

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 11/12, 2009



(Follow this schedule only)

	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
3:30 p.m.	Eileen Corwin	Bob Corwin
		Jackie Soards
12:00 p.m.	Lisa Dean	Katie Paugh
		Mark Paugh
		Debbie Neu
2:00 p.m.	Hispanic Mass	



MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, July 5**
 - 12:00 noon Bernard Kowalsky (JoAnne Fitchpatrick)
 - 2:00 p.m. Josefa Granera (Norma Cruz)
- Monday, July 6**
 - 8:00 a.m. Mary Anne Archambeau (JoAnne Fitchpatrick)
- Tuesday, July 7**
 - 7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- Wednesday, July 8**
 - 12:00 noon Msgr. Joseph Osip (JoAnne Fitchpatrick)
- Thursday, July 9**
 - 7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- Friday, July 10**
 - 8:00 a.m. Bernard Kowalsky (JoAnne Fitchpatrick)
- Saturday, July 11**
 - 3:30 p.m. Special Intention of Pat Hays
- Sunday, July 12**
 - 12:00 noon Sherri Wilson for Health (Pat Moore)
 - 2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass



BENEDICTION every Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Need\$ 2,100.00

Collection Week of June 28th
Envelopes and Loose\$ 1,296.50
Variance-\$ 803.50
(8 ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺)



- July 7 Pat Moore
- July 8 Charles Parish
- July 10 Patty Rohde
- July 12 Emma Dean
Therese Shackelford



FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR JULY 4

(do not read before Mass)

A weary mother returned from the store, lugging groceries through the kitchen door. Awaiting her arrival was her 8-year-old son, anxious to relate what his younger brother had done. "While I was out playing and Dad was on a call, T.J. took his crayons and wrote on the wall! It's on the new paper you just hung in the den. I told him you'd be mad at having to do it again." She let out a moan and furrowed her brow, "Where is your little brother right now?" She emptied her arms and with a purposeful stride, she marched to his closet where he had gone to hide. She called his full name as she entered his room. He trembled with fear – he knew that meant doom! For the next ten minutes, she ranted and raved about the expensive wallpaper and how much she had saved. Lamenting all the work it would take to repair, she condemned his actions and total lack of care. The more she scolded, the madder she got, then stomped from his room, totally distraught! She headed for the den to confirm her fears. When she saw the wall, her eyes flooded with tears. The message she read pierced her soul with a dart. It said, "I love Mommy," surrounded by a heart. Well, the wallpaper remained, just as she found it, with an empty picture frame hung to surround it. A reminder to her, and indeed to all, take time to read the handwriting on the wall.

A messed up wall with the crayon scribbling of a small, helpless little boy revealed the greatest power in the world – LOVE. When the mother chose to see with the eyes of Love, this imperfect, tainted crayon wall became a treasure from the heart. St. Paul understood this all too well. "In my weakness is when I see the power of God's Love the most." Expect Jesus to show His Power in all the trials, disappointments, frustrations, and anxieties of your life both big and small. Look for Jesus to write "I Love You" on your life's wall.



FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

DÉCIMO CUARTO DOMINGO JULIO 05, 2009

A partir de esta semana, el Boletín Informativo de San Benignus incluirá una sección en Español para beneficio de la Congregación Católica Hispana. El Padre Mike desea que la congregación Hispana se sienta más unida a todos los feligreses de San Benignus. Y les recuerda que está es su iglesia y el está a vuestro servicio.

Aprovechamos esta oportunidad para dar a conocer los nombres de los miembros de el coro hispano:

Alan Sanchez & Aloha Sanchez
 Silvia Belcran & Maria Luisa Belcran

Monaguillos/Altar Boys:
 Celestino Belcran & Oscar Belcran
 Veronica Rezendiz

Próximamente se irán entrenando a otros niña(os) para que tambien puedan servir como monaguillos.

Ministros de San Benignus:

Servidores de el Pan y el Vino: Margaret & Sr. Pedro

Ministros de la Palabra: Rocio Castillo & Cesar Ramirez

Salmo Responsorial: Maria Luisa Belcran

Lector de Peticiones: Yolanda Belcran

Colectores del Diezmo: Maria Reyes & Cathy Dye

Ministros de la Comunión:

Armando Castillo & Celestino Belcran

Traductora de el sermon dominical: Norma Cuaresma

Redactora de la seccion de Español: Lina Cox "El Padre Mike me ha asignado la tarea de redactora de la sección de Español. Todo anuncio para la semana siguiente debe ser entregado los Domingos al finalizar la misa."

