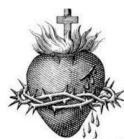


Saint Paul the Apostle Parish – Saint Stanislaus Parish Saint Thomas Aquinas Church



July 3, 2022

The Declaration of Independence was a revolutionary statement of self-evident truths that inspired the cause for freedom in the Colonies and throughout the world. The propositions that “all men are created equal” and that “they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights” are self evident because they are part of the natural law written in each heart and aspired to in every life. Indeed, the founders in the Declaration of Independence appealed to “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God.”

In the eyes of King George III and the British Parliament, the Declaration was not a lofty statement of self-evident truths to strive for. Rather, it was an impertinent act of treason to stamp out. The fifty-six signers who penned their names to that charter of freedom in 1776 knew that. They knew that by putting their names on the Declaration that they were pledging “their Lives, Fortune and Sacred Honor” against long odds. But they did it anyway. They did it “with a firm reliance on Divine Providence.” And, against all odds, against the strongest military power in the world, by the grace of God and great sacrifice, they prevailed. To this day, we benefit.

This weekend we should celebrate our independence. We should be grateful and pray for those who in the eighteenth century risked all and paid dearly to achieve it. We should be grateful and pray for all who in each century since have sacrificed and died to preserve and defend our freedom.

At the end of the movie, Saving Private Ryan, the elderly World War II veteran who prompted and benefited from the sacrifice of his fallen comrades returns to Europe to visit their graves. Unsure, he asks himself if the life he’s led has been worthy of the sacrifice they made. It’s a moving scene and a good reminder of our debt and duty to do the same.

Our nation wasn’t perfect in 1776 and it isn’t perfect today. But today’s Gospel tells us how we can pay that debt and discharge that duty. In every place and town, not only as Americans blessed with freedom, but as Catholics blessed with the faith, we can live, work and act as followers of Christ and members of God’s Kingdom. Using our freedom to do so in reliance on Divine Providence, we can be leaven for the healing of our culture, the mending of our nation’s flaws, and the spread of the Gospel. Taking those risks and making those sacrifices, we will be worthy of our freedom.

In Christ,



SUNDAY READINGS:

Novus Ordo: Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 10:17-20; “Let all the earth cry out to God with joy” (Psalm 66:1).

Usus Antiquior: Romans 8:18-23; Luke 5:1-11.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: During the month of July, Pope Francis has asked us to pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of our culture. Please pray that their experience and wisdom may help young people look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND: If you know of any parishioners unable to get out to Mass who would like to receive Holy Communion, make a Confession, receive the Sacrament of the sick, or just have a visit from a priest, please speak to Fr. Ryan or call Fr. Reidy at 508-981-5993.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT: As you can see, the masonry work on Saint Paul’s began last week and should be finished this week. We will be scoping out some work on missing siding on Saint Stanislaus Church and rectory this summer. Thank you for your support of our parishes which allow us to make these repairs.

MASS SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday, July 2 <i>Confession</i> <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	2:30 – 3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	<i>Leonard Pacek by the Pacek family</i>
Sunday, July 3 <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am	Saint Paul (NO)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday, July 3 <i>Fourth Sunday After Pentecost</i>	12:00 noon	Saint Paul (LM)	<i>Dominic Flebotte by the Pacek family</i>
Monday, July 4 <i>14th Monday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	<i>Special Intention by Mike Sullivan</i>
Tuesday, July 5 <i>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i> <i>Adoration & Confession</i>	8:00 am 5:00 – 8:00 pm	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	<i>Greg Backstrom by the Pacek family</i>
Wednesday, July 6 <i>St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i> <i>Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	<i>Michelle Backstrom by the Pacek family</i>
Thursday, July 7 <i>14th Thursday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	<i>Cathy Anderson by Teresa Briggs</i>
Saturday, July 9 <i>Confession</i> <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	2:30 – 3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	<i>Maria del Carmes Rodriguez by Lou Della Croce</i>
Sunday, July 10 <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am	Saint Paul (NO)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday, July 10 <i>Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</i>	12:00 noon	Saint Paul (LM)	<i>Nicolette Rust by the Pacek family</i>

(Key: NO – Novus Ordo; LM – Latin Mass)

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