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TV MASS UPDATES

Philadelphia, PA

NEW! WPSG channel 57 (CW)

6:30 a.m.

WDPN channel 2 (MeTV2)

7:00 a.m.

WMCN channel 44

8:30 a.m.

Anchorage, AK

NEW! KYES channel 5

(My KYES 5)

8:30 a.m.

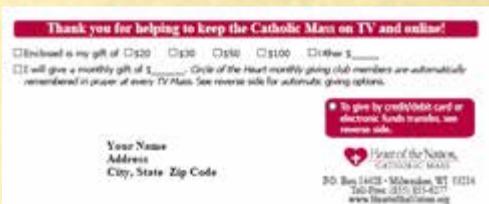
Also on

KCBJ-LP ch. 15 (Juneau)

K09XO-D9 (Homer/Seldovia)

K22HN-D22 (Kenai)

NEW Reply Cards Coming!



New reply cards and regular-sized envelopes will soon replace extended flap envelopes like the one with this bulletin.

Please use the new reply card faithfully. Sending the reply card with your donation is one small step for you but will mean **huge time and cost savings** for Heart of the Nation.

The Lord Rules the Roost

Mounting a weather vane high allows wind to blow across it without buildings, trees, or other obstacles getting in the way. In faith, we aim high, despite obstacles we face.

Placing weather vanes on church steeples made sense. Crosses, likenesses of saints, and other symbols of faith have embellished the vanes, but a papal decree boosted the lowly rooster to prominence. We'll get to that story in a minute.

In one of the Lord's parables, a landowner decides to build bigger barns to store a huge harvest and then relax for years to come. Weather vanes already existed in Jesus' time on earth, and we can imagine the landowner pointing to a weather vane and boasting about his forecasting skills to determine the best times for tilling, planting, and harvesting. The landowner doesn't thank God for the bounteous blessing, and God doesn't give him time to build new barns. The story teaches us not to store up earthly belongings at the expense of heavenly treasure.



Fr. Mark Payne
Chaplain

Now, let's get back to the rooster commonly seen on weather vanes. St. Peter denied Jesus three times between the Last Supper and the crowing of a rooster the following morning. The cockerel became a symbol of Peter and Christianity. In the ninth century, Pope Leo IV had a rooster placed atop Old St. Peter's Basilica, and Pope Nicholas I purportedly decreed that a rooster should adorn the dome or steeple of every Catholic church. Making the rooster part of a weather vane served faith-filled and practical purposes.

The oldest surviving weathercock, known as the *Gallo di Ramperto*, got its name from the bishop who commissioned it. Before becoming a museum piece, "Ramperto's rooster" graced the bell tower of a church in Italy for more than 1,000 years. That historic vane and its many progeny can serve as inspiration for our faith, no matter which way the wind blows in our lives.

Following the direction of wind or whisper of the Holy Spirit, the way we live should point toward God. By donating to Heart of the Nation, sharing your faith is a breeze!

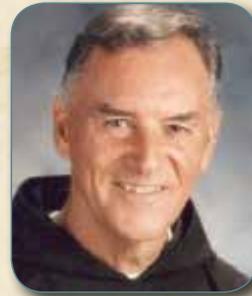
Stuck Like Pollen

Below 55 degrees or so, monarch butterflies can't fly. At 40 degrees, they cannot even crawl. Because of their susceptibility to coldness, monarchs thrive in sunlight. To keep safe from temptation, we seek the warmth and light of the Lord's love.



While a monarch caterpillar feeds only on milkweed, the butterfly feasts on nectar from God's array of flowers. Pollen sticks briefly to the butterfly but falls off to pollinate other plants so that the flowers can multiply.

inner bodies outgrow it. So, too, God wants us to break free of whatever keeps us from growing in faith.



Fr. Tony Scannell
Chaplain

Each caterpillar spins a chrysalis around itself. Metamorphosis of the earthy caterpillar occurs until a monarch emerges—a wondrous reminder of the Lord's Transfiguration from human to heavenly form and even our own resurrection!

Although monarchs born in spring live only a few weeks—too short a time for the whole journey north, successive

generations lay eggs that become caterpillars and then butterflies along the way.

The generation that will migrate south for the coming winter can live for months and travel thousands of miles. