

Christ Our Savior

Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh
July 4, 2021

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Sunday Masses

4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Saint Cyril Church

9:00 a.m. Saint Boniface Church

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11:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church

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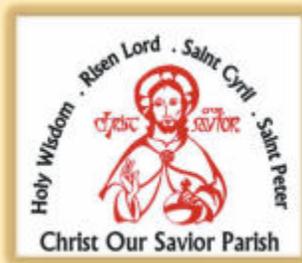
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Saint Cyril Church



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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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Entrance Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and
salvation!
Come, all who hear: Now to his altar draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and
defend us;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises
before him!
Let the “Amen” sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him!

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

AMEN

Reading I: Ez 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me
and set me on my feet,
and I heard the one who was speaking say to me:
Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,
rebels who have rebelled against me;
they and their ancestors have revolted against me to
this very day.
Hard of face and obstinate of heart
are they to whom I am sending you.

But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD
GOD!
And whether they heed or resist—for they are a
rebellious house—
they shall know that a prophet has been among
them.

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

Reading II: 2 Cor 12: 7-10

Brothers and sisters:
That I, Paul, might not become too elated,
because of the abundance of the revelations,
a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.
Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might
leave me,

but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.”
I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and constraints,
for the sake of Christ;
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel: Mk 6: 1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native
place, accompanied by his disciples.
When the sabbath came he began to teach in the

synagogue,
and many who heard him were astonished.
They said, “Where did this man get all this?
What kind of wisdom has been given him?”

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!
Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,
and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and
Simon?
And are not his sisters here with us?"
And they took offense at him.
Jesus said to them,

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native
place
and among his own kin and in his own house."
So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,
apart from curing a few sick people by laying his
hands on them.
He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all
ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through Him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation he came
down from Heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For
our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he
suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He

ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead and His kingdom will have
no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who
with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

Preparation Hymn: Shelter Me, O God

Refrain: Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of
your wings. You alone are my hope.

When my foes surround me, set me high above their
reach. Hear me when I call your name.

As a mother gathers her young beneath her care,
gather me into your arms.

Though I walk in darkness, through the needle's eye
of death, you will never leave my side.

Communion Processional: Taste and See

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the
devil; May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of
God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her
and guide her thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans
white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet
home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of
grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited
plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to
shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned
stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the
wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy
more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.
tears!

From the Desk of Father Nick

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

It's probably safe to say that many of us will gather with family and friends this weekend to celebrate the 4th of July, our nation's Independence Day. These gatherings might include barbecues, outdoor games, and, hopefully, watching fireworks light up the night sky, all in gratitude for the birth of our nation that took place 245 years ago on July 4, 1776. Yet, like so many of the holidays that we mark as a country, I hope we take some time to reflect on how the gift of freedom we celebrate should motivate how we live, particularly in light of our Christian beliefs.

We use the words independence and freedom interchangeably. The independence we celebrate as a nation is our freedom from oppressive rule and the desire for a government run by the people and for the people. As Christians we rejoice in the gift of free will. While God creates us, enlivens us, gives our life purpose, and inspires us to live in love of him and others each day, the Lord does not force our words and actions. In both instances, however, this freedom is not absolute. Both require responsibility and the desire to live not for ourselves, but for others.

God doesn't give us freedom to choose whatever we want. Our free will – rooted in virtue, goodness, and truth – is to be perfected so that in all things we can discern what is right and just and act on it. The more we choose to act on the good we grow closer to God and to others. And as a nation that sought to be free from injustice and oppression at the hands of others, the independence that we enjoy should motivate us to see to it that all who walk this land enjoy what is promised to us: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

At times, we may be discouraged by all we see that divides us as a nation, as a church, or as a people. Yet, God has given us the gifts and the responsibility to choose to be witness of goodness and life to others no matter what they believe, or how they look or talk, or in spite of how they may have treated us in the past. Our call and our task are to build up our relationships, our communities, our church, and our nation in unity and peace. May the independence we celebrate always motivate us to make the most of every opportunity we are given as people of faith and citizens of one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

THANK YOU!

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who offered kind words or sent e-mails last week wishing me a happy anniversary of ordination. It was wonderful to celebrate by attending the Ordination and First Mass of the newest priest of our diocese, Fr. Joseph Uzar, and to be reminded of my own ordination and the powerful call of God in my life. I beg his mercy every day so that I might be a good shepherd of his people, and I thank him every day for providing me a wonderful flock. May God bless and strengthen us as we make this journey of faith together.

