

July 3, 2022 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Happy 4th of July



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Festival Volunteer PICNIC

All volunteers that signed up for the Parish Festival—please join us for an informational session about how to work the booths, which booth you will be in, and proper protocol for the time you are working.

Many helpful hints will be given to make it that much easier to be in the booth and enjoy your time!!

JULY 7TH, ST. CHRISTOPHER PAVILION @ 6:30 PM

Light refreshments will be served! Don't miss it!!



Totals for June 12th will be in the next bulletin, once our business manager is back in the office.

Thank you for your generosity and continued contributions!!

The Parish office will be closed on July 4th. Happy Independence Day!



MEAT RAFFLE

Keep turning in your meat raffle tickets!!

Secure your chances to win one of four drawings for a \$750.00 gift card from Brittner's Smokehouse or Willie's Smokehouse.



Mass Intentions

	Time	Location	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 2	4:00 PM	St. Peter	Mark Mraz+	Sue Mraz
	4:30 PM	St. Christopher	Tim Olexsak+	MaryEllen Olexsak
Sunday, July 3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 AM	St. Anthony	Albina Lalli+	Janie McFarland
	9:00 AM	St. Louis	Robert McCarl+	Patsy/Althea Martino
	11:15 AM	St. Christopher	For the People	
	11:30 AM	St. Peter	Bob/Marilyn DiSpirito+	Family
Monday, July 4	8:30 AM	St. Louis	MaryJane Andreassi+	Randy/Stacy Armagost
	9:00 AM	St. Christopher	Ethel Collins+	Yvonne Orloski
Tuesday, July 5	9:00 AM	St. Anthony	Deceased Members of the Lawry Family	Barb Skoch
Wednesday July 6	7:00 PM	Newman Center	Christopher Barsotti+	Marilyn Barsotti
Thursday, July 7	8:30 AM	St. Peter	Dermot Foran+	Foran Family
	9:00 AM	St. Christopher	Jerome Hunter, Jr.+	Otto/Mary Kovacsics
Friday, July 8	7:00 PM	St. Louis	Lawrence Baptiste+	Stan/Marlene Livesay
Saturday, July 9	4:00 PM	St. Peter	MaryJane Andreassi+	Jason/Leslie Andreassi
	4:30 PM	St. Christopher	Special Intentions for Family	Ray Smochek
Sunday, July 10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 AM	St. Anthony	Wardine Kale, Sr.+	Rich/Betty Baldo
	9:00 AM	St. Louis	Lucy Stewart+	Patty Altman
	11:15 AM	St. Christopher	David Voelker+	Family
	11:30 AM	St. Peter	For the People	



4th of July Historical Facts

The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadsides, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd being celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941. (Constitution Facts.com)

A Prayer for Independence Day

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those that declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong; that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts towards the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety in the common good for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.





Evan Andreyo Melissa Cessar Mark DeMatteis Patricia Hortert Cathy Maser Joseph Mayer Lesley McGregor Denise Phipps Charles Plinta William Spencer

Pastoral Council Mission Statement:

St. Faustina Parish is a vibrant Roman Catholic community that strives to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Northern Butler County.



Robert Clouse George Pry Marcus Schellinger George Snyder Ronald Wadowsky Pat Whalen



DONATIONS OF WATER AND SODA FOR FESTIVAL

Calling all parishioners...we are asking for water and soda (cans only please) for our festival.

All donations can be taken to the church halls.

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News



We need your help to setup for the St. Faustina Festival!!

Even if you can only give 1 hour on 1 day it will be a huge help!! The setup schedule is below—please bring your friends and help us make this festival the best ever!!

> **Pre-Work** Friday - July 15th - Miscellaneous Small Tasks 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Grounds Setup - All Hands on Deck Saturday July 16th, 8:00 am to ? Setup of all Booth Tents and canopies Lunch will be provided

Final Preparation of Booths and Grounds

Thursday - July 21st - 4:00 pm— ? Miscellaneous small tasks People are needed to help where they can.

BASKET RAFFLE

GET YOUR BASKETS IN FOR THE PARISH FESTIVAL! You can drop off your completed baskets at any of our churches!!!

If you have any questions about the baskets please reach out to the following contact people: DONATE & WIN BIG BASKET RAFFLE

St. Anthony- Wendy Allison/724-421-7150
St. Christopher- Rebecca Zedreck/724-331-6028 & Dawn Bassler/412-692-0486
St. Louis- Patty Hortert/724-712-6967
St. Peter- Patti Vogan/412-310-1082, Deb Aglio/412-458-0554, Cindy Thompson/ 724-406-0083 & Kara Nastasi/ 724-992-1949

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Parish News





FESTIVAL TALENT SHOW SIGN UPS!!

