

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 21, 2019

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	July 22	8:00 am	John L. Durkin
“	Tues.	July 23	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
“	Wed.	July 24	8:00 am	Jerry Henry
“	Thurs.	July 25	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	July 26	8:00 am	Ralph Cummings
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Jennifer Boice
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	July 27	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Walter C. Shannon

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<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	July 28	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	“	“	10:45 am	Rudy Eschbach

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### “HAGIOGRAPHY”

*Dear Friends,*

*For those who never heard of this word, “hagiography”, it is basically the study of the lives of the saints. It has always been a very essential part of our faith to study and reflect on the lives of the saints. They inspire us and make us feel more confident in our faith. From the lives of the saints we learn that human beings can become holy and do good deeds in a difficult world.*

*The Gospels are themselves, in a way, hagiography. They are an account of the holy and heroic life of Jesus Christ, as well as the lives of the Apostles and the other wonderful believers in the Gospel.*

*In the past, hagiographers, the writers of the lives of the saints, have and sometimes resorted to exaggerations and embellishments to make their point. If you read the classic “Butler’s Lives of the Saints”, which was published 200 years ago, you can see that sometimes the author distorted things to make the saints look holier.*

*As Father Ronald Rolheiser points out in a recent article, these somewhat exaggerated stories of the saints may have been effective in the past. But I think now it is more valuable to see the real human limitations of the saints, because we need to know they are human like you or me. These more realistic lives of the saints are more effective in our “fact-based”, scientific world.*

*Fr. Rolheiser speaks in the article about the “saints” of the world today: celebrities. The celebrities, the rich and the famous are documented in detail in the media today. Many of us may be more familiar with the lives of singers or sports stars than with the saints.*

*We need hagiographers, we need writers of the lives of the saints. The saints are our brothers and sisters from across the centuries who want to inspire us to live virtuous lives. We need this now more than ever.*

*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** - God stays the same. Although the world changes constantly, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love support, and strength when we need it. All we have to do is ask him. *“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed”* (Malachi 3:6).

**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, Albert Noletti and Allen McPeck.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - The Pine Plains Community Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to noon at the Presbyterian Church, 3039 Church Street in Pine Plains with registration on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WHY IS A CATHOLIC FUNERAL IMPORTANT ?** Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the Church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death. The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death. Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church, and the interment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

*Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees.*

**DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM MASS** - The lazy days of summer can make it tempting to be lazy on Sunday and stay home from Mass, but here are 4 reasons to fit Mass attendance into our summer:

1. After Jesus' resurrection, the followers came together to keep his message alive and became the early Church. Every time we attend Mass, we help to keep Jesus' message alive.

At Sunday Mass, millions of people we don't know are praying for us and with us. Where else can we get that kind of help.

2. Attending Mass connects us to the Communion of Saints – the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and believers on Earth. That's powerful company.
3. Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day – instructions straight from God.

*Note: To find a Catholic Church or Mass time anywhere in the country, call 858-207-6277 or visit [www.masstime.org](http://www.masstime.org).*

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, July 14-15, 2019, we collected \$3,522.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$795.68 for Catholic Missions among Black & Indians. 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 Patty Barron  
In Memory of Margaret Wilcox*