

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 3, 2014**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR**

Mon	August 4	8:00 am	Bud Hubner
Tue	August 5	8:00 am	Leo McEnroe
Wed	August 6	8:00 am	Mary Ellen O'Rourke
Thu	August 7	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri	August 8	8:00 am	Leo McEnroe
		12 noon	Jane Wells
Sat	August 9	8:00 am	Elizabeth Brizzie
		4:30 pm	Lois Kain

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Sun.	August 10	8:00 am	John Lyman, Jr.
		10:15 am	People of the Parish

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**"THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR BEING A JERK"**

Dear Friends:

That's a surprising quote. What does it mean? First, we have to understand what a "jerk" is. I define it as a person who is arrogant, selfish, rude or uncaring. You get the idea. It's not a good thing to be. I suppose occasionally we can all act like a "jerk" at some point. But for a Christian, we should try our best never to be a jerk.

What do I mean by "no excuse" for being a jerk? That is really me trying to say that, no matter our situation, we should not resort to being selfish and arrogant. Let me explain.

One might say "I'm tired. I've been working all day, stressed out and running on fumes." So therefore, I am entitled to be mean, or at least, really grumpy. Nope, that doesn't make it. You may be really tired, but that never justifies treating someone unkindly.

One might also say, "Oh, I'm very sick. I'm really suffering." So therefore, that's your excuse to be rude or selfish. Nope, that doesn't make it either. It's not easy being ill. I've been very fortunate that I've never been really sick in my life. But I do know that I have encountered many times, very sick people who are gracious, thoughtful and kind. So I know it can be done.

One might say, "You don't know what I have to deal with. My job is terrible, I can't make ends meet, I have been dealt a very bad hand in life." Therefore, "I can't help but being a jerk." I understand. Some people have a very difficult road in life. No matter what they do, things go bad. You could say it is understandable that they act like jerk." But, again, there are many people out there who have that same bad luck, but still manage to be a great person.

It can be tough to be good. It might be the easier road to be angry and rude. But it's not the right road. Our Lord Jesus Christ call us to do all we can to be like Him. We can do it. It is tough, but with the Lord's generous help, we can always be kind, caring, generous and giving. Because, there is no excuse for being a "jerk."

*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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH :** Ralph Cummings, Drew Airy, Anna McBride, Ann Bida, Ursula Robertson, 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, Baby Gunner 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, Mary Monette and Karin Mena.

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**MEN'S CLUB CHANGE IN SCHEDULE** - The Men's Club meeting on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, is cancelled. Please be advised that the next Men's Club will not be held on Labor Day, September 1<sup>st</sup>, but will be on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Church.

**ST. PATRICK'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - Please come to celebrate with us the "150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" of St. Patrick's Church in Millerton on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. There will be a special Mass followed by refreshments outside. Please save the date, as we hope you can join us for this momentous celebration.

### **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 "*meeek 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!

**VINE AND BRANCHES** - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2014. The next food distribution will be held on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in the gym. All donations are much needed and greatly appreciated. We especially need canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, toilet paper and bath soap.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last Sunday we collected \$2,722.25 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 Caroline McEnroe  
In Celebration of  
Norman and Carol Cayea's 33<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

