, we are all missionaries, and the world is our mission.*

*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, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Mary Ann Mullen, 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 Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjani, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Genevieve Minischetti, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Deborah McGovern, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Simmons, Dolores Russo and William Edwards.

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**VINE AND BRANCHES** - Thanks to your generosity, last Saturday we provided food for approximately 21 families and 99 people. All food donations are much needed and greatly appreciated.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Don't miss a golden opportunity to prepare for Christmas on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for an afternoon of Reflection – Our Advent Journey to Christmas. More details to follow.

**ADVENT CANDLE SETS** - The Advent sets and candles are available in the back of Church. Advent sets (Wreath & Candles) are \$10.00, Candles only \$5.00. You can give the money to Fr. Wilson.

**DE-STRESS WITH GOD** - The weeks before Christmas can be overly-busy and stressful, but Advent has the opposite message: prayerful, joyful preparation and anticipation! Do yourself good and come to Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.

*Always pray to have eyes that  
see the best in people,  
a heart that forgives the worst,  
a mind that forgets the bad,  
and a soul that never loses faith in God.*

**OUR ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY** - Our Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:45 am Mass. There will be animals, light refreshments, a bake sale, a cash and carry table, and craft vendors. Please mark December 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come join us and bring a friend!

**BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We are in need of baked goods for our "Bake Sale" at the Living Nativity. There will be a sign-up sheet in back of Church for those willing to bake for this fundraiser. We also need volunteers to help out at the Living Nativity. Please call the office if you are willing to lend a helping hand. *"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."* ~Elizabeth Andrew~

**THRIFT SHOP** - The Rose Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, will have their **"BAG SALE"** on Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 2 pm. The shop will close for the season at the end of the business day on Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to everyone who supported the shop throughout the year. We will re-open in the Spring.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, November 17-18, 2018, we collected \$4,457.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,576.43 for Thanksgiving – Human Development. 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

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Ginny Eschbach and Family  
In Celebration of Sister Kathleen Lindsay's 100 Birthday*