FIRST WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us as we gather for our monthly First Wednesday Devotions. This month, we will pray together at Saint Boniface Church. The schedule is as follows:

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Confessions available

6:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary

7:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

God bless!

Fr. Nick



Jesus' birthplace vs. Our country's birthday

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” Jesus' saying not only challenges the presumptive knowledge of familiarity about our hometown people, but also invites us to look into all the “prophets”, the talented men and women in our homes, families and country of our native place and even within ourselves.

To honor His Jewish tradition, Jesus went to and preached in the synagogue at His birthplace on a Sabbath. The people there were amazed at His eloquence and wisdom. Yet, they could not comprehend or fathom that Jesus, such a gifted man, could have been from their native place. They thought that they had known well His kin, family and upbringing. How could such an ordinary young man with such a humble background perform so magnificently the task of a prophet or wise man? Consequently, they felt offended. Just as they had quickly admired Him at first, they just as quickly defamed Him later. Because of their lack of faith, Jesus chose not to do many mighty works there and left for somewhere else. We hurt and fail each other when we fail to recognize and appreciate the talents of our native place or our birth.

Our national birthday is the Independence Day on July 4. We declare our independence from foreign intrusions and exploitation from outsiders. Many of our fellow countrymen and women have sacrificed themselves and worked tirelessly for our noble ideals of justice, freedom and happiness. From the original 13 states with 2.5 million people in 1776 to the present 50 states with more than 300 million, our country has become the icon of democracy and hope for many other countries in the world. By valuing, cultivating and utilizing the talented men and women not only of our own home country but also from all the corners of the earth, we grow in quantity and quality with the best and the brightest. Thus, we become rich and talented, not merely because of the native talents and resources our country, but also because such “prophets” have been honored and their skills have highly appreciated for our common good.

We, Christ Our Savior Parish, have been blessed with our hometown “prophets” too, haven't we? A home parish should be the fertile soil where the “prophetic” seeds of human capability are found and nurtured to reach their full, mature potential.

The men and women of our native place also reveal the child within each of us. That innate child is stable, faithful and consistent from the time of conception until death. That child is the most qualified one of our native place and time. If we were not the ones of our own native place, who else could have been? The people around, beside, or behind us can cheer us up, but they can also take us down. They are the “outsiders”. However, that inner child of ourselves never betrays or abandons us whether in success or failure. On this birthday of our country, let us celebrate in our homes, families, and country of our native place the “prophets” who we are to others and even within ourselves.

Fr. Dam D. Nguyen

MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DISCERNMENT AND HEALING

Part of the mission of the Pittsburgh Fraternity of Priests is to make known the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in the lives of all people. To this, they celebrate the gifts of discernment, prophecy, and healing so young and old alike may know how the Holy Spirit is alive and active for those seeking physical, spiritual, emotional healing, and for guidance in life choices and struggles. They will celebrate Mass on WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, at 7:00PM at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, 2208 East St., Pittsburgh, 15212. All are invited for Mass and for the prayers, for themselves or others, with individual priests following Mass.



This week, the Sanctuary Candles in our church buildings are lit in honor of the following intentions:

Saint Cyril Church: Rose Gizzo (The Hamas Family)

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Our next meeting in Thursday, July 8, at the former Risen Lord Education Center. Lunch is served at Noon. Everyone welcome. Hope to see you there!!!!

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 4, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Sunday, July 4 Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)	St. Cyril	William & Sylvia Dauer, Anniversary	Judy & Al Farranda
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Charles & Anna Atzert	Denice Haas
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Philip Schipani & Rose Balestrieri	Birthday by Family
Monday, July 5 Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Melissa Ravas	Patrick Ravas
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Patrina Beltz	
Tuesday, July 6 Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Morna Evans	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Edward Schacht, Jr.	
Wednesday, July 7 Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-71,17-24a/Mt 10:1-7	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Donald Stasenکو	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	William Kauffman	Eleanor Ladesic
Thursday, July 8 Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 1:9-8	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Mary Ann Jones	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Joseph & Cecelia Nemecek	Benner Family
Friday, July 9 Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	CeCelia & Timothy Sullivan	Family
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Edward Schacht, Jr.	
Saturday, July 10 Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Morna Evans	
Sunday, July 11 Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	John Weaver	Family
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Kyle Struver	Betty Muschar
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Gerry Sekowski	Connie & Gloria
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Gwen Upchurch	Grandmother, Kerry Kennelly



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Matrimony: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

Sick and Shut-ins: The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to celebrate Mass due to sickness or age. To make arrangements for visitation to your home, call the parish office.

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