TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 9, 2016

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:				
	Mon	Oct. 10	8:00 am	Eugene Ketchum
	Tues	Oct. 11	8:00 am	Theresa Walsh
	Wed.	Oct. 12	8:00 am	Katherine Hardisty
	Thurs.	Oct. 13	8:00 am	NO MASS
	Fri	Oct. 14	8:00 am	Joseph B. McEnroe
	Sat	Oct. 15	8:00 am	Jonathan Finkle
			.4:30 pm	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	Sun	Oct. 16	8:00 am 10:45 am	Jack Boice People of the Parish

"OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PART 2"

Dear Friends:

I have discovered, in my looking into the story of the Shrine of Guadalupe, several fascinating aspects of the Guadalupe story.

There is the image of the Blessed Mother that we all associate with the Shrine. It is the portrait of the Blessed Virgin on the "tilma" or cloak, of Juan Diego, the man who encountered Mary in Mexico. According to tradition, Mary directed Juan to gather flowers in the tilma and bring them to the Bishop. When Juan Diego presented the tilma to the Bishop, the flowers fell to the floor and on the tilma was the image we now see as "our Lady of Guadalupe."

Careful study has shown that the tilma we have now is indeed from the sixteenth century and woven from cactus fibers. Interestingly, this kind of garment, under the best of conditions, usually lasts for at most 20 or 25 years. Scientific analysis has revealed that no known pigmentation was involved and that no "underdrawing" is discernable. Therefore it seems, the "how" of these colors being transferred onto the tilma is mysterious.

Moreover, the Virgin on the tilma is not a European, or an Indian, but a Mestiza, a blend of the two races. It is as though the Blessed Mother was humbly identifying herself with the new people who were emerging in that time and place.

On top of that, the cincture that she wears was an Aztec sign of pregnancy, making clear that the Virgin is bringing a new life and a new birth to the people of Mexico.

On the image, Our Lady stands in front of the sun, whose rays can be seen behind her, her feet are on the moon, and her mantle is bedecked with stars. What an amazing image to portray the Queen of Heaven.

Fr. Wilson

2017 MASS BOOK - The 2017 Mass Book is now being opened. Please fill out the enclosed form to schedule your Masses. All requests are to be accompanied by the Diocesan stipend of \$15.00, made payable to Immaculate Conception and Saint Anthony and can be either placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Office. Please note that beginning January 2017, Fr. Wilson will be celebrating a 12 noon Mass every Friday in Pine Plains.

VINE & BRANCHES - We are in need of volunteers for our Food Closet which takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10 am – 10:30 am. If you are unable to commit each month, perhaps you can consider adding your name to our volunteer list and filling in when needed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Ralph Cummings, Ann Bida, Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, Janet Stiles, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Evelyn Bouffard, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Rudy Eschbach, Billy Carroll, Jordana Bell, Marty Nolletti, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Baby James Ryan Farrell, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard & Mary Ann Valinsk, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Andrea Scholmeyer, Winifred Capowski, Roger Gregoire, Arthur Nadeau, Barbara Moissonnier, Nina Williams, Judy Carroll, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Delores DeMarinis, Shirley Remsburger, Teresa Schell, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, John Kemmerer, Jr., Alan Carroll, Baby Effie Clark, Erin D-Elia, Linda Staab, Father John Durkin and Daisy Abruzzo.

LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS - All young people in Grades 4 and over are welcome to join the Ministry of Altar Serving. It is a great opportunity to help the Lord and help our Church celebrate the Mass. Please contact the office (845-373-8193) if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server.

<u>CATHOLICISM SERIES – THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS</u> - St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook will be showing Bishop Barron's new series on Catholicism's Pivotal Players. St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic, will be shown on Thursday, October 13th, at 7 pm in their Parish Hall.

FOUR WORKSHOPS ON THE SACRAMENTS - The second workshop Part 2 – Eucharist is being offered on Thursday, October 13th @ 7 pm and again on Saturday, October 15th @ 2:30 pm at the Parish Center of Immaculate Conception, Amenia.

CROP HUNGER WALK - The Pine Plains Council of Churches will sponsor the 2016 Pine Plains Hunger Crop Walk on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at the Lion's Club Pavilion with registration beginning at 1:30 pm. All checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP. Completed pledge envelopes and individual donations (enclosed in an envelope marked "CROP WALK") can be turned in at the registration table on October 9th or put into IC/SA's offertory collection at any time. Please consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause.

NEWLY BAPTIZED - Elora Melody Mosher, daughter of David Mosher and Jennifer Miller, was baptized on Sunday, October 2nd, 2016, in Immaculate Conception Church. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, will look lovingly on this child, watch over her and fill her with peace and joy.

CONGRATULATIONS - We congratulate Santino Delfino, son of Robert & Lucille Delfino of Stanfordville on receiving the Sacrament of Communion for the first time and the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 4th. We are so happy for him, and we pray that God will bless him in a very special way every day.

<u>40 DAYS FOR LIFE</u> - September 28th to November 6th. God has used the period of 40 days throughout history to bring about major transformation – what will God do when his faithful people pray for an end to abortion for 40 days. Prayer volunteers are needed to peacefully pray at the vigil site between 7 am and 7 pm. Vigil site: Planned Parenthood, 17 Noxon Street., Poughkeepsie. Next weekend join us for a Mid-Point Prayer Vigil at the vigil site on Sun., 10/16 from 6 – 7 pm. For more info, log onto www.40daysforlife.com, call 845-853-6529 or email 40dflpoughkeepsie@gmail.com.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, October 10th, at 7 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome to join us in praying the Rosary.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last Sunday, October 2nd, we collected \$4,983.71 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,286.73 for Utility & Energy. The sacrificial offering you provide to our Parish is your expression of loyalty, love and support. My sincerest thanks and gratitude for your generosity.

† Sanctuary Light †

The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week at Immaculate Conception Church was donated by Denise & Bob Conway In Loving Memory of Eugene Ketchum