



Hope this finds all the families of St. Patrick's & Sacred Heart/St Mary's doing well and you are all preparing for a long 4th of July weekend. As you can see, I like to add a bit of images now to my weekly newsletter. I hope you enjoy this.

This week I will be starting up with the new Mass schedule or should I say the old schedule. Fr. Arthur announced last week that both Parishes will be going back to the old Mass schedule. A are still required to wear a mask, including children if attending. Communion will now be distributed during its normal part of the Mass. All are required to wear a mask. The mask should be taken off before receiving Eucharist and placed back on when returning to your pew.

I am also attaching the letter from Bishop Lucia regarding Welcoming back to Masses.

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick's/St Anthony's: Sunday 10am Mass

Sacred Heart/St Mary's

Saturday 4pm Mass

Sunday: 8:15am, 9:15 AM-Polish & 11:15AM

I have heard from a number of families that have been attending the Sunday Masses. So glad many of you are coming back. If as a family you are still uncomfortable attending Mass, the Sunday readings are as follows:

Fourteen Sunday of Ordinary Time Lectionary 100-Color Green

Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: 145-1-2, 8-910-11 & 13-14 (I will praise your name forever, my king and my God)

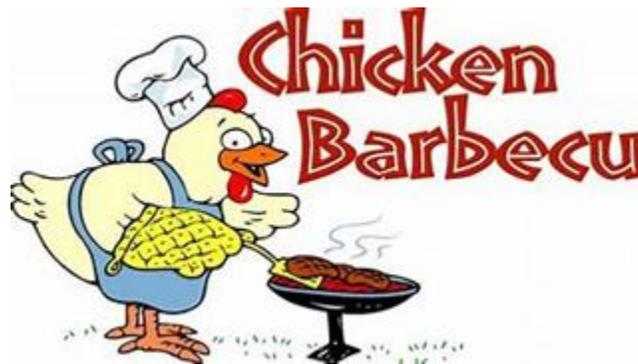
Romans: 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Again, as a reminder, Bishop Lucia will be at both Parishes the weekend of July 18/19. The Bishop will be celebrating the Masses at both Parishes. Fr. Arthur would love to see all the Parish families welcome the Bishop and support our Parishes.



Starting next week, I have asked Mrs. DeGironmo from St. Patrick's/St. Anthony's to provide fun activities regarding the weekly reading for the children. She has done a great job with the Children Chapel at St. Patrick's and asked if she would not mind continuing this during the summer in the weekly newsletter. She gladly accepted. Thank you Dawn.



Mark your calendars. Sacred Heart/St. Mary's is having a chicken Barbeque on July 12 to benefit the Church. 12 pm until gone. Drive up pick/up only. No eat in. Cost \$11 per person. Included chicken, salt potatoes, rolls and coleslaw. Winner winner Chicken Dinner. Come and enjoy.



As I reflected on where I should go on my weekly reflection, I note that as Americans we are celebrating this weekend July 4th or Independence Day. While not a religious holiday, we should take note that this holiday gives us time to thank God for the birth of our nation, and give thanks for gift of life and petition God to preserve our country and rid it of its evil.

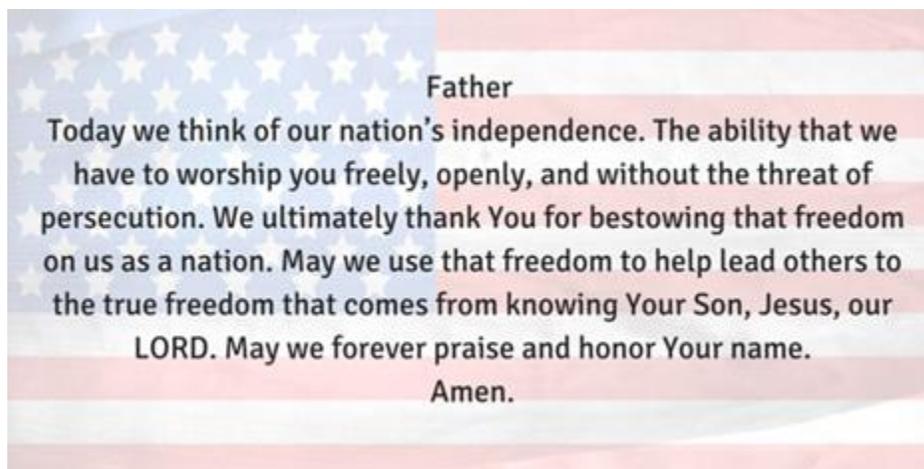
The Declaration of Independence itself states, *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."* Our Founding

Fathers understood well that the liberties preserved in our Constitution were not from government, but from God Himself,

The Fourth of July is an opportunity to reflect on the role we as Catholics take in the public life of our country. With all its faults we should love America and be grateful we are part of this nation. And specifically, as Catholics we have a contribution to make.

I have been blessed to two swearing ceremonies of new Americans to this great Country. We all know 1. What a day it was for them to become Americans. I still have the images of them with their flags in their hands as new American citizens. Sometime we take for granted what we have because we always had it. Just as we may do in our faith. For those who are new converts to the Catholic Faith have a deeper understanding of our Faith. For this 4th of July, let us not be divided by our political beliefs, who we are or what we are. Let us remember that we are all One Nation Under **GOD**. We are all GODS people.

Prayer of Independence Day



Have a Blessed 4th of July

Lastly I am including the BuildingFaith@home flier from the Office of Catechesis. I have no new updates at this time with respect to Faith Formation for the fall. Once I have additional news, I will let everyone know.

If anyone wishes to contact me at any time., please do so. I am also open to your calls.

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