

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 6, 2014**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

Mon	July 7	8:00 am	Caeli Philomena Syversen
Tue	July 8	8:00 am	Mae Kain
Wed	July 9	8:00 am	Bessie Lee
Thu	July 10	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri	July 11	8:00 am	Barbara & Ray McEnroe
		12 noon	Joan O'Loughlin
Sat	July 12	8:00 am	John Harney
		4:30 pm	Earl Proper

Sun.	July 13	8:00 am	Bill Lutz
		10:15 am	People of the Parish

"CATHOLIC SCHOOLS"

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago I spoke of Catholic Schools and our faith. I told you of my experience at the graduation of Our Lady of Lourdes High School and how proud I was of the students I knew there who were graduating. I was recently speaking with a friend who had two children that went to St. Mary's in Fishkill and Lourdes High School. She said that, as she looks at her two children attending college, she was so confident that the Catholic Schools that her children attended made all the difference in the world.

It is especially difficult for us out here in Eastern Dutchess since we have no Catholic schools in our area. Parents who want a Catholic School education for their children have to go to Poughkeepsie or other surrounding locations. It may seem useless for me to extol and praise Catholic schools since they are quite a distance from us. It is a dream, that for us in Amenia and Millerton, is so far away. I could speak of the struggle of getting any kind of help from the government of the State of New York. Recently a very moderate law proposed to help Catholic and private schools didn't make it into legislation. It was a law that was very modest, with tax help for parents of private-school students, but it appears there are forces in government that don't want this kind of thing to happen. That is too bad.

I have spoke many times of my love for Catholic Schools. I served at Sacred Heart School in Suffern, St. Mary's School in Fishkill and St. John's School in Goshen. They are very special places of which I have very fond memories. I hope and pray that there will be, someday, Catholic Schools that are growing and opening all over our great Archdiocese.

Fr. Wilson

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO OUR CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL GOAL – To date, we have received **\$21,035** in pledges/gifts from **82** families. I am so very grateful to the 82 families who have responded thus far. At this time, I would like to make a final appeal to those of you who have not yet contributed, to consider making a pledge or one-time donation in an amount you can afford. No donation that is heartfelt is too small. I thank you for your sacrifice and pray that God will bless you for supporting the work of the Cardinal's Appeal.

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE - Fr. Wilson has plans to visit his brother in California who he hasn't seen for a long time. He will be going on Monday afternoon, July 21st, and returning Friday evening, July 25th. Therefore, there will be no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of that week. Thank you so much.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Ralph Cummings, Drew Airy, Anna McBride, Ann Bida, Ursula Robertson, Allison Bray, Mariley Najdek, Maureen & Thomas Santacroce, Gerhard Herron, Gene Turner, Pat Allen, Walter Lysaght, Kyleigh Cummings, Dorothy Lee Walsh, Brian Darnell, Katie Matman, Jack Boice, Margaret Wilcox, Micha Carroll, Jenifer Dean, Janet Stiles, Thomas LaGrutta, Evan Ciovacco, Uncle Mike, Lydia Casey, Domenic Mottola and Babies Gunner and Cooper Lynch, Theresa Murtagh, Evelyn Bouffard, Mark Hamm, Richard Belliveau Grover Williams, Erik Platania, Lisa Tittone, Anthony Mottola, Domenic Mottola, Shirley Cardinal, Stephanie Merenda, Philomena Ketchum and Leo McEnroe.

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MEN'S CLUB - The next Men's Club meeting will be held on Monday, July 7th, at 6:45 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia.

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)*

2015 MASS BOOK - The Mass Book for 2015 is now open. The Masses will be scheduled on a first-come, first served basis. All requests are to be accompanied by the Diocesan stipend of \$15.00 (made payable to Immaculate Conception Church) at the time the date is requested. For your convenience, Mass forms are available in the back of the Church and may be mailed, placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. If the date you requested has already been taken or not offered, an alternate date will be substituted. Therefore, kindly provide your telephone number on the form.

NEWLY BAPTIZED - Madison Ann McRoberts, daughter of Jered McRoberts and Samantha Roche, was baptized at Immaculate Conception Church on June 21st, 2014. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on this child, watch over her and fill her with peace and joy.

MANY THANKS - The flower gardens around our two Churches are just beautiful. Our parish is blessed to have Kathleen Metz who takes care of the flowers at Immaculate Conception Church and Marge Lutz and Steve & Mary Cary who tend to the gardens at St. Patrick's. A special thanks to Miriam Devine and Barbara McEnroe who put flowers by the Blessed Mother in Amenia. With thanks and gratitude ~ Fr. Wilson

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last Sunday we collected \$3,127.10 in our Regular Sunday Collection. The sacrificial offering you provide to our Parish is your expression of loyalty, love and support. Thank you for your generosity.

† *Sanctuary Light* †

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Patty Barron
In Memory of Cathleen Looby*

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at St. Patrick's Church
was donated by Charlene & Chuck Mayville
In Loving Memory of Charles & Cynthia Goggins*

