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JULY 5, 2015

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - NOON
BEFORE VIGIL MASS – 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – 10:00 AM - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - NOON

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "All Creatures of Our God and King" #410

OFFERTORY: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" #561

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

[What I wrote several years ago bears repeating as we conclude this year's Fortnight for Freedom].

This weekend we celebrate what 56 men did in the largest city at the time, Philadelphia, over 200 years ago. These men represented many of the people in the colonies (that eventually came to be called the United States of America) declare their independence from Great Britain. Not everyone in the colonies approved, and a 7 year war ensued; a war partly between soldiers of the two powers (later, 3, with France) and partly a civil war fought between neighbors. After the war, and 6 years of confusion and turmoil, the states approved our current constitution. Our constitution is a remarkable experiment in a representative democratic republic, codifying some rights that have proved to be

unique in world history, such as religious freedom. Charles Carroll of Maryland was the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence and Thomas FitzSimons of Pennsylvania and Daniel Carroll of Maryland were the two Catholics who signed the constitution. In some of the original colonies established in the 1600's and continuing into the early 1800's there were significant anti-Catholic laws, but by 1830 they were by and large gone. As catholic immigrants began to come into this country in significant numbers beginning with Germans and Irish, there was a torrent of many other nationalities after the civil war, continuing into the 1920's. People came to this country (and still do) for many reasons, but the chance to practice their faith in peace was important for many of them.

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Now we live in times where we can no longer assume a common understanding and heritage and acceptance of a Judeo-Christian ethos as the building blocks of our laws. The Catholic understanding of basic Christian doctrines was also the understanding of most main line Protestant communities, but for the last 40 years that is now gone. The Catholic Church stands almost alone in most of the fundamental moral issues of our mass culture. Nobody understands what the Catholic Church stands for...meaning, nobody bothers to take the time to learn. Most Catholics don't understand, and in the relentless media culture, most Catholics, just like the Protestants pick and choose what they believe in. George Weigel, a Catholic historian and apologist, wrote "Catholic thinking about freedom should begin where Catholic thinking about every other facet of the moral life begins – with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-12). The beatitudes are the basic gospel framework for thinking about the question, How should we live. Why? Because the Beatitudes point us to the eternal happiness for which the moral life, here and how is a preparation...*The moral life involves rules for living that emerge from inside the human heart and its thirst for happiness with God.* The basic moral question is not that familiar teenage query, How far can I go? The basic moral question is the adult question, What must I do to become a good person? – the kind of person who can actually enjoy living with God forever. In answering that question, we discover rules...That idea of the moral life – of a truly human life – leads to a very different idea of freedom."

If we think Frank Sinatra's "My Way" has been the theme song of the modern idea of freedom, you probably would be right. "It seems to sum up the widespread notion that freedom is a matter of asserting myself and my will – that freedom is really about *choice*, not about what we choose and why...Catholicism has a different idea of freedom: freedom and goodness go together...Freedom is doing the right thing and avoiding mistakes *by habit*. And another word for habit is *virtue*."

There are no virtues being extolled in the headlines this "Independence Day." The more they push God out of the public square, the more we need to know who we are, why we are and what we are as Catholic Christians. Pray for our country, our leaders and pray for our bishops; that they may have the courage to proclaim the faith once delivered.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

To: The People of The Diocese of Nashville

From: Bishop David R. Choby

June 26, 2015

Friday morning's announcement of the Supreme Court's decision to require all states to license and witness "same-sex" unions as well as affirm and recognize such unions performed in other states addresses only the approach of civil law relating to marriage.

It enjoys no authority when it comes to an understanding of the nature of marriage as understood and taught in Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church flowing from them.

The court's decision reflects the sharp division that we experience as related to social issues. Such is the reality of a secularized society. Still, such strong differences never justify hatred or disdain. Each and every person enjoys an inherent dignity resulting from being created by God Himself.

It is such a vision of everything finding value and meaning in relationship to God, the source of life, which informs our way of looking at marriage.

In the years ahead, I am sure that there will be many unintended consequences of this court opinion; consequences that cannot be seen now.

However, it remains for us as Catholic faithful to pray and work to safeguard the right to the benefits of Religious Freedom; as we seek to teach and live out our understanding of marriage.

Such times are not new to the Church. Throughout history the vision of faith has been challenged and opposed; even to the point of persecution. Look at the present fate of Christians in the Middle East. Look at the treatment of Jesus, Himself.

