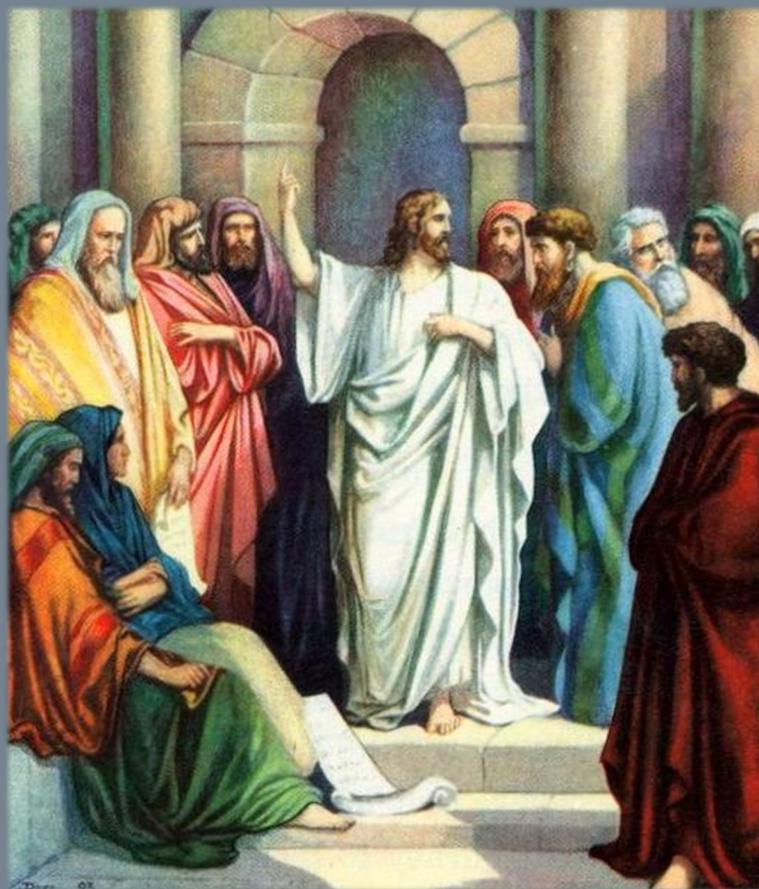


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**JULY 4, 2021**

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

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**Weekends:**

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: LOOK IN FAITH

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's

action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary ways. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand

this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized.

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<b>JULY 3</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Judy Patrello†</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>JULY 4</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For the people</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Tom Allen†</b> <i>Ed &amp; Rita Swierkos</i>
<b>JULY 5</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>David Wiethe†</b> <i>Joe &amp; Cindy Wiethe</i>
<b>JULY 6</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Charles Freeman†</b> <i>Libby G. Magnone</i>
<b>JULY 7</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Bernadine Miller†</b> <i>Miller/Porter Family</i>
<b>JULY 8</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Thomas Andrews†</b> <i>Johnston Family</i>
<b>JULY 9</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For my grandchildren not to lose faith</b> <i>Phan Thi My</i>
<b>JULY 10</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Theresa Hoa†</b> <i>Phan Thi My</i>
<b>JULY 11</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lewis Melchiori†</b> <i>John Solovan II</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Frank Curia†</b> <i>Curia Family</i>

## Catholicism and the Fourth of July



Try your hand at guessing the century and location where this statute was the law of the land:

*...all and every Jesuit, seminary priest, missionary or other spiritual or ecclesiastical person made or ordained by any authority, power or jurisdiction, derived, challenged or pretended, from the pope or see of Rome...shall be deemed and accounted an incendiary and disturber of the publick peace and safety, and an enemy to the true Christian religion, and shall be adjudged to suffer perpetual imprisonment, and if any person, being so sentenced and actually imprisoned, shall break prison and make his escape, and be afterwards re-taken, he shall be punished with death.*

The words above are from a 1647 statute governing a portion of the future United States of America and can be found in The Book of the General Lawes and Libertys concerning the Inhabitants of Massachusetts (1648). Other similar laws were enacted throughout the colonies. However, according to American Catholics: A History of the Roman Catholic Community in the United States by John Hennesey, S.J., such a small number of Catholics actually set foot in Massachusetts and other colonies hostile to the faith during this period that very few met with this type of punishment, though Quakers often did. These types of laws, however, writes Hennesey, ensured that “Catholic settlement was effectively prevented ...”

