

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 17, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

Amenia	Mon.	Feb. 18	8:00 am	Matt Shirley
"	Tues.	Feb. 19	8:00 am	Al Cobuzzi
"	Wed.	Feb. 20	8:00 am	Filadelfo Ossino
"	Thurs.	Feb. 21	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Feb. 22	8:00 am	Evelyn DeLaPena
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Jane Wells
Amenia	Sat.	Feb. 23	8:00 am	Luis Marti
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Kathryn Finkle

Pine Plains	Sun	Feb. 24	8:00 am	Patricia Boyles
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Thomas O'Hara

"RENEW AND REBUILD"

Dear Friends:

I have wanted to update all of you on the status of our major fundraiser, named "Renew and Rebuild" by the Archdiocese. For some reason, final figures are not finalized by the Archdiocese, but I can give you some basic figures.

Our goal was to reach \$330,000 in pledges. I thought that was a very difficult goal to get close to. I was hoping to reach over halfway by the end of December.

But the generosity of our good people here has been fantastic. Our final pledge total reached \$295,000 according to my figures. That, I must say, is a tremendous figure. I want to express my unending thanks to all of you who made such generous pledges. This will allow us to do some much needed work in Pine Plains and Amenia.

But we all must remember that these pledges come in over a span of 5 years. So the money becomes available to us in increments over your pledged time frame. The first priority is repaying the parish savings that was used to put a new roof on the back side of the school building. Then the next project we hope will be the parking lot in Pine Plains. Then we will take it from there. I will try to keep you up-to-date as we go along.

"OUR LADY OF LOURDES"

On February 11th, the Church celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Everything related to the story of Our Lady of Lourdes is remarkable, including the amazing shrine in France which is a world center for healing.

St. Bernadette was the young peasant girl who witnessed a vision of Our Lady in a forgotten grotto in 1858, in southern France. Bernadette asked Mary what her name was. She said "I am the Immaculate Conception" (in the local language). This was only a few years after the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was defined by the Church. However, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became so popular in a few years that a little Church was titled "Immaculate Conception" in 1868 in a little town in Amenia, New York.

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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - If you need a copy your 2018 Financial Statement with respect to your contributions to Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony's Church, please call the office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, 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, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Joseph Licurse, Renee Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello, Cecilia Cummings, Dolores Russo, William Edwards, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons, Marlena Mittell, Marjorie Arni and John Haggerty.

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ST. PATRICK'S POT LUCK - We are planning to have our traditional St. Patrick's "pot luck" and "bake sale" on Sunday, March 17th, from 12 noon to 2:00 pm in the gym. Please consider joining us for a pleasant afternoon with good food, good company and good music. There are sign-up sheets in the back of Church for the "Pot Luck" as well as for those willing to bake for our "Bake Sale". "Irish Step Dancers" are especially welcome. Please call the office if you can lend a hand with the bake sale, decorating, set-up or clean-up.

CAMP VERITAS - Camp Veritas is a one-week "play-and-pray" Catholic summer camp for teens entering 7th through 12th grades. Daytime activities include soccer, basketball, volleyball, swimming, hiking, dodgeball, and much more. Registration is now open for the 2019 Season. Please see the insert for more details. To speak with someone directly about Camp Veritas, our mission, operations, catechetical content, policies, and procedures, please contact Jennifer Edwards at admin@campveritas.com or call 845-663-1689.

*Even though there are days,
I wish I could change some things that happened in the past,
there's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so big,
where you're headed is much more important
than what you've left behind.*

PLEASE FORGIVE ME - Throughout history, there has been only one person who never made mistakes. The rest of us make plenty but few of us are comfortable with asking for forgiveness for them. Yet owning up to our mistakes is a big step toward preventing their recurrence. Try this:

Start by looking at the other person when you apologize - This communicates that you know you have made a mistake and are ready to accept the consequences of your behavior.

Name the actions for which you are sorry - Be specific. Assure the other person that the actions won't happen again and you will set right any harm you caused. Remember- true contrition involves making amends for your sin.

Give some visible sign that you are sincerely sorry - Shake hands or give a touch on the shoulder. Such an action will help start the healing of your relationship.

Taking steps to achieve sincere contrition and forgiveness will help you grow in holiness as you work to eliminate an occasion of sin. ~ *Growing in Faith* ~

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Almighty God we ask Your divine mercy and protection to envelop our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their families. Lord, please watch over 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 who are presently serving in the Military.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, February 9-10, 2019, approximately 305 people attended Mass and we collected \$4,062.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,408.01 for Peter's Pence. 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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Blessed are the peacemakers. The world sure could use more peacemakers. The key to becoming one is to practice forgiveness and offer peace. That way everyone around us will feel the love of Christ.