

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 21, 2014**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

Mon	Sept. 22	8:00	am	Msgr. Nicola Marinacci
Tue	Sept. 23	8:00	am	Diana Kelly
Wed	Sept. 24	8:00	am	Katherine Blinn
Thu	Sept. 25	8:00	am	NO MASS
Fri	Sept. 26	8:00	am	Margaret Sicord
		12 noon		Anthony Canevari
Sat	Sept. 27	8:00	am	Elizabeth Brizzie
		4:30	pm	Agnes Mahoney & Anna McDonnell

Sun. Sept. 28 8:00 am People of the Parish

10:45 am Donald D. Jones

“ATHEISM”

Dear Friends:

I recently read a study that showed that less than 1% of prisoners in the U.S.A. described themselves as “atheists.” I was surprised the number was so small. I would assume atheists, who do not believe in God, would be very numerous in our prisons due to the sadness and desolation of that life.

Atheists in America are a very active minority, debating at every moment the place of God in our American life. As faithful Catholics, we tend to see them as the “enemy”, out to take away our religious life in this country. It is true that we, as Catholics, must always continue to struggle to have our faith-filled lifestyle maintained in this sometimes crazy world. And the bottom-line often is that we always have to be vigilant that our religious freedoms are honored, so that we can pray and live our life as we should in America.

But, interestingly, atheists fulfill a function, a vital one, in our life. Theologian Father Ronald Rolheiser, tells us that atheism “feeds off bad religion.” Rolheiser writes that the non-believers, the atheists, pick apart “bad religion”, helping us to see when we are making grave mistakes in our faith. Rolheiser writes that atheists “show us our blind spots, inconsistencies, double standards, hypocrisies, propensity for power, and hidden arrogance.” He says that atheists show us “the log in our own eye.”

As a very large and influential Church, the Catholic Church needs to continually be reformed and improved. We can become too complacent, too comfortable and too self-centered in our faith. It is good to have critics. They keep us honest, they keep us humble, they keep us “on our toes.”

We always have to improve. To become a true follower of Jesus Christ, and a true son or daughter of the Church, it is essential that we retain the humility and honesty of our Savior.

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.

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.

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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ST. PATRICK'S "150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Many thanks to all the Parishioners who joined us for the special Mass at 2 pm followed by the tree dedication in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church. A special thanks to Margaret Gregoire, President of the Altar Rosary Society, who did a fantastic job organizing the event with the help of the following Altar Rosary Society ladies, who not only decorated the Altar and tables with beautiful flowers and mums but also provided the delicious refreshments afterwards: Charlene Mayville, Marge Lutz, Mary Ellen Durkin, Kathy Herron, Lydia Casey, Rosanna Hamm, Dottie Silvernale, Candy Swart, Marjorie Arni, Denise Conway, Betty Morrison and Pat Boice. Many thanks to Betty Morrison who set-up a memorabilia table and to Mike and Toni Reynolds for providing and setting up the tent, tables and chairs for the celebration. A special thanks to Lou Simmons who repaired and replaced the post and rail fence at the cemetery and shored-up the wrought iron railing. St. Patrick's is indeed a special little Church filled with good will, fellowship, faith and love.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - On Saturday, October 4th, 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.

CYO BASKETBALL - St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook is accepting registration for children in grades 4 to 8 for the 2014-15 CYO basketball season. The cutoff date for registration is October 1, 2014. The CYO fee for this season will be \$100 per child with a family cap of \$250 for three or more children in a family. Uniforms are an additional \$30. The fees are to be paid by check payable to St. Joseph's CYO when you sign your child up. No cash please! Any questions, please contact Kirsten Rappleyea at 677-6581 or kirstenrappleyea@hotmail.com. Registrations with payments should be mailed to Kirsten Rappleyea, P.O. Box 874, Millbrook, NY 12545.

HEALING MASS - A Healing Mass, with a free flow of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1025 Rte. 82, LaGrangeville, NY. Guest Celebrant is Fr. Bill Cosgrove, current Pastor of St. Augustine, New City; former Pastor St. Denis and Clergy Liaison for the Archdiocese Charismatic Renewal. Praise and Worship at 7 pm; Mass at 7:30; individual prayers for healing following Mass. The Mass is sponsored by Spirit Wind Prayer Group of St. Kateri. Details contact Pat or Joe at 845-440-3519 or Dave at 845-223-3658.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE - "When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them – some food, a place in our homes, our time – not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched."

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last Sunday we collected \$2,959.60 in our Regular Sunday Collection. and \$812 for St. Joseph's Seminary. The sacrificial offering you provide to our Parish is your expression of loyalty, love and support. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

