

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR**

Mon	Sept. 15	8:00	am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Tue	Sept. 16	8:00	am	William E.P. Murphy
Wed	Sept. 17	8:00	am	Grace McGowan
Thu	Sept. 18	8:00	am	NO MASS
Fri	Sept. 19	8:00	am	Evelina Lyle
		12 noon		Charles Canevari
Sat	Sept. 20	8:00	am	Elizabeth Brizzie
		4:30	pm	Winifred Miller

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Sun.	Sept. 21	8:00	am	John Lyman, Jr.
		10:45	am	People of the Parish

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**“CHANGES”**

Dear Friends:

We have reached the time of changes, again. Time waits for no one. We are now moving quickly towards the Fall. The weather is getting cooler, and the leaves are falling already. I know you are sick of hearing it, football is back, and you know that makes me happy.

These changes affect us here at Immaculate Conception/St. Patricks. One big change has been that we are welcoming many new young people into our Religious Education Program. As some of you know, the program at St. Charles in Dover Plains has been discontinued, so we have taken many of these families looking for faith formation into our parish. I thank our teachers so much for welcoming them, and I am so grateful to our Religious Education Coordinator and our Parish Secretary for helping these families make an easy transition into our program. It is unfortunate that the Religious Education Program in Dover has closed, but we will do our best to make our new students feel welcome.

The changes of the season bring new challenges in the physical maintenance of our parish. Last year, we faced many difficulties when the weather turned cold. We hope to be very prepared for the coming winter (gasp!) and I am counting on your continued support.

Time goes by so fast. It is amazing to think St. Patrick Church in Millerton is 150 years old. This Sunday we will celebrate with a special 2 pm Mass in Millerton. It is good to take a moment and think about this. 150 years of service to the community. So many people, so many families. In our world of conflict, controversy, anger and discord, we have a special little Church that is a center of good will, fellowship, faith and love. What a Blessing!

*Fr. Wilson*

**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>, beginning with a special Mass at 2 pm followed by refreshments outside. Hope you can join us.

**SPECIAL THANKS** - A special thanks to Petrina Lopane of the Millerton Nursery & Garden Shop who generously donated the tree at St. Patrick’s Church commemorating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**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, 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, Stephanie Kane, Marcella Butts, Carol Wilson, Dianna McPadden, Jordana Bell and Msgr. Larry Connaughton.

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**ALTAR SERVERS** - We are in need of Altar Servers during our Masses. Anyone in grades 4 and up who are interested in participating in this ministry, please call the office and contact Fr. Wilson so that training can be arranged. Serving at the Altar is a very special ministry and very rewarding. Please help us if you can. Thank you.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** - On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am in the parking lot of Immaculate Conception in Amenia, we will have the "*Blessing of the Animals*" in honor of St. Francis. All are welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing.

**VINE AND BRANCHES** - The 50/50 winner of the Vine and Branches was Candy Swart. The split was \$116.50. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in the gym. The purchasing of Vine and Branches tickets, together with your generous food donations and the many volunteers who assist in distributing the food, make it possible for us to help those in our community that need extra help. Thanks for making a difference.

**NEWLY BAPTIZED** - Cody Christopher Deister, son of Matthew Deister and Jessica Wilson Deister was baptized at Immaculate Conception Church on September 6, 2014. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on this child, watch over him and fill him with peace and joy.

**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.

**MISSION SPEAKER** - Next weekend, (September 20-21) Brother Jim Adams will be speaking to us about the Missions and will be taking up a collection in support of this important ministry.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last Sunday we collected \$2,920.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection. And \$875 for Utility & Energy. The sacrificial offering you provide to our Parish is your expression of loyalty, love and support. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ONE MINUTE MEDITATIONS** - Non-Catholics often ask why we worship and pray to Mary. In fact, prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God. We don't worship or pray to anyone else. We ask for Mary's intercession with her divine Son. We honor her for the unique role she played in our salvation. But our prayer and worship is reserved only for God.

**† Sanctuary Light †**

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

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at St. Patrick's Church  
was donated by Eugenia L. Welch  
In Memory of Charles Canevari*



