

PRIOR SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of June 28, 2026– \$1,093, Peter’s Pence-\$475

MASS SCHEDULE		
(L=Living, † =Deceased)		
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 4	5:00 PM	† For Herb Elbert from Joe and Kathy Bach
Sun. July 5	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. July 6	XXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. July 7	8:00 AM	For Adelyn Cooper
Wed. July 8	8:00 AM	† For Ed & Genoa Scott
Thur. July 9	8:00 AM	For Angie Swisher from Tony Farillo
Fri. July 10	8:00 AM	† For Edward and Genoa Scott
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 11	5:00 PM	For Jim and Connie Fuehner from Joe and Kathy Bach
Sun. July 12	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Kate & Colton Sherold, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (at Dominion), Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth , Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom and Connie Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Jeff Piehl, Annamarie Schroeder, Jody Rodriguez, Aiden Magee, Jeff Groneck, Carl Rebholz, Eric Thomas Sr., Roman Lee Ralston, Doug Russell, Cameo Bach, Virginia Gripshover, Dennis McNay, Dan Blye, Mary Miller, Rita and Bill Funke, Pam Huffman, and Katie Messingschlager.

BIRTHDAYS—June 27– Austin Schroder, June 29-Amanda Eten, July 1-Louis Cooper, July 6-Margaret Redman, July 10-Addelynn Hummel, July 12-Emerson Rawe, July 16-Dennis Baker, July 17-Chris Fryman, July 23– Eden Haley, July 24-Kevin Cooper, July 25-Warren Richardson, July 27-Tony Fariello.

ANNIVERSARY—June 29-Tim and JoAnn Schlachter, July 1-Brad and Meggie Cooper, July 12-Richard and Marian Messingschlager, July 14– Jesse and Lindsay Rawe, July 19-Kevin and Heidi Maybelen, July 28-Bill and Rita Funke

LECTOR- July 5-Linda Fryman, July 12-Brad Cooper, July 19-Jesse Rawe, July 26-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING –July-Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniver-



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Mass Schedule:
Saturdays – 5:00 PM Sundays – 9:00 AM
Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:
Saturdays – 4:00-4:45 PM Sundays – 8:00-8:45 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers
Religious Education – Lindsay Rawe (859) 250-7415
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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 2026

IN NEED OF LECTORS— We are in need of lectors. At present we only have four for Sundays and two for Saturdays. If interested, see Father Lange. Please consider helping in this way.

PRE-MASS SUNDAY ROSARY-There is a Rosary said every Sunday prior to the 9AM Mass. The Rosary begins at 8:30 AM.

FESTIVAL NEEDS- Once again, we will begin to gather items downstairs that will be in the bag raffles at the festival. Please bring in new or gently used items and leave them on the tables downstairs. You can even ask businesses you frequent for gift cards, too. Thanks for your help.

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING –Will be at 6:30 on **Wednesday, July 8**. Please plan to be there if you have input you would like to bring up. The festival will be Sunday, September 20 from 12-7.

PETER’S PENCE— We are leaving the Peter’s Pence basket out this week in case you did not get to attend last week’s Mass. Please be as generous as possible to this universal collection that helps the Holy Father with his particular charities to many of his flock around the world in need. Please place in the special basket in the back of church in the Gathering Area.

2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY VESPERS:

Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2026. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2026 are invited to a vespers celebration on **Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026, at 2:00 pm**. Anniversary couples RSVP by Aug. 13, 2026, at covidio.org/wedding-vespers/. Phone registrations are available after Aug. 6 through Isaak Abraham Isaak at 859-392-1529. Reservations are only required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend. Congratulatory certificates will be available upon request.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER GROUP- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Alexandria, the first Monday of each month, 6:30-7:30pm. Women are invited to gather for one hour of Guided prayer for the intention that our children and youth will return to or remain active in the faith. For information call: Carol 859-653-5638. Note: no gathering in September due to the Labor Day Holiday.

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY, AMERICA



Happy 250th Birthday to the United States of America!

I’m trying not to repeat exactly what I’m planning on saying in my homily! But I want to wish everyone a really happy Independence Day! Even happier than usual. Because this one is special. We celebrate 250 years since our Founding Fathers decided to do something that had never been done before: fight for their set of colonies to break from the most powerful empire in the world: Great Britain. They had everything against them. They all knew they might be hanged for treason if their endeavor failed. Even the colonies themselves were not really united because each saw themselves as a totally sovereign state.

But against all odds, they came together, and fought for their ideals, and won. Why? Because they knew it was time. They felt in their guts that this was destiny - That it was time for a country where the idea that “all men (people) are created equal” to come about, and where their individual liberties and rights would be protected – including the right to freedom of religion and freedom to peaceable assembly and press, etc.

They also knew without a doubt, deep in their guts, that this experiment would only work if God was at the center of it all. Now, the Founding Fathers may not have always been perfect Christians dogmatically, as many were what we call “Deists”. (Although thankfully, there was one Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, Charles Carroll!) – but, they recognized something absolutely essential: they knew that for this American experiment in representative democracy to work, the idea of God and His ways needed to be at the center of it all, always. They knew that Rights cannot be inalienable unless they come from a higher power (God), and they cannot be preserved unless the people are people of virtue. Meaning, moral people. And morals require their foundation on God.

So, if our country is to continue as a bastion of freedom and rights and democratic republicanism for all people, God and goodness must always be at the center of all we do.

May we re-consecrate our country today to God and pray that, as Abraham Lincoln said in his famous Gettysburg Address, “Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

A most happy and safe 4th of July to you all!

Fr. Lange