

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 4, 2019

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 5	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
“	Tues.	Aug. 6	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
“	Wed.	Aug. 7	8:00 am	Mary Theresa Alarie
“	Thurs.	Aug. 8	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	Fri.	Aug. 9	8:00 am	Mary Spear
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Margaret Wilcox
Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 10	8:00 am	Betsy Erskine Guerro
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Lois Kain
Pine Plains	Sun.	Aug. 11	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia“	“	“	10:45 am	Lorraine O'Hara

“LAUGHS”

Dear Friends,

I think it might be a good time to share a few funny things I have found. First, we begin with Church signs that are clever and hopefully meaningful:

Welcome to the perfect Church - for those who aren't.

The tongue weighs practically nothing - but few can hold it.

Men: Hold your wife and kids rather than the remote (or the smartphone).

Children need models, not critics.

I'm a fool for Christ. Whose fool are you?

You think it's hot here? - God.

God likes people – He sent His Son to be one!

What did Noah do with the woodpeckers?

The best way to have the last word is to apologize.

Seven things you never hear in Church:

- 1. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.*
- 2. I was so enthralled, I never noticed the sermon ran 25 minutes long.*
- 3. Personally, I find Church much more enjoyable than golf.*
- 4. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.*
- 5. Since we're all here, let's start the Mass early?*
- 6. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our Annual Stewardship Campaign.*
- 7. I couldn't find space to park outside - Praise God!*

Words of Wisdom: “The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and have the two as close together as possible.” (George Burns)

Fr. Wilson

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 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, Marlena Mittell, Marjorie Arni, John Haggerty, Teal Burns, Jane Bly, Robert Bartolomeo, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPeck and Diana LaCurto.

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MEN'S CLUB - There will be no Men's Club on Monday, August 5th, (Fr. Wilson will be on vacation) or Monday, September 2nd, which is Labor Day. The next Men's Club will meet be on Monday; October 7th.

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.

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### **FOUR IDEAS FOR A MORE PEACEFUL LIFE**

When what we are trying to achieve on earth conflicts with that which is necessary for eternal life with God, we lose the calming, soothing peace Christ wants to give us. Unless we move back into harmony with God's Will, we have no hope to regain that peace. Try these tips for a more peaceful life.

1. ***Don't set your heart on anything specific.*** Pursuing goals like wealth or personal acclaim without first seeking God's Will leads to frustration and resentment. There's no peace in going against God's plan. Instead, be open and place all your hopes, plans and efforts at God's feet. Let him decide what's best.

2. ***Be kind and gentle.*** Resentment, anger, and frustration rob you of peace. Whenever you can, be gentle and considerate of your neighbor. Remember, Jesus was "*meek and humble of heart*". (Matthew 11:29).

3. ***Learn to live with what you cannot control.*** When you let God help you rise above such things, you'll have the peace acceptance brings.

4. ***Consult the Church for answers.*** It isn't always easy to discern God's Will. So when in doubt, turn to Scripture, the *Catechism*, or a trusted priest or religious for advice. After all, helping us to achieve Heaven is what they do!

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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 27-28, 2019, we collected \$3,868.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection. 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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATION - Every moment of our lives are lived in God's presence whether we are aware of Him or not. Take advantage of it and be alone with Him as often as possible. Soon you will be able to see Him everywhere you are. (*Growing in Faith*)