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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening	4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church	8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day	As announced
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Satur	day 8:30 AM
Friday	12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
Monday-Thursday only... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday....... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

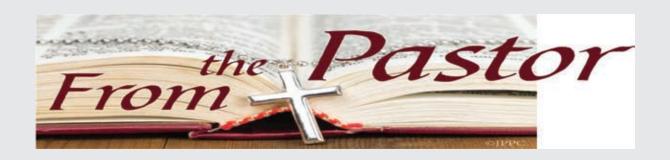
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



Though Bavaria might be better known for beer, at the time, I was most definitely in the mood for wine...a nice German red wine. Yes, there are German red wines. Dornfelder is nice. I like it and so, I bought a bottle. It was one evening while lounging before the TV with my cousin and her husband that I decided that I was ready for a glass. "Do you have a corkscrew," I asked. "Oh, I'll get it," Birgit said. She sprang up, fished an opener from a drawer, and proceeded to uncork the bottle. In the meantime, I fetched three glasses and stood at the ready, glass in hand. Birgit looked at me and said, "You are *such* a typical American!" She then pulled a long necked carafe out of the cupboard and poured the entire bottle of wine into the carafe. "Okay," I thought, "I don't mind the carafe." It was rather elegant. I thought that it must have been a gift. I held out my glass eagerly. "No. You have to wait. The wine has to breathe. You're such an 'Ami!" Wait? Breathe? Why? How long? "Not long. Just fifteen or twenty minutes," she said. What?!? "But I'm thirsty now!" "Ami!" she shot back. Her husband laughed. Twenty minutes later (twenty-three to be exact), that glass of wine tasted soooo good! I don't know if it was the breathing so much as the waiting. Not only that, but now the wine couldn't be re-corked and stored in that carafe overnight. It would simply have to be finished. Together the three of us happily fulfilled our duty. Though I still don't really understand why wine has to "breathe" for twenty minutes (twenty-three to be exact), I do know that Americans, in general, tend to be in a hurry. We are left-lane cruisers; want the fastest internet speeds, instant "on," instant "off," and instant food that is fast. We tend to get annoyed, to say the least, when we have to wait. Maybe there's a lesson in wine left to "breathe." The COVID pandemic certainly forced us to slow down and in many cases not just to wait, but to come to a complete stop. Although, at first, we thought that our "coronacation" might last perhaps two weeks – three weeks tops, it then began to drag on and on and on. To a certain extent, it still continues. If nothing else, perhaps we've learned that sometimes, one just has to wait just a bit and then enjoy that glass of wine even more when we finally get to drink it. Our Faith, itself, is a lesson in waiting: waiting for wandering in a desert to finally come to an end; waiting for Moses to come down from a mountain; 400 silent Old Testament years of waiting for a Messiah, and 2000 plus raucous years of waiting for a Messiah's return ever since. Now there is a Messiah and it is He, Who is waiting for us. There is great joy to be had when the time of waiting is over and the wine glass is filled to the brim! On this Fourth of July Weekend, we, "Amis," so used to being in a hurry, now find ourselves waiting. We are waiting for life to get back to normal (and wondering what that "normal" might now mean); waiting still for a pandemic to end; waiting for a country to be united once again as we wait for better times, happier times, and times of greater faith and belief in God. Maybe it all begins as we Americans learn anew to breathe in the very air of Freedom along with all of its attendant rights and responsibilities, all the while thanking God for the great blessing that is our Nation as we do so. Take your time! Breathe! God has blessed America! Happy Fourth of July!!

> Peace! Fr. Wilson



MONDAY JULY 6

8:30 AM Fortunato & Albanese Families

TUESDAY JULY 7

8:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY JULY 8

8:30 AM Catherine Ruane

THURSDAY JULY 9

NO MASS

FRIDAY JULY 10

12:15 PM Kenneth MacDonald

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY JULY 11

8:30 AM Dorothy Ruane and Cassidy

Family

4:30 PM Ben and Dorothy Pelosi

SUNDAY JULY 12

8:30 AM Hazel Poppert

11:00 AM People of Holy Cross



Sunday Collection, June 28

Due to the early submission of the July 5th bulletin the Sunday collection numbers were not available at the time of transmission.

Have a Happy and Safe July 4th!





Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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Readings for daily and Sunday Mass can be found at usccb.org/bible/readings. Click on the calendar on the right to get the readings for the day.

For those attending Mass

At this time during the green restricted phase there will be no Altar Servers, Ushers taking up the collection or Children's Liturgy.



The Corner

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"God does not wait for us to go to Him, but it is He who moves toward us; without calculation, without quantification. That is what God is like. He always takes the first step; He comes toward us."

---Pope Francis



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Our Food Pantry has been busy helping our Neighbors in Need in our community. If you are able, we are getting low on the following items: cereal, pasta sauce (no glass please), veggies, baked beans, canned fruit, beefaroni, canned raviolis, juice boxes, kiddie treats, and paper towels. Drop-off locations include: in the church, in our bins outside the pantry (please be sure to put the lids on the cans after you insert your donation) or drop off during our pantry hours.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that the pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

God Bless All of You,

The St. Vincent de Paul Holy Cross Food Pantry





Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In what seems now to be a lifetime ago, I had a minor role in a high school production of the Broadway play "1776." The unique aspect here was the fact that the cast was made up of both teachers and students. One did such things like that not only for the fun (which it was) but also to cement healthy relations with the students while building school community. Years later, one of the student cast members, indeed the one who played Thomas Jefferson, wound up being the next door neighbor of my sister. When he and I met again, our memories brought us back to our brief acting careers. We could even recite some of the lines from the script that we had to memorize way back when!

I thought of all this as our Independence Day weekend 2020 is upon us. Naturally, the events **of the real 1776 come to the fore. We recall the bravery of our Founding Fathers in declaring independence from** a tyrannical King George, whose decisions and actions had forced the issue. We also remember that July 4th was only the beginning. What followed was a bitter war, the first of many our country has fought since. That was the price in hardship and blood that our freedom cost in those tenuous days. Our young country paid it in full.

As Catholic Christians, we are keenly aware of another kind of war, a spiritual one, not limited to a calendar year. It pits us against the lesser parts of ourselves that we know can block our efforts to be independent of sin. We long for the peace of our promised heaven. Fortunately, we follow the greatest "Revolutionary" of them all: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us how He fought for and won our freedom from sin and death. So the war is won, even though our individual battles go on.

On this weekend of parades, barbecues and dazzling fireworks that we use to mark the Fourth, it might seem out of place to reflect on this inner spiritual war. But our Scriptures today call us to do so, and they are beyond any fixed time. After all, they speak to us of real life, and its battles will be with us long after the parades are over and the fireworks fade away.

St. Paul once wrote about such a battle in his letter to the Romans, in Chapter 7, verse 19. Hear it again: "For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing." Sound familiar? This tyranny is far worse than that of King George. So, what a relief it is to hear Jesus say today these most comforting words in all of the New Testament: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

While we honor the heroics of our noble Founding Fathers, and our first army of colonials, we can, in this Holy Eucharist also honor God our heavenly Father. Gladly do we take His Son's yoke upon us, for it is truly easy and a light burden.

I close with something we all need to remember: the freedom we celebrate this weekend, and all freedom, including the spiritual, is never "the right to do as we please, but the liberty to do as we ought." Enjoy your holiday!



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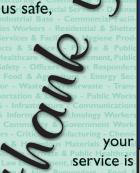
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