

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 28, 2019**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	July 29	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
“	Tues.	July 30	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
“	Wed.	July 31	8:00 am	Cynthia Goggins
“	Thurs.	Aug. 1	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Aug. 2	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Fr. John L. Durkin
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Aug. 3	8:00 am	Fr. John L. Durkin
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Deidre Epstein

<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun.	Aug. 4	8:00 am	Rosemary Smith
<b>Amenia</b>	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

**“VERY PROUD”**

Dear Friends,

*I just thought it might be a good time to congratulate ourselves a little. I am very proud of three of the programs we carry out here at Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony's.*

*First, I want to mention the “Vine & Branches” program we have here in Amenia. Once a month we offer food staples such as orange juice, cheese, tuna fish, pasta sauce and pasta, soup, cereals, rice and other food items to anyone who is in need of our food closet. With the help of outside agencies (Northeast Community Center in Millerton as well as Long Table Harvest) we are able to offer fresh vegetables, milk and eggs during the summer months. This work is accomplished by volunteers from our parish who have great dedication. Young people from our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade religious education program also volunteer on a monthly rotation basis. Any new volunteers would be more than welcome (just call our office if you can lend a helping hand).*

*The “50/50” we offer after the 4:30 pm Mass and the 10:45 am Mass is used to fund the purchase of food. We are also blessed to have various donations from individuals as well as monthly food donations from St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook and periodic food donations from Maplebrook School, the Boy Scouts and Cardinal Hayes.*

*There is a similar program in Pine Plains. It is run in cooperation with the Pine Plains Council of Churches, and several of St. Anthony's parishioners are very active in this food closet. They provide much of the same benefits as the food pantry in Amenia. We want to give a big thank you to all who help out in Pine Plains. We are very proud of you. (Volunteers are also needed – please call the office if you are available to help out)*

*We are also very proud of our Thrift Shop located in the basement of the Church at Immaculate Conception. This wonderful shop is a beautiful opportunity for families in the area to buy clothes, gifts, and home decorations for extremely low prices. I have bought items from there myself. It is a great blessing for our community. We also thank our volunteers for their dedicated service. Donations of clothing and home goods are always needed. (Should you wish to volunteer – please call the office).*

*The Thrift Shop is a special blessing for our parish because the profits from their sales help us in our operation of our Church. These funds are greatly needed.*

*These programs are very special because they help us to be faithful to Our Lord Jesus Christ, and His commands to His followers to help those who are in need. This is so important today, more than ever, where spreading the Love of Christ is so needed.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**VACATION TIME** - Fr. Wilson will be on vacation from August 4<sup>th</sup> to the end of August. Fr. Godfrey will be filling in for Fr. Wilson during this time.

**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, Allen McPeck and Diana LaCurto.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** - We are in great need of a Third Grade Teacher for the Sept. 2019 to May 2020 Religious Ed Program. There are only 5 students in this class.. The classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:30 am. I ask that you prayerfully consider helping us out. We will be here to support and guide you. Please call the office for more details and/or any questions or concerns.

**VINE & BRANCHES** - Last Saturday, we provided food for 19 families and 70 people. The Vine & Branches 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. We thank you all for your continued generosity and support of this important ministry.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Please consider spending a half hour with our Lord.

**IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS !** Please join us for Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation next Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 am at St. Anthony's Church in Pine Plains. We begin downstairs with refreshments and fellowship. If you've never been, why not give it a try?

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SILVER ROSE** - Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Silver Rose will be at: St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, located at 15 North Avenue in Millbrook, NY on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity among Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico through a series of prayerful services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

**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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, July 20-21, 2019, we collected \$4,759.25 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,294.87 for Summer Maintenance. 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.

**WHY STAY CATHOLIC WITH SO MUCH SCANDAL?** Bishop Robert Barron has written a book entitled "***Letter to a Suffering Church***" in which he speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis. These books are available in the back of the Church, free of charge. I think the book is quite interesting and worth the read.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Ann Marie Nonkin  
In Loving Memory of Ann Vallen*

**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.