IT'S THE NEXT AMERICA'S GOT TALENT AT ST. FAUSTINA PARISH!!

Get signed up now to show off your talent. We are looking for the youngest members of our parish through those graduating from High School to show off their talents at our Parish Festival on Friday,

July 22nd at 6:30 pm. Any talent goes!! No matter how big or small!! CALL KATIE AT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN UP!!



SEWING MINISTRY NOCTURNE ALLEY QUILT 90" X 110" RAFFLE

The Sewing Ministry will be selling chances to win this gorgeous Queen size, Nocturne Alley Quilt, made of all shades of blue! (Except THIS weekend.)

Tickets are \$5.00 each! The ladies will be at the church entrances!

Church League

<u>ST. FAUSTINA PARISH</u> <u>SOFTBALL TEAM</u>

Come cheer on our team as they finish out their softball season. Games are in Slippery Rock at the MAC Field, 150 Branchton Road at 6:30pm.

Thursday July 7 Monday July 11 Wednesday July 13 Monday July 18

For more info, contact: jmbuccini044@gmail.com or 724.372.8376



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for the time you give to our parish! W are committed to keeping everyone safe, especially our children and vulnerable adults. To achieve this, we must adhere to the following Diocesan guidelines:

EVERY VOLUNTEER MUST HAVE CURRENT CLEARANCES (expire every 5 years)

THE MOST CURRENT PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN ONLINE CLASS MUST BE COMPLETED (updated every 3 years)

When you get an email from our office, please complete the forms and training. You will lose your volunteer privileges until your file is up-to-date. We will help all those who do not have computer access, or are not computer savvy any way we can! PLEASE NOTE: Due to everyone having a different start date with the Diocese, your file may NOT be complete. We will work with you to get everything up to speed. Thank you for your patience and time!



<u>PRAYER</u> <u>WALK</u>

The Prospect Prayer

Walk / Sit In will be **Tuesday**, **July 5th** at St. Christopher Church at 6:30 pm. All welcome!!



Please remember in your prayers the sick, suffering, and homebound of our parish community.

Confession Schedule EVERY Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the Newman Center.

EVERY Friday at 6:00 pm at St. Louis.

EVERY Saturday after Mass at St. Christopher.

EVERY Saturday after Mass at St. Peter

Baptism Please call the parish office to schedule.

Marriage Please call the parish office to speak with Fr. Adam.

Funeral Please call the parish office.



Call the Parish Office at 724-794-2880, to add/remove an intention.

• State who is requesting the prayers and a phone number at which you can be reached.

• Prayer Requests will only stay on the prayer list for 3 months; if you would like your intention to stay on longer, please call the Parish Office and ask to extend the prayer request.

Keri Ball Ford Bartle Jan Beck Leighann Brucker Pat Burns Desiree Burtner Deanna Calderone **Richard Calderone** Thelma Campbell Eric Carlantonio MaryJo Chappel Cheryl Clifford Jeanne McGuire-Conlon Anthony Conti Debbie Decann Tina DeMatteis Connie Erdlen Jason Foster **Rick** Garner

Marvin Grossman Mary Hambley Stephen Hambley Ioan Hart Herb Heid Barb Hesselgesser Ted Jablonski Lillian Jeffrey Liz Kingsley Jocelyn Kondos Barb Kristufek Larry Kroner Iola Lewandowski Chris Malagise Mickey Malagise Fred McClelland Chris McFeely Dan McFeely Brianna McManus Jason Minnear Ed Osburn Karen Polley Roger Rettig Grace Sawczysyn Bob Schaper Jim Scott Eleda Snyder Ed Sommers Madalyn Somple Fr. Matthew Tosello Madeline Tripodi Bob Updegraph Lisa Vozar Betty Watson Jen Wright Norman Young

BAKE-LESS BAKE SALE



Please support our Ladies Guild by donating to the "Bake-less Bake sale". This money helps to continue various ministries such as, flower donations, Mass intentions, etc. Just drop your donation in the basket ---be sure to note Bakeless Bake Sale!!



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Please join us EVERY Thursday at 8:15 am at St. Peter Church for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Prayer time will conclude prior to

8:30 am daily Mass. IN ADDITION, THE CHAPLET WILL BE PRAYED AT ST. CHRISTOPHER AT 8:45 AM, PRIOR TO THE 9:00 AM MASS ON THURSDAYS.



This week's sanctuary candle at St. Christopher Church will burn

In Memory of Tim Olexsak

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235; Office: 412-456-3093 PA Child Line: 1-800-932-0313; Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.

