FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 23, 2018

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Dec. 24	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	"	"	4:00 pm	"Special Intention"
Pine Plains	"	"	6:00 pm	"Special Intention"
Amenia	"	"	10:00 pm	"Special Intention"
Pine Plains	Tues.	Dec. 25	8:00 am	"Special Intention"
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	"Special Intention"
"	Wed.	Dec. 26	8:00 am	Martha J. Flanigan
"	Thurs.	Dec. 27	8;00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Dec. 28	8:00 am	John Rooney
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Thomas Quinn
Amenia	Sat.	Dec. 29	8:00 am	Jack Rooney
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
Pine Plains	Sun	Dec. 30	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	Anne Keefe Chamberlin

"O HOLY NIGHT"

Dear Friends:

"Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth"

Our broken world was so long looking for something, anything to bring some kind of hope. Thousands of years went by, with the prophets looking for hope.

"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn"

Hope is at last realized in the mystery of a baby appearing in humility and innocence.

"Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand"

Yes, we are there by that cradle as if it were happening today. Because the birth effects our life radically at this moment. We are changed by His birth.

"O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming,
Now come the wise men from out of Orient Land
The King of kings lay thus lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friends."

We look to the stars to see our future. But there is the glorious star that shone over the child that was the real star of the future.

"Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace"

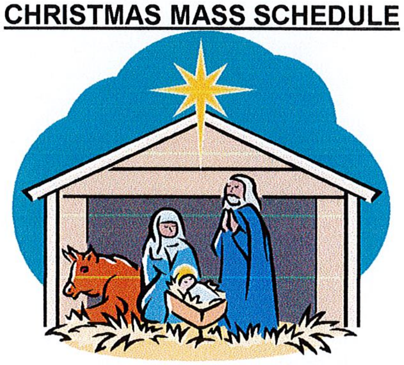
"O night Divine"! If only we could live the love of Jesus every day!

A Merry Christmas to all!
Fr Wilson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Evelyn Bouffard, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Mary Ann Mullen, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Teresa Pelkey, Renee Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjan, Ralph & Kathy Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Genevieve Minischettl, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Deborah McGovern, Arietta Carroll, Flo Vinchiarello, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Simmons, Dolores Russo, William Edwards and Mary Wilkinson.

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS - Most of us don't have to look very far to find someone in our own family or circle of friends who don't attend Mass on a regular basis. Most people can't even explain why they stopped coming to Church. Perhaps the demands of life just get in the way. Our journey of faith has many ups and downs, but whatever the reason for staying away, please know that our door is always open and a warm welcome awaits your return. Christmas is a wonderful time to come back to our Lord. God's love and mercy is available to everyone. Should you know someone who has been away from the Church, why not invite them to join you and your family for Christmas Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, 2018	Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018
4:00 pm - Amenia	8:00 am - Pine Plains
6:00 pm - Pine Plains	10:45 am - Amenia
10:00 pm - Amenia	

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, 2018	New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019
4:30 pm - Amenia	~~8:00 am - Pine Plains~~ 12 noon
	~~10:45 am - Amenia~~

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, December 15-16, 2018, we collected $3,810.50 in our Regular Sunday Collection. I thank you for your presence, your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP - Our Annual New York City Bus Trip is scheduled for Saturday, January 5th, 2019. Please see the insert for details. You can sign-up by contacting Chris Fererri at 845-373-9192 or email him at ctmnferreri@optonline.net.

MEANING OF ADVENT WREATH - . - The fourth and last purple candle, often times called the "Angels Candle" represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Sing "O Come, O Come Emanuel" at the top of your voice. Pray with enthusiasm at Mass. Spend time with family and friends. Write out a list of all the things in your life for which you are grateful. Welcome our Savior with a peaceful, joyful heart.

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