

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 8, 2018

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	July 9	8:00 am	Howard & Susan Cayea
"	Tues.	July 10	8:00 am	People of the Parish
"	Wed.	July 11	8:00 am	Laura Galdiero
"	Thurs.	July 12	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	July 13	8:00 am	Angela Caracuel
<b>Pine Plains</b>	"	"	12 noon	James V. & Elizabeth A. Moriarty
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	July 14	8:00 am	Silvia Molina
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Rocco Martello
<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	July 15	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	"	"	10:45 am	Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.

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### ***" Dear Friends in the Lord :***

*I write to you on a matter of serious pastoral, moral and humanitarian concern to our Church, and to me personally: the forced separation of children from their parents.*

*A week ago Friday, I visited some of these children – now, for the time being, living safely in the former convent of a Bronx parish and being well cared for by one of our Catholic Charities agencies. My reason: to bring the love of Jesus Christ and the solidarity of his Church to these children, who must deal with the chaos and trauma of have been taken away from their parents.*

*It was heart-wrenching to see these children without their parents, and heartwarming to meet the compassionate and competent professionals who are providing for them and see the good care they are receiving. I thank God for that. I brought each a cross blessed by Pope Francis and invited them to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.*

*Yesterday I visited the Catholic Charities Immigration Center in downtown Manhattan where other services - legal, English classes, civics, and social services – are being provided to immigrant children, adults, and families. I visited a classroom where eight children were receiving instruction on their legal situation and rights. **The expertise of the legal services of Catholic Charities is particularly essential at this time**, and within the past five years has been provided to more than 10,000 unaccompanied minor children and their families, long before the newly created current crisis of separated children. It is a reminder that the Catholic Church has often been on the scene long before the media and others find an issue topical.*

*I want to also let you know that a week ago, at my request, a small delegation of priests, religious, and laity from the archdiocese went to McAllen, Texas, on an interfaith mission of prayer, support and solidarity to those suffering from recent shifts in immigration enforcement policies. **I am grateful that Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, Fr. Eric Cruz, Fr. Esteban Sanchez, Sr. Carol Barnes, SC, and Luz Tavez visited with the children and families at a Catholic Charities respite center a few miles from the border** and were an important sign of our accompaniment in a time of anxiety and pain. Our Catholic Church is always there!*

***My concern and involvement in this crisis is as a pastor, not a politician.*** *I am not an expert on the intricacies of legislation, executive orders, and policies that seemingly change from day to day. But I do know policies that take children away from their families on one pretext or another are both un-biblical and un-American. I also know that damage once done will take much effort over time to undo and heal. We must be vigilant and attentive to ensure the right response. There will be updates on this situation, how the Church is responding, and ways that you might help on the Catholic Charities website.*

*This archdiocese has long been a welcoming mother to immigrant children who seek New York as their new home. As I visit the parishes and schools in every one of the 10 counties, I see the spirit of welcoming still alive and well and witness the faith and vibrancy of immigrants to our Church and communities. May we always be so!*

***I ask your prayers for the families who are torn apart, especially for the separated children, and for those faithfully serving the children and families suffering in this crisis.*** *I ask your prayers for our Church and our nation that we might faithfully live up to best of our values.*

***Faithfully in Christ,  
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan "***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH :** 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, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, Frances Anello, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Helen Murphy Riley, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjani, Lisa Missailidis, Lori Downing, Anthony Mottola, Ann Liberatore, Ralph & Kathy Locantore. Frank Foley, Fred Arni and Brandon Rojas.

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**THE MISSIONS** - As mandated by the Archdiocese, we will have a Mission Appeal on the weekend of July 21 and July 22. A member of the St. James Apostle Missionary Society will come to speak. The second collection will be for the missions. Make your check payable to Immaculate Conception/St. Anthony. Thank you.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** - The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.

**CONFESSION** - Confession is available every Saturday afternoon from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm at Immaculate Conception in Armenia. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE** – Please save the date of Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church. We will begin with the 10:45 am Mass. As we gather together to give thanks to God for our Church, Cardinal Dolan has agreed to celebrate Mass with us on this very special occasion. A barbecue will follow in the gym. I hope you can join us.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY** - We pray to bond with God, whether to praise Him, to ask forgiveness for our sins, to thank Him, or to ask Him for help. Prayers is our connection to God, who created us and wants to have a relationship with us. Our prayer is always a response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him". (*Catechism of the Catholic Church #2560*).

**WHAT IS EXPECTED OF CATHOLICS?** Successful families have guidelines that help each member grow in love and virtue. Also a family, the Catholic Church recommends basic guidelines so that her children, too, can grow in love and virtue:

**Come home every weekend:** "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy days of Obligation and rest from servile labor." God *wants* to see us – often!

**Take responsibility:** "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, it's important to repair our relationship with Our Lord.

**Proper nourishment.** "You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with His Body and Blood – at every Mass!

**Make room for love:** "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

**Contribute to the family:** "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, our help matters (*Catechism of the Catholic Church #2042-2043*)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, June 30 – July 1st, we collected \$3,451.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,034.00 for Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa. 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.

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** . Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza, Nathan Tong, Mark Hall, Michael Pomeisl and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

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