Las posiciones de Lector y Ministro de la Eucaristia son una parte importante en la celebración de la misa. Por favor vea al padre Mike si usted está interesado. Si usted desea ser un ministro de la palabra o cualquier otro servicio voluntario por favor de su nombre para que sea incluido en el siguiente boletín.

Porqué los gansos vuelan en uve "V"

En busca de la aerodinámica – entre todos forman como una gran ala delta y de esta forma cada pájaro bate sus alas produciendo un movimiento en el aire que ayuda al ganso que va detrás de él. Volando en V la bandada aumenta por un 71% más su capacidad de vuelo.

Cada vez que el ganso se sale de la formación, siente la resistencia del aire y de inmediato se incorpora a la fila para beneficiarse del poder del compañero que va delante.

Cuando el ganso que va en cabeza se cansa, se pasa a uno de los puestos de atrás y otro ganso o gansa toma su lugar. Los gansos que van detrás producen un sonido propio de ellos para estimular a los que van delante para mantener la velocidad.

Cuando una gansa o ganso enferma o queda herida, dos de sus compañeras se salen de la formación y la siguen para ayudarla o protegerla. Se quedan con ella hasta que esté nuevamente en condiciones de volar o hasta que muera. Sólo entonces las dos compañeras vuelven a la banda o se unen a otro grupo.

Parece que cuando compartimos una dirección común y tenemos sentido de comunidad, podemos llegar a donde deseamos más fácilmente y más rápido. Este es el beneficio del mutuo apoyo.

!Ah...! ¡Si entre amigos fuéramos gansos!

From the Pastor:

The new fiscal year begins next week. I will keep a running accumulated weekly tally as we progress thru the year. I hope and pray that your love offering to St. Benignus will grow so we can better serve the Body of Christ in Greenfield. At this point, we are only offering 60%. For my part, I am doing my best to be a good steward of the Church's money. I have eliminated \$1,600.00 from the monthly payroll. I have taken needed action to protect our donations from theft. I feel very good that our Church is in order.

I want our people to know how many free goods and services have been provided to us over the past two months. No Church monies were used for the following:

- Amana Refrigerator – \$1,300.00
 - Whirlpool Stove – \$850.00
 - LG Dishwasher – \$700.00
 - Installation and Guarantees – \$300.00
 - Bedding – \$500.00
 - TV Set – \$800.00
 - At least 400+ hours of labor to fix the Rectory – \$8,000.00
 - 100 hours of free labor to clean the church – \$800.00
- TOTAL SO FAR – \$13,250.00**

The Church has spent only \$3,500.00 dollars for materials needed in the Rectory. I would say we are getting the Rectory fixed for next to nothing.

I want to thank the following people for giving us so much:

- Bob Dye
- Barb and Dale Hidy
- Pat, Glenn, and Jeremy Moore
- Eduardo
- Pedro and his wife
- Pat and Brad Hays
- Bob Everhart
- Jerry Uhl
- And especially Ann Marie Gunderman, who is running the Parish Office for free.

Of course, I am grateful for all those who minister to the Church, such as Jim Wilson, and others who are too many to name.

The longer I minister here, the more I am learning how great the people of St. Benignus really are. No wonder Fr. Frank liked it here so much and never wanted to leave.



The St. Benignus Knights of Columbus meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Contact Grand Knight John Baal (981-3102 or e-mail squarerootman@roadrunner.com) for more information.



IN OUR PARISH

July 7 6:45 p.m. ROSARY
 July 8 6:30 p.m. SPANISH CLASS
 July 9 6:45 p.m. ROSARY
 July 11 9:00 a.m. ROSARY
 4:30 p.m. CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH FELLOWSHIP



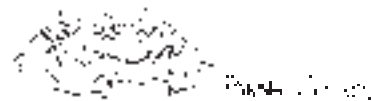
The St. Vincent de Paul Society is open for business at these times:

1st and 3rd Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 If there is an emergency, call Fr. Mike at 937-403-2510.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. Ladies Auxiliary will be setting up a booth at the Wheels of Progress Festival in Greenfield on July 17th. Plans now are for the kids a duck pond and a wheel to spin for prizes. Workers are needed. If you can spare a few hours, please volunteer. We need prizes such as gift cards for various services (gas, food, restaurants, hair and nail services, etc). Any other larger gift items would also be good things that we could give older kids and/or adults. We already have items for kids. They can call me or drop the items off to me. My phone number is 937-981-5301. Contact Kristy Bockrath at kbockrath4088@scpwildblue.com.

