

# MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY *Burden Light.*

MATTHEW 11:30

July 5, 2026

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Some of you may have heard this story. It is true and took place a few years ago (2009) at the University of Maryland.

The graduates marched in with great solemnity. Parents were smiling and brushing away tears at the same time.

The speakers appropriately stayed within the guidelines of political correctness and not one dared ask for divine blessings on the graduates or their families.

The final speaker, one of the students, went to the podium.

He stood there silently for a few moments then, without a cue, every one of the graduates sneezed.

The student at the podium looked at the audience and said, "God bless you, each and every one of you."

Then, he walked off the stage.

The audience exploded into a long round of applause.

On this 250th birthday of our country, God bless you. God bless America!

### ***On the lighter side.....***

A teacher said to one of her students, "It's clear that you haven't studied your geography. What's your excuse?"

"Well," the student relied, "my dad says the world is changing every day. So, I decided to wait until it settles down."



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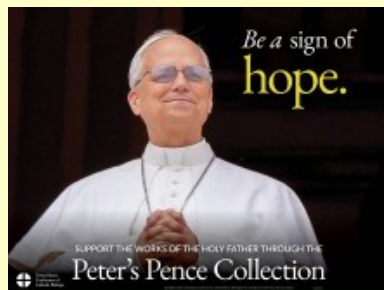
Happy 4th of July to everyone, For those traveling for the holiday, Happy Trails.

When I go walking, at some point I usually walk out of the co-op and through the subdivision south of me. There are usually all sorts of little kids playing out front, sometimes in their back yards. I am always impressed by the size of their houses. Most of them exceed 2000 square feet easily. When I grew up on Memorial Street, our house was basically 600 square feet with two bedrooms and one bathroom, At some point my Dad refinished the attic and made it into a third bedroom and eventually added a toilet in the basement. I hope all those kids are able to continue their experience of living in a house similar to what they were raised in.

We had a Town Hall meeting in the co-op this past week. The mayor and a state representative ran the show. One of the issues the crowd brought up was the fate of Westland Shopping Center. According to the mayor, the mall is for sale. If anyone is looking for a deal to invest in real estate, the initial price was thirty million dollars; the price has dropped to eighteen million dollars.

I'm not sure what has impacted shopping malls so harshly, We have seen the closing of a couple of prominent shopping centers. I remember a time when it was next to impossible to drive down Wayne road because of the mall traffic. Not any more,

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## Scripture Readings for the Week of July 5, 2026

### Sunday, July 5, 2026

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zech 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14;  
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

### Monday, July 6, 2026

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mt 9:18-26

### Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10;  
Mt 9:32-38

### Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

### Thursday, July 9, 2026

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

### Friday, July 10, 2026

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17;  
Mt 10:16-23

### Saturday, July 11, 2026

#### Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

### Sunday, July 12, 2026

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23;  
Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

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Saturday, July 18th 2026

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Tee-off: 8:00 am

Please contact us as soon as possible to register:

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# Nankin Family of Parishes



## Mass Schedule

**St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy (734) 425-4421**  
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**St. Mary, Wayne (734) 721-8745**  
34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

**St. Richard (734) 729-2240**  
35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland

**St. Thomas the Apostle (734) 427-1533**  
31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	4:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	5:30 pm	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
		St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
	10:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
	11:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
		St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
	11:30 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	2:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)

### Confessions (also by appointment)

<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	3:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

### Perpetual Help Devotion

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### Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

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Rob Walker

Worship Schedule		July 11 & 12, 2026	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
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You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 8:00 a.m. During holidays, articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.



*Weekday Masses*  
July 6-10, 2026

**Tuesday, July 7**  
**9:00 AM**

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**Wednesday, July 8**  
**12:00 PM**

+ MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM REISSING

**Friday, July 10**  
**9:00 AM**

+ ROBERTO CORDOVA BARRETO  
+ ROSA SEVILLA-ZANABRIA

*Offertory collection is reported quarterly.*

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!  
Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Anderson, Helen  
Bassett, Jaclyn  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Benninger, Barbara  
Berger, Ron  
Beuer, Donna  
Blasik, Ann  
Block, Karen  
Boyak, Carolyn  
Bringold, Bonnie  
Bryant, Linda  
Burgess, Evie  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Calley, Julie  
Carpenter, Mike  
Chichila, Pam

Chop, Nancy Grabel  
Cielma, Genevieve  
Cislo, Dan  
Cole, Jean  
Cole, Regina  
D'Angelo, Rebecca  
Dacus, Shirley  
Daugherty, Kenny  
Decaminada, Mona  
DeGrande, Colleen  
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph  
Dempsey, Michele  
Dewey, Thomas  
Dial, Philip  
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee  
Duval, Chuck  
Dzendzel, Mary Ann  
Eichstedt, Laurie  
Eroh, Kade

Eves, Debbie  
Feiler, Alex Horne  
Fichtner, Leanne  
Filak, Julianna  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gackiewicz, Jo Ann  
Gentilia, Judy  
Ghamlouche, Bellamy  
Goliembewski, Frank  
Gozowsky, David  
Hagen, Jenifer  
Harte, John  
Hubbard, Carl  
Kapanke, Dolores  
LeVoir, Lorraine  
LeVoir, Sherry  
Linn, Cathy  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lowe, Jannette

Lowe, Jonathan  
Malish, Rosemary  
Markey, Ken  
Matfin, Kathy  
Mathison, Bonnie  
Murawski, Veronica  
O'Connell, Evan  
Oliverio, Jr., Robert  
Palmer, Joan  
Palmer, Kent  
Pastula, Shirley  
Pattenaude, Eric  
Prokop, Bob  
Prosser, Cindy  
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Smith, Mary  
Smitt, Deb

Smith, Patricia  
Soine, Dianna  
Speier, Lily  
Stites, Keith  
Sutherland, Eleanor  
Swiercz, Bobbie  
Tennent, Joan  
Tsaprazis, Pete  
Turcotte, Joshua  
Walker, Ian  
Whitfield, James  
Zarzycki, Stanley

Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office.

## Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2026-June 30, 2027

All Souls in Purgatory & Return to Faith for my Children  
Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families  
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt  
Living and Deceased Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families  
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis  
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess  
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain  
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families  
In Loving Memory of my husband Tommy Cockrum 1937-2025  
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families  
Living and Deceased Members of Gorny and Kushnir Families  
In Memory of Donald Grant  
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala  
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much  
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniac Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Kwatera, Morone & McIntosh Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families  
The Malish and Porembiak Families  
Living and deceased members of Matthews & Zalno Families  
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitor  
In Loving Memory of Reynold J. Mirabitor  
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo  
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan  
Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families  
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan  
Loving memory of the Dec'd Members of the Norris/Krempasky Family  
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski  
In Loving Memory of Lawrence and Mary Jane Peltz  
Angel Danny P. Pepera  
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera  
Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families  
In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed  
In Memory of Kathy Rodgers  
In Loving Memory of Mark Roy  
Living and Deceased Members of the Shroat/Marquis Families  
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families  
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families

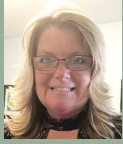
## Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Staff Sgt. Raymond  
Angelovic, Adrian  
Angelovic, George  
Ardinger, Stephanie  
Baumgardner, AJ  
Becker, Justin  
Bregand, David  
Brozek, Timothy  
Burris, Peter  
Campbell, Mary  
Canfield, Chaz  
Chokr, Jamel  
Cinka, Jonathan  
Coatsworth, Michael  
Comment, Scott

DiCicco, Bill  
Dwyer, Tyler  
Ellsworth, Justin  
Fisher, Bob  
Gentilia, Anthony  
Hunter, Cassidy  
Julien, Nick  
Kapelanski, Isaac  
Kashou, Christopher  
Laichalk, Robert  
Logan, Jonathon  
Logan, Sean Patrick  
Logan, Jeff  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Masiarak, Luke

McCarville, William E.  
McGahan, Wade  
McGaw, Douglas  
Meadows, Erin  
Moody, Samantha  
Murray, Daniel  
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong  
Ohannesian, Brandon  
Pastula, Michael Thomas  
Porcaro, Jeff  
Preba, Danny  
Rosa, Brian J.  
Rosa, Douglas J.  
Rousseau, Philip  
Sheko, Destiny

Smith, David  
Smith, Sgt. Leven  
Smitt, David  
Spiczka, Cathy  
Spiczka, Greg  
Sparrow, Justin  
Spohr, Raymond  
Squires, Zachary  
Szerszen, Michael  
Waldo, Michael  
Waldon, Nathan  
Webb, Brian  
Wiertella, Jonathan  
Witt, Christopher



# The 4th of July

## A DAY OF FREEDOM FOUNDED ON FAITH

America was founded on Christian principles and the belief that all people are created by God with certain unalienable rights.

### 1 GOD'S PLAN FOR FREEDOM

God desires freedom for all people. In His Word, we are reminded that He loves justice and wants us to live in peace.

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

John 8:36



### 2 A NEW NATION BEGINS

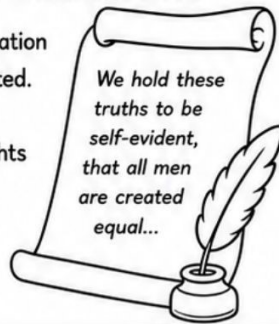
In 1776, the American colonies wanted freedom from unfair rule. They believed that God gave them certain rights.



### 3 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

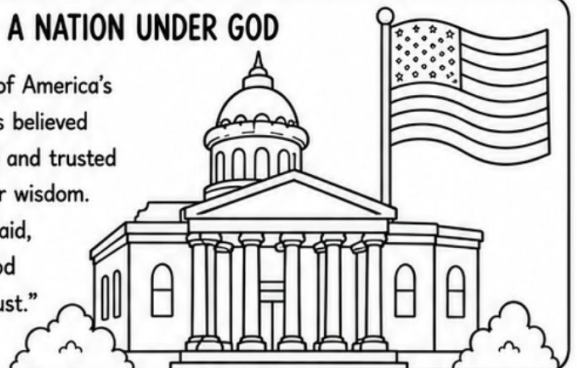
On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted. It says that all people are created equal and have rights that come from God.

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...*



### 4 A NATION UNDER GOD

Many of America's leaders believed in God and trusted Him for wisdom. They said, "In God We Trust."



### 5 FREEDOM TO WORSHIP

The First Amendment protects our freedom to worship God and follow our faith. We are free to pray, read the Bible, and share God's love.



### 6 LET'S GIVE THANKS!

Today, we celebrate our freedom and give thanks to God for our nation. Let's pray for our leaders, our country, and for peace.



May we always remember that

## GOD BLESSES AMERICA!

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance."

Psalm 33:12

