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*To learn anew the Gospel:
The Good News that God loves us—Then to live it and share it.*



From the Deacon's Bench

Brothers and Sisters,

It's July 4th – Independence Day. Today as a nation we celebrate 245 years of independence from colonial rule. It's a time not only to celebrate but also to reflect and recommit ourselves to building up and truly uniting our nation.

In the Declaration of Independence we read: "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." Reading these words, we realize that where there have been many events in our history of which to be proud, there are many others that must bring regret and the need to say we were wrong and never again. We still struggle as a nation to truly live these words.

The Declaration closes with, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." So today, let's celebrate but also let's recommit our lives, fortunes, and honor to doing our part to make our country truly united and truly a land where all men (and women) are created equal. So, I offer you this prayer, the Collect for Independence Day, taken from the *New Roman Missal*:

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

Peace,
Dcn. Kerry

Please remember the following in your prayers...



Lynn Allen (*Vivian Allen's daughter*)
 Vivian Allen
 Fred Arnold
 Thea Barrett
 Ollie Benberry (*Gracie Benberry's husband*)
 Phil Bradshaw (*Peggy O'Connor-Campbell's brother-in-law*)
 Roscoe Campbell (*Jerria Jones' nephew*)
 Brenda Chaney
 Morgan Craig (*Diane & Charlie's granddaughter*)
 Mynelle Gardner
 Morris Gardner
 Carla Gerton
 Catherine Hall (*Gloria Ellis' mother*)
 Andrea Hill (*Jerria Jones' sister*)
 Flossie Hill
 Betty Jones
 Beverley Jones
 Gwendolyn King
 Mary Martin (*Myrle Dulaney & Myrna Martin's sister*)
 Martha Mayes (*Thelma Mayes' mother*)
 Ray Owens (*Marie Owens' husband*)
 James Patton (*Karen Martin's father*)
 Adolph Peterson (*Evelyn Peterson's husband*)
 Rita Prince (*Lorenza Prince's sister*)
 Jim (Rookie) Reynolds (*Terri Cuellar's brother*)
 Stanley Young (*Wanda Barrett's brother*)

Please contact Deacon Kerry if you would like to add or remove someone from this Prayer List.



Deepen your experience of God!

One famous quote by St. Augustine is, “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.”

One way this restlessness can begin to be quenched is through the art of Spiritual Direction (or spiritual companioning), which has been part of the Christian tradition throughout the ages. It’s not a new concept!

Spiritual Direction is a prayerful relationship with a trusted companion as one searches for a deepened experience of God. It’s a way of uncovering God in our everyday life. It can strengthen our prayer and help us listen to God’s Spirit speaking within us.

If you would like to know more, please contact Bev Hansberry at 317-788-7581 (Extension 3) or at the following website: spiritualdirection@benedictinn.org.

Information can also be found at www.benedictinn.org or in the brochures available in the narthex.

(I will note that I have known and worked with Bev for many years. She is the former director of faith formation at St. Pius X. - Dcn. Kerry)

Our St. Andrew SVdP Society needs your help!

With the events of the past year, our St. Vincent de Paul Chapter has suffered some setbacks, and it’s time to reorganize and rebuild. Our number of volunteers has dropped for many reasons, but the needs of those we serve has remained the same and, in some areas, increased. Earlier this month, four members of our parish attended a training session and are ready to help, but we need more folks to lend a hand. Our local chapter needs to reorganize and elect officers. So... do you have a few hours each week to help? If you do, please contact Dorothy Pipes or Dcn. Kerry.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

(Matthew 25:40)



75 Years and Counting...

In July of 1946, then Archbishop Joseph Ritter designated the northeastern part of Indianapolis as a new parish, and St. Andrew the Apostle Parish came to be. Yes, this is our 75th anniversary as a parish!

As a parish, we have accomplished and come through much in the course of those years. The 75th anniversary is often said to be the Diamond Anniversary, and that’s appropriate. Diamonds are created through pressure and heat, and they are some of the most solid, yet beautiful, stones in existence. Through the years, St. Andrew Parish has stood fast in its mission to “To learn the Gospel: The Good News that God loves us, then to live it and share it.” And in that time, we’ve experienced our share of “pressure and heat.”

Today, we stand solidly as a beautiful example of what a parish can be. Given the events of the past year, our celebration will be smaller than if we’d had more time to prepare, but for now, please mark your calendars for October 24, 2021, when Archbishop Thompson will join us for Mass.

Who do we need to invite to come home?

With the cloud of COVID lifting, our numbers at Mass continue to grow. Please be open and welcoming to all who are coming home to Mass and please extend a hand, or an invitation, to anyone you know who is still uncertain. And, let us pray:

Heavenly Father, You love us and desire our happiness. You give us the privilege and gift of worshipping you at Holy Mass; of experiencing the Holy Spirit in a unique and irreplaceable way; of receiving Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. As we return to the Eucharist with joy, renew in us a deep appreciation of the privileged opportunity that each celebration of Mass presents for us all. May the seeds of mercy, hope, and salvation take root and flourish in our hearts and communities, nourished by our Lord Jesus present to us in the Most Holy Eucharist. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





BLESS THIS COUNTRY AND THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO LEAD IT, LORD. SO OFTEN WE FEAR FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS LAND WE LOVE. WE SEE THE SCARS OF VIOLENCE AND THE HEARTBREAK OF THOSE WHO ARE LEFT IN ITS WAKE. WE SEE CORRUPTION, AND WE PRAY FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. PLEASE BLESS US ALL WITH YOUR WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT. TURN THE HEARTS OF THIS COUNTRY BACK TO YOU THAT WE MIGHT BECOME ALL YOU INTENDED FOR US TO BE – A LIGHT IN THE WORLD YOU CREATED.

Watch your mail!

Before the pandemic forced the shut-down of many things, the St. Andrew Pastoral Council had set into motion a parish census. The events of the past year have made us even more aware of the need to update contact information in order to better communicate within our parish community. Hopefully, this census will provide us with the means to do so by updating phone numbers and email addresses.

Our first mailing for this was sent in September of 2020 and, to-date, fewer than forty forms have been returned. In many ways that's not surprising given all we have dealt with in the past several months. In the next few weeks, we will be mailing census forms to folks who have not yet responded. Please watch for these and respond. **Thank you!**

Ministers in Service - July 11

Ushers: Anthony Bell (c), Karen Martin

Lectors: Gloria Ellis, Chuck Schisla

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 4

10:30 am: Andrew Orr, Jr. (d)

by Michael and Marie Beason

Sunday, July 11

10:30 am: Melba Kirk

by Michael and Marie Beason