A relatively small number of Catholics did successfully settle in what would later become the eastern United

States, most notably in Maryland, through the efforts of the titled Calvert family under King Charles I in 1633. Among instructions to the colonists, of which Protestants were the majority, the governor and commissioners were required to: “...cause all Acts of Romane Catholoques to be done as privately as may be, and...instruct all Romane Catholoques to be silent upon all occasions of discourse concerning matters of Religion; and...treat the Protestants with as much mildness and favor as Justice will permit.\*”

Religious liberty has come a long way in the United States of America. Maryland’s history, like that of the rest of what would become the United States of America, would be fraught with growing pains regarding the establishment of religious freedom. By 1708, there were 3,000 Catholics in Maryland – a small one-tenth of the population – and they had seen major setbacks. Anglicanism had been established in the colony in 1702, requiring taxes and compulsory attendance, while Catholics could not vote or hold public office. Ten years later their right to worship privately was reinstated, but it would be a long road to religious liberty for the Catholics of the colonies.

As we Americans—and Catholics—celebrate independence, a look back cannot help but give us a better appreciation for our freedoms as we put out our American flags and deck out our homes in red, white and blue for the 4th of July.

\*Documents of American History, 10th edition, Prentice Hall, 1988.

— Article excerpted from The Catholic Gene: Exploring Catholic History.



To the families and loved ones of Barbara Myers and Betty Lou (Cook) Dellget Kerns our heartfelt condolences.

### Prayer REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Heather Wylie, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Cindy Gunto, Kathleen Naegele, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Alyssa Hedrick.

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

**CALENDAR**

<b>Mondays</b> July 5 to Aug. 30	<b>INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA</b> St. Mary's, Martins Ferry 7 p.m.
<b>Aug. 5 to Aug. 6</b>	<b>TRIP to LANCASTER, PA</b> Queen Esther Play Sign Up in the Vestibule
<b>Aug. 22</b>	<b>PARISH PICNIC</b> St. Jude Park Noon Mass at shelter
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b> Church Hall 6:30 p.m.

**BINGO VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**  
contact Kathleen Naegele to help:  
304-843-1946

**SCHEDULES JULY 10 & 11**

**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **A. Wise / M. Taskalines**

8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**

10:00 a.m. **R. Patrone / L. Yoho**

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**UNITED IN FAITH,  
TOGETHER  
IN PERSON.**

This is at the heart of Bishop Brennan's call—that "we should be with our fellow Catholics to hear the Word of God proclaimed and receive the Eucharist." It has not been easy for many to resume regular activities, including attending church. Sr. Agatha and Fr. That Son are here if you or someone you know is in need. Please reach out.

**SOME BADLY NEEDED REPAIRS** and improvements will begin around the church in the next few weeks and months.

Work will begin Monday on refurbishing the front steps of the church, and cement work also will be done on the ramp and around the church. The contractor is Jerry Gust, and the project coordinator is Phil Remke. We anticipate the project cost to be approximately \$9,000. Also, Karras Painting will be repairing water damage in the stairway of the choir loft. The anticipated cost is \$2,980. Finally, a security alarm system will be installed by Sound Waves. The cost is \$3,000.



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.



**MANY THANKS TO OUR**

friends who visited us from Willowbrook Community Church of Forest Lake



Minnesota for the wonderful picnic outing in our parking lot last week! About 200 people showed up to eat hamburgers and hotdogs, play games, exchange stories, and enjoy a beautiful summer evening. Some even received very valuable tips on Minnesota ice fishing.

The 45 Baptist "Praying Pelicans," who bunked in Xavier Hall, spent time during their stay with Rose Hart of Appalachian Outreach helping her with ongoing projects and at the community kitchen across the street. They also put in a day mucking out basements and homes for people in Cameron who were hit hard by recent flooding.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the picnic and thanks to the Praying Pelicans for your service to our community.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

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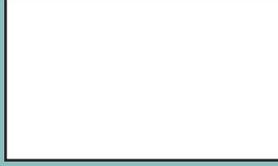
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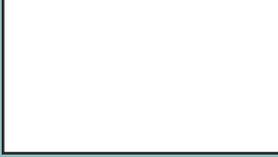
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