

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 19, 2019

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	May 20	8:00 am	Joseph Delango
“	Tues.	May 21	8:00 am	Robert Cooper
“	Wed.	May 22	8:00 am	Frank Foley
“	Thurs.	May 23	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	May 24	8:00 am	Timothy Price
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Katherine Blinn
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	May 25	8:00 am	Richard F. Rabideau
	“	“	4:30 pm	Kathryn Finkle
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	May 26	8:00 am	Cleto Guglielmetti
<b>Amenia</b> “	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

### “CHANGE”

Dear Friends:

*Many of us are distressed by the idea of “change.” I have to say, since I am in my older years, I find the prospect of changes in my life and in the world somewhat disturbing. There is the old and true statement “change is hard.” It is true.*

*This comes to mind in my recent reading of quotations from novelists of the 1800’s. One of the characters in Theodore Fontane’s “Der Stechlin” struggled with the modern world. This character decided one must go “not necessarily with the new: better with the old, as far as we can, and with the new, only as far as we must.” Here we see a reasonable person’s challenge to keep what is good of “the old” and accept only what is good of “the new.”*

*This is the challenge of the Church in today’s world. We must keep and hold onto the “old.” That means our doctrine and beliefs, our bible, and our tradition. Faithfulness to the person of Jesus is timeless. But we must adapt to the “new” of the world so that we can spread the gospel in an effective way.*

*Another quote came from the Italian novelist Gisussape Tomasi di Lampedusa in the book “The Leopard.” In face of the many changes in Italy in the nineteenth century, a character concludes “If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change.” It seems like a contradictory statement, but it really is not. It is, to me, a prudential and wise stance to the dramatic challenges of modern life.*

*Much of what we do in the Church is to “preserve.” We must preserve our scriptures, our traditions, not to mention our structure and even our physical buildings. But this mission to preserve is not like maintaining a museum. All of us must keep the Church “alive” and growing, and that involves change. What is true in life is true in the Church: In order to be successful, one must adapt to the challenges of a changing world.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION** - The Pine Plains Council of Churches annually offers a scholarship to a graduating Stissing Mt. High School senior who is actively affiliated with a Christian Church, or to any graduating senior who is actively affiliated with a PPCC member church. Applications are available from Fr. Wilson and must be returned no later than May 20, 2019.

**2019 CARDINAL’S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - As of May 10, 2019, we have received **\$23,990.00** in pledges from **82** families toward our goal of \$39,500.00. If you are not in the position to make a pledge, a one-time donation in an amount you can afford will be much appreciated. No amount is too small.

**PARISH COUNCIL** - The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony’s in Pine Plains.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH :** Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, 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, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Joseph Licurse, Renee Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjani, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons, Marlina Mittell, Marjorie Arni, John Haggerty, Teal Burns, Jane Bly and Robert Bartolome

**CONFIRMATION** - Our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class will be receiving Confirmation on Thursday, May 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Bishop Peter Byrne will be confirming our students. All are welcome to attend this very special Mass. Please keep the following young people in your prayers: Michael Basler, Ryan Basler, Gianna Dellevigne, Connor Fleischman, Andres Jardines, Jeffrey Knapp, Thomas LaBella, Adolfo Lopez-Cruz, Sofie Morton, Alexa Reinhard and Brayan Reyes-Lopez.

**LAST CALL FOR RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION** - Our Religious Ed Program is essential in helping parents pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. To date, many families have not registered their children for the fall semester. We ask the parents to please register them as soon as possible, as classes have to be formed and books must be ordered by mid June. To register, please call the office at (845) 373-8193 or stop in Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**BEGIN A NEW LIFE AFTER EASTER** - The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations.

**Make an examination.** Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

**Face the truth with courage.** It can be discouraging to look honestly at our many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin. Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is.

**Devise a plan.** Decide what needs to change and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it. Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it.

**Take the First steps.** New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spent at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.

**DUTCHESS NY 4 LIFE** - Dutchess NY 4 Life has organized a bus to attend the upcoming March for Life NY in Albany on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, which begins at 11 am with prayer at the Children's Memorial at the NYS Empire Plaza, followed by a March to the Capital Building for a Rally with pro-life speakers. Rally ends at 3:30. Bus transportation departing from Poughkeepsie with a pick-up in Red Hook available. Adults \$16; Students \$12. For more details and to reserve your seat, contact Maureen @ 845-853-6529 or email: DutchessNY41Life@gmail.com.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, May 11-12, 2019, we collected \$4,651.40 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,384.96 for Utility & Energy. 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:** 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.

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATION** - Just adore. Do you ever run out of conversation during your prayer time? Do you tire of praying the same things over again? Try sitting in silent adoration of the one who loves you most. What words can be better than that? *"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love."* (1 John 4:18).

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Pat Delango  
In Memory of Susan and Andrew Koblosh*