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JUNE 29, 2025

*SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES*

You are Peter, and upon this rock  
I will build my Church.

*Matthew 16:18*



blessed

IS THE NATION WHOSE

GOD IS THE

Lord

PSALM 33:12

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### *"Do You Love Me?"*

Today's feast celebrating two great pillars of the Church, Saints Peter and Paul, is truly remarkable. How diverse were their personalities and backgrounds. Peter - a fisherman; impulsive; denied Jesus on Holy Thursday night - becomes the leader of the Church. In the end, he embraced the highest form of love for his Lord by sacrificing his life. St. Peter was crucified in the year 64 A.D.

Paul, as he states in the Second Reading, was a persecutor of the Church. He was well-educated in the Jewish faith. Yet he became the Church's great missionary. He, too, endorsed the highest form of love, bringing the Gospel to the nations enduring many hardships. St. Paul was beheaded in the year 67 A.D.

Peter's and Paul's transformations came about by their personal encounter with the Risen Christ. They came to realize that their faith was not "in vain" but rested on the power of our Lord's resurrected love. What must they have thought as they entered the city of Rome...the center of worldly power; a powerhouse of culture, military might and architectural splendor. It was a city so different from the desert sands of their home city of Jerusalem. How could they conquer and transform such a culture? Conquer they did by the arms of faith and grace of Jesus Christ.

How we need that transforming power of faith today in our culture! Today we are in a great struggle as they were...a culture of moral decline. Today, Jesus asks each of us, "Do you love me?" May that love show itself by remaining steadfast. Fight the good fight, finish the race, and above all, keep the faith!

Happy Summer,  
*Father Murray*



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **Sunday, June 29, 2025**

*Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

5:00pm Vigil ~ Edward S. Brown

8:30am ~ Peter and Mary Hopkins

10:30am ~ Rob Davis

### **Monday, June 30, 2025**

*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

8:00am ~ Monterossa Family

*(Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed after daily Mass.)*

**\*\*\* Adoration 8:30am - 4pm (Last one until Sept.)**

### **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

*Saint Junipero Serra, Priest*

8:00am ~ Carmen Scalfaro

### **Wednesday, July 2, 2025**

8:00am ~ Margaret Kilkenny

### **Thursday, July 3, 2025**

*Saint Thomas, Apostle*

8:00am ~ Jean Terrizzi

### **Friday, July 4, 2025**

*Independence Day*

8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

### **Saturday, July 5, 2025**

5:00pm ~ Margaret Murphy

### **Sunday, July 6, 2025**

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am ~ Bernice Dugan

10:30am ~ Justine Baker



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**ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP**

On the weekend of **July 12th/13th**, we will be visited by Father Edward Dougherty, who has served as a missionary in Kenya and Tanzania and will invite us to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ and His gospel to all people. A collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers will be taken. Maryknoll is the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America; they serve principally among the poor in places where the Church is unknown or in great need. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



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PREP registration for 2025-2026 is now underway. Classes are Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

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You can drop off payment in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory at any time, for your convenience, or mail it to the Rectory. Also, 1st graders need a copy of their baptism certificate, which can be dropped off or mailed. If you have questions, please contact Noreen Forkin at [sthilaryprep@gmail.com](mailto:sthilaryprep@gmail.com). Thanks!



**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Wednesday, July 2  
7:00pm in the Rectory**

**All men - members and those interested - are welcome and encouraged to join us for this Members Meeting!**

## THE THEOLOGY OF THE FOURTH OF JULY

July 4 is a religious holiday. For this insight, thank John F. Kennedy. On July 4, 1946, Kennedy - then 29 years old, the Democratic nominee for a Massachusetts Congressional seat, and still a lieutenant in the Navy Reserve - was the featured speaker at the City of Boston's Independence Day celebration. He spoke at Faneuil Hall, the red-brick building where colonists had gathered long ago to protest taxes imposed by King George III and his Parliament.

Kennedy began by talking not about taxes or about the British, but about religion. "The informing spirit of the American character has always been a deep religious sense. Throughout the years, down to the present, a devotion to fundamental religious principles has characterized American thought and action," he said.

For anyone wondering what this had to do with Independence Day, Kennedy made the connection explicit. "Our government was founded on the essential religious idea of integrity of the individual. It was this religious sense which inspired the authors of the Declaration of Independence: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.'"

It was a theme that Kennedy would return to during the 1960 presidential campaign when, in a speech at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, he described the Cold War as "a struggle for supremacy between two conflicting ideologies; freedom under God versus ruthless, Godless tyranny." And again in his inaugural address on January 20, 1961 in Washington, DC, when he said, "The same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe - the belief that the right of man comes not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."

