

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 10, 2014**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR**

Mon	August 11	8:00 am	Leo McEnroe
Tue	August 12	8:00 am	Rev. John J. Delaney
Wed	August 13	8:00 am	Leo McEnroe
Thu	August 14	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri	August 15	8:00 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
	(Millerton)	12 noon	Ray Simmons
		7:00 pm	Msgr. Gallagher & Gavin McEnroe
Sat	August 16	8:00 am	Jane Wells
		4:30 pm	Theresa Walsh

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Sun.	August 17	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:15 am	Bill Lutz

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**“FIRST COMMUNION”**

Dear Friends:

*In the next few weeks, I would like to share with you my experiences in this wonderful vocation they call the priesthood. They may be stories about me, but they are really stories about all of us and about our beloved community, the Church.*

*First Communion celebrations are great experiences. But sometimes people go a little too far in their excitement. Many of us know of extravagant First Communion outfits. I experienced one where a girl had a beautiful veil that actually had little lights on it. Her mother had a remote control where she would turn the lights on and off at a distance.*

*One surprising experience I had was when I was invited to a First Communion party. It was in the evening, at a fancy reception hall, with 100 guests and a live band. There was a full dinner and dancing (remember this is a First Communion party). When we left, we received a t-shirt that said “I danced the night away at Jennifer’s First Communion.” I still have it. When I told another priest about this he said, “What are they going to do for her Confirmation, go on a cruise?”*

*I really have to say, honestly, I have never seen 7 and 8 year olds as happy as at their First Communion. And it’s more than the party, or the gifts, or the attention. To me, it is a sign of the magnificence of the sacrament. I may be idealistic, but I still think that First Communion is so special, and our children know it. What a privilege and a joy it is to experience it with them.*

*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.

**MEN’S CLUB CHANGE IN SCHEDULE** - The next Men’s Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:45 pm in Immaculate Conception Church. New members are most welcome.

**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.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** - The next Altar Rosary Society meeting will be held on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in St. Patrick's Church in Millerton. All are welcome to join us in praying the Rosary.

**ST. PATRICK'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - Please plan on celebrating 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

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** - Celebrated every year on August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

**8:00 am - Amenia**  
**12 noon - Millerton**  
**7:00 pm - Amenia**

The Feast of the Assumption has always been loved dearly by the faithful who are children of Mary. It is a sign to us that someday, through God's grace and our efforts, we too may join the Blessed Mother in giving glory to God. The Assumption is a source of great hope for us, too, for it points the way for all followers of Christ who imitate her fidelity and obedience to God's Will. Where she now is, we are meant eventually to be, and may hope to be through Divine grace. Mary's being taken to heaven after her life on earth was ended is the logical outcome of her immaculate nature, uniquely protected—also by God's grace—from personal sin. We seek to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience.

***"May we see heaven as our goal and come to share her glory"***

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last Sunday we collected \$2,973. in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$615 for Latin America & Home Missions. 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 Larry, Mary & Laurie Hardisty  
In Loving Memory of Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.  
The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at St. Patrick's Church  
was donated by Denise & Bob Conway  
In Loving Memory of Ray Simmons*



