

The Seton Sentinel

July 3, 2022



PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who 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 toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Saint Maria Goretti

1890 - 1902
FEAST DAY — JULY 6

On 6 July 1902, Maria Goretti died in the hospital at Nettuno, brutally stabbed the day before in the village of Le Ferriere, in the Pontine Marshes. Her spiritual life, the strength of her faith, her ability to forgive her murderer have placed her among the best-loved saints of the 20th century. St Maria Goretti was a girl whom God's Spirit endowed with the courage to stay faithful to her Christian vocation even to the point of making the supreme sacrifice of her life. Her tender age, her lack of education and the poverty of the environment in which she lived did not prevent grace from working its miracles in her. Indeed, it was precisely in these conditions that God's special love for the lowly appeared. We are reminded of the words with which Jesus blesses the heavenly Father for revealing himself to children and the simple, rather than to the wise and learned of the world.

— Saint Pope John Paul II, on the centenary of the death of St. Maria Goretti.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome Everyone!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, gender identity or orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!! Mass Monday Morning, 9:00 am parish hall. No office hours Monday.

Please Take a Worship Aid (song sheet) with you on the way into church while we are worshipping the parish hall.

RECONCILIATION/PENANCE/CONFESSION

My sincere Apologies for not stating this earlier in the process: While we are worshipping in the Parish Hall there is not a private place for confessions before the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the basement. The upstairs church remains off limits until the project is 100% completed. If you wish to make a confession before the 4:00 pm mass find Father and if weather permits you can walk outside and celebrate the sacrament in a quiet place OR as always, you can call and make an appointment for confession for a particular day and time. Thank you for your patience with this during our steps project.

Mark your Calendars: September 16 and 17

Preliminary Plans are underway for a FALL FLING at our parish. It will be a scaled-back festival with a lot of favorites: some of our wonderful food, games, beverages, entertainment, etc., 2 Days Only this year so pray for good weather both days. Now we are taking donations of paper products, children's game prizes, monetary donations, etc, at the rectory and in the back of the hall. Soon we will be asking for Bountiful Baskets for our basket raffle. We do not need cleaning supplies or buckets this year as this stand will not be featured.

Labor Day Drawing:

Please watch your mailboxes for our Labor Day Raffle. Top prize of \$5,000.00 !!! Tickets are being sent home to all registered families. If you do not see your tickets arrive by the middle of July, please contact the rectory to be sure you are on our lists. This Drawing was supposed to coincide with the dates of our Festival. Since the Fall Fling is moved, we will draw the winners at Labor Day Mass for the Raffle. It will be a Pre-Fling Raffle, enabling us to beat some expenses of our

Front Step Project

Everyone is asking: When can we return to the Church for worship? Answer: When the railings are put in. Presently they are on order with the makers. Expect to be in the hall for Mass until at least until the end of July. Railing must be made to order and done with all safety code rules and regulations.. Thanks for your continued patience.



ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

AUGUST 19 - 21, 2022 AT THE TOWNEPLACE SUITES, MOOSIC

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage.

If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are already separated, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples.

For more information, contact our team @ 631-338-5413 or visit our website:

HelpOurMarriage.org

ST. IGNATIUS/HOLY FAMILY MASS TIME CHANGES

As of **July 16th** there is a new mass schedule for the parishes of St. Ignatius, Kingston and Holy Family, Luzerne as they will now share pastoral leadership. Our parishioners visit these two parishes when it is more convenient to attend there especially during the week.

Here is the new Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon-Friday) 7:30 AM (SI) 12:10 PM (HF)

Saturday (vigil) 4:00 PM (SI) 5:15 (HF)

Sunday 7:00 AM (SI) 9:00 am (HF) 10:30 AM (SI)

St. Ignatius Loyola VBS is back! "God's Wonder Lab!", Monday-Friday, August 1st -5th, 9:30am-noon, for those who have completed one year of pre-school through those who have completed Grade 5. \$10/child. Registration date: Sunday, July 17th, 9:30-11:30am in Bergen Hall. Or call 570-287-3682 or email: religiouseducation1@yahoo.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES

If you forgot to pick up your photos on June 20th, we still have the photos in the rectory office. There are 8 First Holy Communion, 3 Confirmation pics from this year, and even 8 Confirmation pics from 2021. Please call Lori at 570-287-6624, extension 100, to make arrangements for pick up.

SISTERS OF SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS FESTIVAL

In Danville, PA, on Saturday, July 9, at Villa Sacred Heart. Call Martha Iskra 570-824-0216, for transportation reservations. Martz bus leaves Wilkes-Barre at 9:20am & departs Danville at 3:30pm. Cost is \$10. Fun, food, baked goods, flea market, bingo, silent auction, & more!

