

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 14, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	July 15	8:00 am	Fr. John L. Durkin
“	Tues.	July 16	8:00 am	Rene Cobuzzi
“	Wed.	July 17	8:00 am	Sally Quinn
“	Thurs.	July 18	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	July 19	8:00 am	Francis (Babe) Foley
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	John Maschi
Amenia	Sat.	July 20	8:00 am	Fr. John L. Durkin
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Peter Paul Duke

Pine Plains	Sun.	July 21	8:00 am	Cleto Guglielmetti
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

“GOD’S CREATION”

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, I am a “car nut.” I come from a family of “car nuts.” I am interested in car stuff – I subscribe to two car magazines.

When a new car comes out, many people are excited about the new styling, the way the car looks. Other people are very interested in how the car drives, how it goes around the curves of a road. Others are interested in how big the engine is or how fast it goes.

Me? I’m interested in reliability. Does the car work? Will it work in two years? Is it made well? Those are the things I’m interested in, although you usually have to wait a few years to find out if the car really works.

We all like reliability. One thing that hit me one day was how reliable the Earth is. Every day the Earth performs in such a reliable way that we don’t even notice it. The sun comes up, shines on all of us and blesses us with beautiful days. The Earth that God gave us is so marvelous and so reliable.

Just think, for a moment, how this peaceful and pleasant planet operates. It is amazing. The surface of the earth we live on, in its rotation, is moving 1000 miles per hour. How fast is the Earth moving through space? It is orbiting around the sun at a rate of 67,000 miles per hour or 18.5 miles a second. How fast is the solar system moving through the galaxy? At about 514,000 miles per hour (that speed would go around the earth in 2 minutes and 54 seconds).

That is incredible. All of that happens around us and we don’t even notice. And it happens reliably every minute of every day. That is what our Creator God has blessed us with. Our loving and all powerful Creator gave us this beautiful world, a work of art that performs flawlessly as we hurtle through space.

Some might say this occurs by chance – that the Earth is a random event that just happened. In view of what a reliable miracle our Creation is, there has to be a powerful and wonderful Creator.

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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Look with Love. God looks at us with a father’s love. He sees us as He created us to be – His beloved children who deserve another chance. When you’re tempted to focus on another’s faults, ask God to help you see everyone as He does – with love.

“(God is) always patient, patient with us...He never tires of forgiving us if we know to turn to Him with a contrite heart.” ~ Pope Francis ~

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLuca, 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, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjan, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons, Marlena Mittell, Marjorie Arni, John Haggerty, Teal Burns, Jane Bly, Robert Bartolomeo, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller and Albert Nolletti.

NEWLY BAPTIZED - Mia Teresa Bourne, daughter of Matthew Bourne and Rachel O'Hara, was baptized on June 29, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Church. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on this child watch over her and fill her with peace and joy.

VINE & BRANCHES - The Winner of the 50/50 was Edith Walsh. The split was \$85.00. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at 10 am in the gym. All food donations are most appreciated but we are especially in need of bath soap, toothpaste and shampoo.

VITA - Love Life. Pro-life Interactive Workshop. We will discuss and share ideas about communicating the pro-life message in a loving and well-informed way. Please join us at St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, Millbrook, New York on Tuesday, July 23rd, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please also join us if your time permits at 6:45 pm for the Rosary for Life in the Church. For more information, please call the Rectory at 845-677-3422.

AARP 6 HR. DRIVER SAFETY COURSE - AARP 6 hour Driver Safety Course is being offered on Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (with a one hour lunch break) at Immaculate Conception Parish Center at 11 Lavelle Road in Amenia. The fee is \$20.00 for AARP members and \$25.00 for non members. Cash or check only. Class size is a maximum of 25 participants. Call Ed between 4 to 8 pm at 845-373-8108 to register. Bring your AARP card.

***"Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear,
too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice,
but for those who love, time is eternity."***

~Henry Van Dyke~

TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY IN STOCKBRIDGE, MA - The Rosary Society is planning a trip to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Thursday, July 18th. We will meet in the St. Patrick's Church parking lot in Millerton at 10:30 am and arrange car pooling up to the Shrine. They offer confession from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, Mass at 2:00 pm and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm. They have beautiful grounds, including Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine, the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, the outdoor life-size Stations of the Cross, the Holy Family Shrine, and the Lourdes Grotto/Immaculate Conception Candle Shrine as well as a gift shop. We also plan on stopping at the Great Barrington Brewery for Lunch on the way home. If you are interested in visiting the Shrine, please call Margaret Gregoire at (518) 518-789-3337.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - The Pine Plains Community Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, August 12th through Friday, August 16th, from 9 am to noon at the Presbyterian Church, 3039 Church Street in Pine Plains with registration on Monday, August 12th from 8:45 am. This year's program is called GiddyUp Junction, and your child will learn about the good news of God's love as shown in the Acts of the Apostles. While you can fill out a registration form on the first day your child attends the VBS, bringing a filled-in form with you will make the registration process more efficient. The registration forms are on the table in the entry way. Please speak with Fr. Wilson or Jackie Reynolds to obtain additional information.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, July 6-7, 2019, we collected \$4,349.25 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,349.35 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: 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. 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 the Altar Rosary Society
In Loving Memory of Fr. John L. Durkin*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A MASS “OFFERED” FOR SOMEONE - An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as a birthday, an anniversary, or for someone who is ill or in distress), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Please keep in mind that the tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the 2nd century evidence this practice. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d.386), in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Ambrose (d.397) preached, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and much appreciated. *(Fr. William Saunders)*