So amid all the fireworks and barbecue smoke this July 4, consider pausing for a moment to reflect on the one our founding fathers called the Creator. As Kennedy realized, the American Revolution - and thus the country we live in today - started with God, and with the Founders' beliefs in rights that are his gift to us. Whatever your religious views, or lack of them, if you are an American, it's at least worth understanding the idea on which our nation was founded.

*By Ira Stoll*



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*something*  
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*future.*



## HIGHEST, LONGEST, BIGGEST, LARGEST, DEEPEST, AND SMALLEST OF THE WORLD

How many of these questions can you answer?

- |                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. What is the largest airport?    | 2. What is the highest airport?  |
| 3. What is the largest animal?     | 4. What is the largest bay?      |
| 5. What is the fastest bird?       | 6. What is the largest bird?     |
| 7. What is the longest bridge?     | 8. What is the tallest building? |
| 9. What is the longest canal?      | 10. What is the largest church?  |
| 11. What is the largest cathedral? | 12. What is the highest city?    |
| 13. What is the largest continent? | 14. What is the deepest lake?    |
| 15. What's the smallest continent? | 16. What is the longest day?     |
| 17. What's the most populous city? | 18. What is the shortest day?    |
| 19. What is the largest delta?     | 20. What is the largest desert?  |
| 21. What is the tallest fountain?  | 22. What is the largest gulf?    |
| 23. What is the largest island?    | 24. What is the largest lake?    |
| 25. What is the largest library?   | 26. What is the smallest bird?   |

(answers on page 6)

## THE SNEEZE

*They walked in tandem, each of the 92 students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and moms freely brushed away tears. This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.*

*The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families. The speeches were nice, but they were routine - until the final speech received a standing ovation. A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every one of them, suddenly sneezed! The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "GOD BLESS YOU!" And he walked off the stage. Then the audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.*

## **BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**As followers of Jesus, we're each called to take our place in the Kingdom of God and help build it up. Consider these suggestions to do your part:**

**\* Find your gifts...** What special gifts do you possess? In addition to talents and skills, these can include wisdom from life experience or a particularly deep faith. Discern your gifts and ask God where He wants you to use them.

**\* Cultivate gratitude...** Write down everything for which you are grateful in a "blessings list". Try to review it and add to it regularly, especially when tempted to discouragement or jealousy. Praise and thank God daily for whatever is on your list.

**\* Practice humility...** St. Thomas Aquinas said, "Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us; knowing every good we have comes from Him as pure gift." Let others have the best place, the biggest piece of cake, the last word. Imitate Him who is "gentle and humble of heart." (Matthew 11:29)

**\* Be ready to serve...** Any act of service can build up your parish, neighborhood, or community. Small or great, everyone can contribute something. Give of yourself.

**\* Strive for the higher gifts...** Jesus asked every one of us to love God and each other. Without love, St. Paul said, "I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:3)

*If you have true charity, you're on the right track.*



### 2025 ANNOUNCED MASSES LEFT

There are a few announced weekday masses left for 2025 at 8am. Please stop by or call the Rectory if you are interested. The 2026 Mass Book will open later in the summer...date to be determined; stay tuned!



### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 4

1. King Abdul Khalid Int'l Airport (Saudi Arabia)
2. Lhasa Airport, Tibet
3. Blue Bottom Whale
4. Hudson Bay, Canada
5. Swift
6. Ostrich
7. Huey P. Long Bridge (USA)
8. Dubai Burj (Dubai)
9. Baltic Sea White Canal
10. Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City, Rome
11. Cathedral Church of New York
12. Wenchuan, China
13. Asia
14. Baikal Lake (Siberia)
15. Australia
16. June 21
17. Tokyo
18. December 22
19. Sunderban (India)
20. Sahara, North Africa
21. Fountain Hills, AZ
22. Gulf of Mexico
23. Greenland
24. Caspian Sea
25. United States Library of Congress, Washington
26. Hummingbird

**THANKS FOR PLAYING!**

### PRAYER LINE

Help is needed for our Parish Prayer Line. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Line and be contacted to pray for the sick, please call Virginia at 215-663-1418.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Lionel Melly Wright, Cole Plachter, Mary Jo Reaby, Kevin Rosenbaum, Capt. Schaffr, Dan Webb, Rhodena Thompson, Bruce Thompson II, Linda Urie, Sonna Alamar, Sharon Fainelli, Donald Budrejko, Maura Murphy, Gregory Marrone, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnolly, Ilda Leal, Isaiah Walter, Regina Carberry, Scott Paris, Ben Paris, Michelle Hannah, Michael Keough, Donna Cunningham, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:*  
Dennis Grassey      Stephen Maye

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Saturdays at 5:00pm  
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### TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

**June 22, 2025**

**June 23, 2024**

**Sunday Offering: \$3,575**

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**Electronic Giving: \$3,405**

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