Celebrate America: Music for Independence Day. First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter, American Guild of Organists, will present Celebrate America: Music for Independence Day on **Sunday, July 3 at 3:00 p.m.**

The program will feature organ music performed by Canon Mark Laubach in addition to prayers, readings, congregational hymns, music for brass and percussion, and a combined choir under the direction of John Vaida and accompanied by organist Carl Ruck. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.agopane.org or contact Raphael Micca at rdmicca@agopane.org or 570-301-9253.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday—**Closed**

Evening and Weekends by appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Parish warmly welcomes those who are with us each weekend, occasionally, and all who are looking for a spiritual home. Actual membership begins by filling out a Census Form at setonpa.com on the link at the top of the page. Once completed, send it to the office and we'll get you on "the official books," as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. 1st time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. You can contact Lori directly for information.

Weddings are usually celebrated Saturday at 1:00 pm or on Friday afternoon or evening. Contact Father as soon as possible to reserve the date and complete the necessary paperwork.

Eucharistic Adoration

Join us Thursday evenings from 6-8 in the church for quiet prayer and Adoration. Stop in at anytime for any length of time. You are welcome here!

Offerings

Weekend of June 18/19, 2022

Regular: \$8145.75

"Give to God as you have Received"

Journey OF Faith

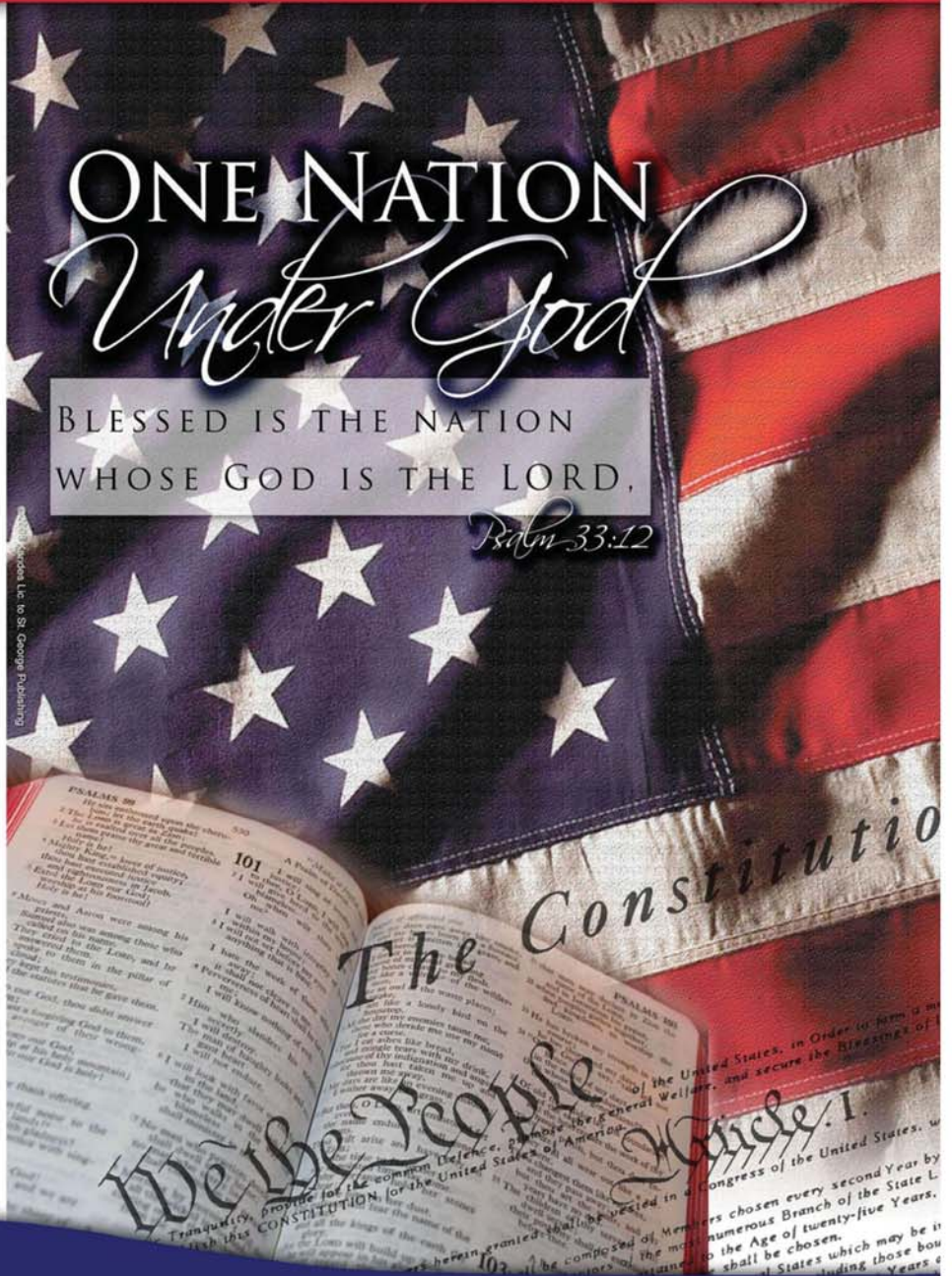
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Word & Deed

