

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 7/6 **Office Closed - Holiday
No Mass**

Wed 7/8 9:00 AM Staff Meeting - P
6:30 PM Faith Formation - P

Sun 7/12 11:15 AM Baptismal Preparation - P
|| Anthony Pennington, Slippery Rock, PA



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK –Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith in Christ

Adult: What is the one thing I can do this week to grow in confidence that God guides my life?

Child: What is the one thing I can do this week to help a classmate grow in his or her self confidence?

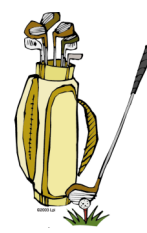


Bridget Hurt, Holy Cross

Faith Formation. As promised, following you will find additional websites for your personal faith formation.
<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm>

If you only have a few minutes Loyola Press offers daily retreats lasting only 3 minutes. In addition, Loyola Press offers other prayer and spiritual information links.

www.catholic.com. This site is one of the largest Catholic lay apologetics sites offering Catholic answers to your questions as well as links to the original Catholic encyclopedia



Holy Name Golf Tournament. July 25 at Windy Hills Golf Course. \$65.00 buys you a round of golf, hot dogs and refreshments at the course and a great steak dinner back at Holy Cross. For reservations or sponsor information call

Mike at 474-2221.

Cursillo. God doesn't force any of us to find him. He patiently waits and allows us to find him in our own way. There are no words to describe the joy when you do find him. Have you considered making a Cursillo? Call Janine or John Guzolik for details; 474-3120.

* July 13 - Palanca Night - 7pm

National Needs Collection. Next weekend is the annual collection for Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which have been combined this year. Your dollars go to support evangelization, religious education, ministry training and support for dioceses which struggle with unemployment, poverty, difficult terrain and a shortage of priests.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
PRESIDER:	Fr. Scott Detisch	Fr. Scott Detisch	Fr. Scott Detisch
LECTOR:	Barbara Walk and Mary Conti	Gary Schneider and Annalynn Shuttleworth	Tim Healy and Adam Walker
CO-ORD:	Jan Agnello and Peg Mallin	Chuck Smith and Chris DeSantis	Rose Maas
EUCH. MINISTERS	John and Pat Timon, Judy Gido, Mary and Jennie Agnello, Ellen Schauerman, Shirley Loeslein	Rick and Linda Graziani, Raymond Smith, Pat and Michelann McGowan, Sylvia Smith, Dan and Opie Wuenschel	Don and Fran Buseck, Paul DiFuccia, John Folga, Ken and LuAnn MacIsaac, Ann Moore, Joe Maas, Betty Healy, Suzanne Sitzler, Martha Wetick
SERVERS:	Lauren Petrella, Lewis Kerner, Lainey Wyman	James and Thomas Shuttleworth, Melissa Schneider	Thomas and Michael Connell, Andrew Walker
MUSIC:	Cantor	Cantor	Cantor
MINISTERS OF CARE:		Monica Rex, Mary Gable, Pat and Mike McGowan, Tony & Chris DeSantis	

NURSERY: Nursery is available at the 10:00 a.m. mass only



Mass Intentions

Monday	July 6, 2009
	No Mass - Holiday
Tuesday	July 7, 2009
8:00 AM	Brian Stolz
	Req. by Parents and Family
Wednesday	July 8, 2009
8:00 AM	Lucille Bleil
	Req. by James and MaryLou Donlay
Thursday	July 9, 2009
8:00 AM	Communion Service
Friday	July 10, 2009
8:00 AM	Communion Service
Saturday	July 11, 2009
12:00 PM	Gene & Mary Ann Dobrzynski
	50th Anniversary Mass
5:30 PM	Kathleen McCormick
	Req. by Family
Sunday	July 12, 2009
8:00 AM	Holy Cross Parish Family
10:00 AM	Eugenia Hodas
	Req. by Frank and Nancy Hodas

Readings for the Week of July 5

Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7,28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of
GEORGE AND MARY STANHOPE
 Requested by Chris and Tony DeSantis

(If you wish to request that the candle burn in memory of a loved one or for some other special intention, please call the office.)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

208/588 Adult Env. Received	Average \$27.91
18/257 Children Env. Received	Average \$9.94
Budgeted Average Weekly Expense	\$7,300.00
Actual Offertory Collection (\$130.25 Loose).....	\$5,805.50
Difference	-\$1,494.50
Year-To-Date Budget (52 weeks).....	\$379,600.00
Actual Year-To-Date Collection	\$361,582.75
Year-To-Date Difference	-\$18,017.25

Catholic Services Appeal

# Responses	260
Total Amount Pledged	\$90,416.00
Payments or Pledges	\$52,585.50
Balance Due on 2009 Pledges by 1/31/10	\$37,830.50

S.M.A.R.T. FAITH
 [Strengthening a Mature Appreciation of our Religious
Tradition]

Topic: True Freedom

This weekend is Independence Day, when we remember our birth as a nation of freedom. But what exactly is the true understanding of freedom that we should have not just as Americans but as **Christian** Americans?

The Catholic principles of social justice make the following clarifications about freedom:

1. Freedom is NOT the right to do whatever one wants to do whenever one wants to do it; nor is it the right to own, pursue, express, or use whatever one wants to without restraints or limits of any kind. This is license, not freedom. Furthermore, freedom is not absolute or unlimited. All personal freedom is limited by a person's own limitations [e.g., I may be free to become a forward for the Lakers but there is no way my limited height and abilities will ever make it happen].

While God created us as free persons, we have a limited freedom. Our finite capabilities and our moral responsibilities limit us. Remember: Adam and Eve were free to eat the fruit of any tree in the Garden of Eden, except from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil – thus limited freedom.

2. All true freedoms express what is most noble about the human person and safeguard the sacredness of all human persons. Anything that seeks to defile oneself or others is not a freedom, e.g. abortion or suicide. This may be something someone chooses to do, but it would never be considered an act of freedom. As Christians, we believe that freedom comes from God, not the state; therefore, every exercise of freedom is to be in sync with what God calls us to be and to do as noble, sacred human beings.

3. All personal freedoms are responsible to the larger common good. This is something we often forget or ignore. My personal freedoms are not absolute. I do not have a moral right (even if there is a legal right) to do, express, pursue, own, or have whatever I want regardless of the effects on others. We must always consider what this will do to and for the common good – the larger community and society around us. As Christians we believe that we are all interconnected; therefore, our exercise of freedom must always consider what it will do to others.

4. With every freedom comes responsibility. Our freedom is not merely about what we get out of life for ourselves. Instead, freedom provides an arena without undue restraints for our ability to give what we have and to do what we can to make the world around us a better place. As St. Paul says; "To each person the gift of the Spirit has been given for the common good" [1 Cor. 12:7].

So Happy 4th of July! And may our celebration of independence be a reminder of the responsibilities to God, to others, and to the common good that come with our freedom.