

From Your Pastor

Happy Birthday America ~ The Declaration of Independence ~ In Congress, July 4, 1776

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, ***the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them***, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that ***all men are created equal***; that ***they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights***; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States...

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act

which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, ***appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions***, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, ***with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence***, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

(Emphasis added.)

Did you ever reflect upon how beautifully our Declaration of Independence is framed with strong references to God and to Nature?

God Bless America



God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayers Are Requested for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; for the prayers listed in our book of intentions; and for the repose of the souls of deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

The Monday Night Prayer Group will meet this week at 7:15 pm in the lower church.

Second Collection: Next week the second collection will be for the Black and Native American Missions. Please be as generous as your means will allow in helping our brothers and sisters in the faith.

Candlelight Procession at Fatima Shrine will be Monday, July 13 at 8:00 pm. Come and pray for peace.

Please Remember the St. Vincent de Paul Boxes as you leave Mass today. Thank you! Your contributions enable us to help your neighbors in need. Next meeting will be Tuesday July 14 at 7:00pm.

The Knights of Columbus will not be meeting for the summer. See you in September.

The Legion Of Mary invites all interested parishioners to come to a meeting on any Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

Sancta Maria House, a ten-bed shelter for homeless women, is looking for volunteers to help with either overnight or day tasks involved in running the house. The shelter is across from the Holy Cross Cathedral and has been run by the Legion of Mary for 36 years. For more information, call Mary or Sheena at 617-423-4366 or at sheenapappalardo@yahoo.com. You can also call Patricia McShane at the rectory.

A Donation Was Made toward the wine for the month of July in loving memory of Robert McKee by his wife and family.

Holy Communion to the Homebound. If you know someone in the parish who is elderly or infirm and not able to come to Mass, please give Patricia McShane a call at the rectory (617-782-5774) and we will arrange for them to have someone visit them regularly with Holy Communion.

Remember Us While You Are Away: When you go away on vacation this summer please remember to continue to support the parish through your donations. Every donation, no matter what the amount, is important to the everyday operation of the parish. And every donation, no matter what the amount, is very much appreciated. If you will be away for an extended period of time and have stopped your mail please let us know so we can put your envelopes on hold.

A Walking Tour of Historic Brighton Center is being sponsored by the Brighton-Allston Historical Society on Saturday, July 25 from 1-3pm. The tour starts at the Museum. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$5.00 fee. Please call the Museum at 617-635-1436.

Bulletin on-line: You may now read the bulletin on our own website www.brightoncatholic.org or at the Liturgical Publication website www.SeekAndFind.com.

Fr. Anda will lead a trip to Oberammergau, Germany in May 2010. Prior to seeing the Passion Play the tour will visit Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck and Munich. Space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance for the Passion Play. If interested, please contact Fr. Anda at aulgus2tine@yahoo.com or at the rectory.

You Are Not Alone. Pregnancy Help has served women in crisis pregnancies since 1973. They offer: free testing, counseling and support, adoption information and referrals, education, career and housing information, prenatal care referrals, ongoing support and material assistance. All services are free and confidential. They are located at the Brighton Marine Hospital, Suite 251. You can reach them at 617-782-5151 or help@pregnancyhelpboston.org.

JULY 5, 2009

A Treatise on Christian Perfection
by St Gregory of Nyssa (d. 386)

Christ Should Be Manifest in Our Whole Life

The life of the Christian has three distinguishing aspects: deeds, words and thought. Thought comes first, then words, since our words express openly the interior conclusions of the mind. Finally, after thoughts and words, comes action, for our deeds carry out what the mind has conceived. So when one of these results in our acting or speaking or thinking, we must make sure that all our thoughts, words and deeds are controlled by the divine ideal, the revelation of Christ. For then our thoughts, words and deeds will not fall short of the nobility of their implications.

What then must we do, we who have been found worthy of the name of Christ? Each of us must examine his thoughts, words and deeds, to see whether they are directed toward Christ or are turned away from him. This examination is carried out in various ways. Our deeds or our thoughts or our words are not in harmony with Christ if they issue from passion. They then bear the mark of the enemy who smears the pearl of the heart with the slime of passion, dimming and even destroying the luster of the precious stone.

On the other hand, if they are free from and untainted by every passionate inclination, they are directed toward Christ, the author and source of peace. He is like a pure, untainted stream. If you draw from him the thoughts in your mind and the inclinations of your heart, you will show a likeness to Christ, your source and origin, as the gleaming water in a jar resembles the flowing water from which it was obtained.

For the purity of Christ and the purity that is manifest in our hearts are identical. Christ's purity, however, is the fountainhead; ours has its source in him and flows out of him. Our life is stamped with the beauty of his thought. The inner and the outer man are harmonized in a kind of music. The mind of Christ is the controlling influence that inspires us to moderation and goodness in our behavior. As I see it, Christian perfection consists in this: sharing the titles which express the meaning of Christ's name, we bring out this meaning in our minds, our prayers and our way of life.

JULY 5, 2009

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests,
pray for us and our priests.*

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sundays, July 12 & 26, 9:30am - Family Masses

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm - Theology on Tap at the Greenbriar; Fr. Chris Hickey will speak.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 5 – 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

(Sat.) 4:00 pm John, Margaret & Judy Ryan, Mem.
7:30 am Jeremiah Sullivan, Jr., Mem.
9:30 am Ruth Sullivan, 1st Ann.
11:15 am Joan Foster, 1st Ann.
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*
5:00 pm Margaret Snow, 30th Ann.

Mon. 7:00 am Johanna Cecilia Murphy, Mem.

Tue. 7:00 am John J. Mee, 10th Ann.

Wed. 7:00 am Leone & Maria Alfano & Maria &
Vincenzo Cirigliano, Mem.

Thu. 7:00 am Emma Herrera, 5th Ann.

Fri. 7:00 am Kathleen P. Dickerson, 31st Ann.

Sat. 7:00 am Bernadette Canney, Mem.

Sunday, July 12 – 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

(Sat.) 4:00 pm Msgr. John A. Broderick, Mem.
7:30 am Nora A. Ahern, 32nd Ann.
9:30 am James J. Sweeney, 2nd Ann.
11:15 am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jankowski, Mem.
12:45 pm Micaela Brabo, 48th Ann.
5:00 pm *Missa pro Populo*

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