In 1955, a husband and wife songwriting team attended a youth retreat in California. They put together a song that captured their hopes for a better, more peaceful world. The song quickly spread around the world and has been sung by many famous singers and entertainers. It's been sung in church, at rallies and in bathroom showers all over the country! The song was "Let There Be Peace on Earth, And Let it Begin With Me."

Jesus gives His disciples a mission and directions how to achieve it. They go to all the towns He will visit and prepare the people to hear His message. There is urgency to the work: they are not to carry anything that will delay them, nor should they fuss about what they eat or where they stay. Announce the reign of God and

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“Grant that the boundaries of nations will not set limits to our love and give us the courage to build a land that serves you in truth and justice.”

~Alternative Opening Prayer, Independence Day



The kingdom of God
is at hand for you.

Luke 10:9

FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE



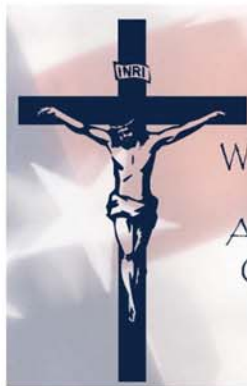
In our parish, the Marriage Prep team was answering questions from the engaged couples. One brave young man raised an interesting question: how do you know for sure if the person you love is the right one for you? How can you be sure this is the one to marry? There was a pause in the conversation as the team pondered the question and then various answers were offered about trust, faith, vocation and making it work. One of the guys, who had been married for 38 years, had a great answer. He had been sure she was the one to marry because every day, before and then after the wedding, she made him a better man, a better husband, a better father and a better Christian. And he hoped he did the same for her.

Our history as a Church and as a nation is filled with examples of those who have made other people better by their words, example, brave deeds or powerful vision. It is a heritage that calls us to greatness, to be a light to the world and a beacon of hope. Today we give thanks for our nation and pray for our leaders and our citizens. May we each do what is necessary to make us all better people, better Americans and better Christians.

~James Gaffney

When we think of having an abundance, we usually think in terms of larger income, bigger homes, nicer cars. Isaiah and Jesus announce that God is bringing about a kingdom where abundance is measured not by possessions but by the quality of our relationships.

Loring Liturgy



Freedom is a cherished gift.

We value our personal freedom and make great effort, even sacrifices, to protect it.

We need to recognize that true freedom is responsible freedom; only then will we know how to use it.

At issue is not what we are able to do but what we ought to do.

God created us free and gave us the ability to make choices.

Personal freedom is manifest in the exercise of that power.

~Bishop Donald Wuerl

In Word & Deed

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move on. The conversion of each town started with the work and example of the disciples.

We each have our own personal mission, given in baptism and that unfolds over time. Some are called to religious life, others to marriage, some to parenthood, others to social service

or teaching or caring for the sick. Whatever our mission, the Lord calls us to it with a sense of urgency and importance. Your good work and example will announce the reign of God is at hand. Let it begin with you!

~James Gaffney

Eucharist Schedule and Remembrances

Monday, July 4

9:00 a.m. Jim Keating

Wife & Family

Tuesday, July 5

8:00 a.m. George Yurko

Wife, Theresa & daughter, Susan

Wednesday, July 6

8:00 a.m. Leonard Kolojejchick

Family

Thursday, July 7

8:00a.m. Dorothy Shendock

Eleanor Hudak

Friday, July 8

8:00 a.m. Edith & Edward Kraynak

Annette, Jonathan, & Barbara

Saturday, July 9

4:00 p.m. Daniel Chorba, Jr.

Aunt, Anna Mae Venetz

5:30 p.m. Edward Novroski Jr.

Pat Quinn

Sunday, July 10

7:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

9:00 a.m. James Connell

Wife & Children

11:00 a.m. Callari Family

Steve & Maria Englot

5:30 p.m. John & Theresa Charney

Children, Grandchildren, & Great-grandchildren

INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of *Benjamin & Stephina Remakus*. offered by Remakus Family

~In Memory of Mary & John Olejnik offered by Remakus Family

RESTING IN THE PEACE of CHRIST, the Recently Departed

~~*Marilyn Colonna*~~

Flowers this Weekend

~ In Memory of *Jim Keating* offered by Wife & Family



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