Rather than allowing the court's decision to weaken our own faith, we can hope it becomes an additional reason for honoring the Sacrament of Marriage with greater resolve.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Wendy Burton
Dennis and Gretchen Gray
Neyle & Isabella

4TH YEAR OF TOTUS TUUS HUGE SUCCESS

More than 65 children and teens participated in our fourth year of Totus Tuus. Each year our number of students keeps growing and growing.

We could not of had such a successful week if it was not for our many volunteers. We would like to thank the following:

Vince and Paula Moran for opening their home up to the girl missionaries.



All who prepared meals and or snacks:

Mary Jackson, Teresa Dean, Shelli Robinson, Mandee Johnson, Jeanie Gower Claude & Pam Burton, & Ann Stout

Our many teen volunteers:

Shelby Hostettler, Josh Hostettler, Nick Haynes & Belle Holmes

A special Thank you to **Margaret Calvin** for all of her help in the kitchen!

And of course we could not of had such a great week without all who donated items:

Ann Kroeger, Colleen Felts, Debbie & Pat Traugher, Cathy Cotter, James Connaghan & Kay Braddock

The students learned Sorrowful mysteries, attended daily mass, confessions, adoration, teen talks, parish potluck dinner, yarn bracelets, new and fun songs, water day, ice cream, and meeting new friends is some of the things the week long event.

Once again thank you to all who helped in this busy but fun week. Hopefully we did not leave anyone off the list. If so it was not intentional.

We look forward to having another successful year when we have Totus Tuus for the Fifth time in 2016!

SAINT PATRICK'S 161ST IRISH PICNIC AND HOMECOMING

The Irish Picnic will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 24-25 at Saint Patrick's Church in McEwen, Tennessee

Friday, July 24

Barbecued Chicken available from 11am-3pm

Silent Auction from 3-8 pm

Games and Music from 5-11 pm

Saturday, July 25

Pork Barbecue available at 7 am

Barbecue plate lunches available at 10 am

Games and Music until 11 pm

A family event for all!

All proceeds benefit Saint Patrick's School

175 St. Patrick Street
McEwen, Tennessee 37101

THERE WILL NOT BE A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING ON JULY 6

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

*Sandra Armour
*Ernie Axley Sr.
*June Bell
*Shannon Bell
*Susie Bess
*Dorothy Bradley
*Robert Bradley
*Cheryl Bush
*Jerry Bush
*Don Cole
*Tom Cuff
*Eva Davanport
*Bea Heatherly
*Macky Hunter
*Thelma Lee
*Ann Marie Legate
*Rosa Priest
*Nora Rabie
*Mary Senecal
*Robert Senecal
*Dee Smoker
*Gloria Snow
*Mary Stout
*Joyce Traughber
*Annette Thomas

PETITIONS

*For the respect and protection of human life.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

**Eternal rest grant them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*Glen Isom
*Dorothy Crosslin
*Claudia Traughber
*Mary Ann Klimek
*R.C. Boyle
*Dorothy Johnson
*Tom Crumpler
*Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

*John Baker
*Elizabeth Jenkins
*Robert & Regina Head

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 7/11/2015

Lector: Carol Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Schwarz & Savina

Hollman

Ushers: Armand St. Pierre &

Volunteer

Altar Server: Josh Hostettler

SUNDAY – 7/12/2015

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt

Extraordinary Ministers:

Taryon Carney & Mandee

Johnson

Ushers: Dick Joyce &

Volunteer

Altar Servers: Nick Haynes &

Carson Rucker

Collection Counters: Claude

Burton & Paula Moran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 7/12/2015

Lector: Billy Armour

Extraordinary Ministers: John

Restey & Kaye Sharp

Usher/Greeter: David Tinkle

Collection Counters: Kaye

Sharp & Denise Haley

GOSPEL: July 6 - July 11

MONDAY: *Matthew 9:18-26*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 9:32-38*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 10:1-7*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 10:7-15*

FRIDAY: *Matthew 10:16-23*

SATURDAY: *Matthew 10:24-33*

St. Benedict

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

6/28

Parish: \$6,120.47

Peter's Pence: \$581.25

ST. MICHAEL

6/28

Parish: \$1,698.00

Peter's Pence: \$304.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Joyce Ashburn by June & Thom Bell

For the deceased members of the Altar Society

For the repose of the soul of Diane Johnson by Jenise Robles

For the repose of the soul of Alfredo Angel by Hugh & Kay Braddock

For healing of Carol Zeller by Richard & Thelma Lee

For the intentions of McKenzie Guinn by her family

For the intentions of Elijah Sherrod by his family

For the repose of the soul of Joyce Ashburn by Richard & Thelma Lee

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Armand St. Pierre in memory of his beloved wife Lorraine