free and the home of the brave. Would that we could recount more, and Independence was proclaimed in the land of the glorious patriots with their taste of freedom. The ruler in Europe was severely felt in the colonies, until the homes. Persecution followed them, led by many an evil action were denied them in the land of their fathers, and they settled America. Freedom of thought and freedom of action were in honor of the 4th for happier and more peaceful living. Every change of tyrant perpetuated forever.

---John T. Riley

Pages 11-12 in his book *Conewago*

**Upcoming Events**

We will have a major cleanup of the Picnic Woods Sat. July 10th at 8:00am. PLEASE mark your calendar for this important day. Bring rakes, brooms, bags, garden tools... July 19—Church Picnic at Basilica Picnic Woods July 21-August 11 (7pm Wed. evenings)—Deacon Norbert presents on Catholicism in India August 21 (11am)—Wedding- I. Sols & J. Zumburum August 28 (1pm)—Wedding- T. Wolf & A. Gaus September 19-21—Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions September 29 (7pm)—First Class of CCD

Are you in need of special prayer right now? Do you want to get closer to the Lord? Please come!! UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP Fr. Dwight Schaline, and Fr. Keith Carroll will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, have Charismatic Prayer for Healing, and the “Praying Twice” Music Ministry will be at Immaculate Conception Church (New Oxford) Monday July 5th at 5:30pm. If you have any questions, please Contact Janet Shuttesworth 717-259-7798.

The Prayer Group Movement for Youth & Children (adults welcome too) will meet Sun. July 11th at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 220 Third St. Hanover. Please enter on the ramp at the Church’s courtyard. Rosaries and prayer books will be provided. A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament begins at 2:00pm. with the Rosary immediately following. For more information contact Vicky Bunty at 717-632-5245.

Memorial Mass for Mark A. Schaline Saturday, July 24th at 11am—Mass in the Church. 12pm—Reception in the Parish Hall For planning purposes, if you are going to attend the Memorial Mass and/or reception, please email diane.vencek@yahoo.com by June 25, 2021 the number of people who will attend. Thank you.

*Conewago Chapel “Carry-out” Picnic Sat. July 17th!!!*

St. Aloysius Church is sponsoring Vacation Bible School, “The Angels...Our Superheroes” July 18th—22nd for children who are 4 years old to students who just completed grade 5 from 6:00—8:30pm. Discover the Holy Angels as protectors of our world. For more information call 717-359-4513

A series of presentations on being a Catholic in India and how does it differ from being a Catholic in the USA, will be held on the following Wednesday’s, July 21st, 28th, Aug. 4th, and 11th.

The presentations will be held at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Our own Deacon Norbert will present the following:

India is characterized by a diversity of religious beliefs and practices. Religious diversity and religious tolerance are both established in the country by law and custom. Topics we will cover in these presentations include:

- origins of Catholic faith in India (St. Thomas Christian and Christian missionaries from the Latin Church)
- Our Lady of Velankanni (Good health) and why various religions (Hindu, Muslim, and other Christian denominations) have a strong devotion to Mary in India
- Marriage customs in India: “Arranged marriages,” “downy”
- The caste system: How does it deprive a human dignity of a person?

There is no admission fee. If you will attend one or all of these presentations, please contact the Parish Office by calling 717-637-2721 and let us know how many from your family will be attending and which sessions. Or you may email norbert.suresh@gmail.com.

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.