

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 28, 2014**

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

Mon	Sept. 29	8:00	am	Katherine Blinn
Tue	Sept. 30	8:00	am	Diana Kelly
Wed	Oct. 1	8:00	am	Annie Marie & Patrick Fay
Thu	Oct. 2	8:00	am	NO MASS
Fri	Oct. 3	8:00	am	Margaret Sicord
		12 noon		Jane Wells
Sat	Oct. 4	8:00	am	Msgr. Nicola Marinacci
		4:30	pm	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Downey, Sr.

	Sun.	Oct. 5	8:00	am	Ruth Morrison
			10:45	am	People of the Parish

“THE MISSIONS”

Dear Friends:

The recent visit of Brother Jim Adams to our parish for the annual collection for the Propagation of the Faith prompted me to reflect on a few things.

We have a great number of collections in the American Church for the missions, and perhaps we wonder where are all those resources going to.

I mention sometimes the emerging understanding of the Church’s mission as the “new evangelization.” Evangelization is the bringing of the gospel into the world. The “new” evangelization brings a new awareness of the world as it is today. The world today is a different place. Many of the traditional structures of religion in our world, especially in America and Europe, have been marginalized or have disappeared. Society used to support religion in many ways. We can remember how society supported the parish, supported marriage, supported a religious role in public life.

Unfortunately, that has changed. Religion, including the Catholic Church, has been pushed to the sidelines. Communities in Europe and America are less committed to helping religious groups. Modern society is not as concerned with God as before. Catholic education is not supported as before – families have to fight to get religious education even tolerated by public officials.

So all of that means a new effort: a “new evangelization,” to get religion back into our modern world. It is a different place; we must increase our efforts and resources to support this new challenge. Supporting the missions now includes the “missions” in our own communities.

There is a very bright spot in this difficult work of the missions. This amazing occurrence is happening and many of us don’t know about it. It is the incredible success of the mission lands in creating their own bishops, clergy, sisters and churches. 50 years ago it seemed that no native peoples would ever become Bishops, Priests or Sisters. Since then, there has been an explosion of “native” clergy. There are so many priests and sisters from mission countries that they are now coming here to the U.S. to help us!

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, 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

+++++

FIRST FRIDAY - Please join us for the Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 3rd, at 7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception.

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.

VINE AND BRANCHES - The 50/50 drawing will be held on Thursday, October 2nd, 2014. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, October 18th, 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.

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.

5 TIPS FOR GREATER HOLINESS - Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

1. **Become aware of Jesus' presence every day.** If you struggle to find him, ask for this help. Not only will awareness of him help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.
2. **Don't be afraid of work or suffering.** Jesus experienced both in his time on Earth and used them to pave our way to Heaven.
3. **Give God your full attention.** Speak to him, ask him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell him you love him. Visit him regularly in Church.
4. **Nurture your faith.** Just as air and food keep our bodies alive, faith feeds our souls. It's the bond that unites us to God. Read Scripture every day. Learn about the saints. Listen to the Pope.
5. **Practice patience.** It's the first step toward holiness.

POUGHKEEPSIE/DUTCHESS COUNTY LIFE CHAIN - Please join Dutchess County Pro-Life Christians on Sunday, October 5 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm for the annual Dutchess County Life Chain. All ages, young and old, can participate in a Life chain which is peaceful, prayerful and legal. Pre-printed signs will be handed out. Our assembly point is in front of the corner of South Road Square Complex. Please join also the rosary immediately following the Life Chain at the monument for the unborn in St. Mary's Wappingers Falls cemetery on Clinton Street. For more information, please contact Rich at 297-7930.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last Sunday we collected \$2,245.70 in our Regular Sunday Collection. and \$855 for the Propagation of Faith Missions. The sacrificial offering you provide to our Parish is your expression of loyalty, love and support. Thank you for your continued generosity.