2. Chyane announces that the next St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will be Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on July 12th. All are welcome.



St. Benignus needs to fill two "at-large" positions on the Parish Council. These are three-year elected positions. If you would like to serve on Parish Council, please contact Fr. Mike. We have not had an election for years. It would be nice to have new people come forth to serve their church.

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO JULY 5th... The Ladies Auxiliary would meet on July 6th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Joseph P. Flynn, 138 S. 4th Street. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Rupert Spangler and Mrs. Herbert Conley. Servers for July 1959 were Terence Shrock and Tom Pat Brown; Ronald and Richard Meyers; William Baker and Robert Shipley; Joseph Chapman and Tom Steltenpohl; Brian Uhl and Ronald Uhl; Fred McMullen and John Hindes.

25 YEARS AGO JULY 1st... Servers for this week in 1984 were Pat and Bill Spray; Travis and Dean O'Connor. Lectors were Jessie Spangler and Jane Miller.

10 YEARS AGO JULY 4th... The St. Benignus Youth Group would have a boating and swimming outing at Rocky Fork Lake on July 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Katie Hays and Fr. Ron Cooper organized the event.



Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British and brutally tortured as traitors.

At least twelve of the fifty-six had their homes pillaged and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army. Another two had sons captured.

Nine fought in the War for Independence and died from wounds or from hardships they suffered.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers or large plantation owners. One was a teacher, one a musician, and one a printer. They were men of means and education who launched the Ship of State which you and I have inherited. Yet, they signed the Declaration of Independence, knowing full well that the penalty could be death if they were captured.

When these courageous men signed, they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to the cause of freedom and independence.

In the face of the advancing British Army, the Continental Congress fled from Philadelphia to Baltimore on December 12, 1776.

It was an especially anxious time for John Hancock, the President, as his wife had just given birth to a baby girl. Due to the complications stemming from the trip to Baltimore, the child lived only a few months.

William Ellery's signing, at the risk of his fortune, proved only too realistic. In December 1776, during three days of British occupation of Newport, Rhode Island, Ellery's house was burned and all his property was destroyed.

Richard Stockton, a New Jersey State Supreme Court Justice, had rushed back to his estate near Princeton after signing the Declaration only to find

that his wife and children were living like refugees with friends. They had been betrayed by a Tory sympathizer who also revealed Stockton's own whereabouts. British troops pulled him from his bed one night, beat him and threw him in jail where he almost starved to death. When he was finally released, he went home to find his estate had been looted, his possessions burned, and his horses stolen. Judge Stockton had been so badly treated in prison that his health was ruined and he died before the war's end. His surviving family had to live the remainder of their lives off charity.

Carter Braxton of Virginia was a wealthy planter and trader. One by one, his ships were captured by the British navy. He loaned a large sum of money to the American cause; it was never paid back. He was forced to sell his plantations and mortgage his other properties to pay his debts. He died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Continental Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers, or both, looted the properties of George Clymer, William Ellery, Lyman Hall, George Walton, Button Gwinnett, Benjamin Harrison, Francis Hopkinson and Philip Livingston. Seventeen lost everything they owned.

Thomas Heyward, Jr., Edward Rutledge and Arthur Middleton, all of South Carolina, were captured by the British during the Charleston Campaign in 1780. They were kept in dungeons at the St. Augustine Prison until exchanged a year later.

Francis Lewis also had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife for two months, and that, and other hardships from the war, so affected her health that she died within a few months.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over his family home for his headquarters. Nelson urged General George Washington to open fire upon his own home. The home was destroyed. Nelson later died bankrupt.

"Honest John" Hart, a New Jersey farmer, was driven from his wife's bedside when she was near death. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For over a year, he eluded capture by hiding in nearby forests. He never knew where his bed would be the next night and often slept in caves. When he finally returned home, he found that his wife had died, his children vanished, and his farm and stock were completely destroyed. Hart himself died in 1779 without ever seeing any of his family again.

Such were the stories and sacrifices typical of those who risked everything to sign the Declaration of Independence. These men were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued their liberty even more.

Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot of what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't just fight the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government!

They gave us an independent America. Some of us take these liberties so much for granted ... we shouldn't.

So, take a couple of minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots.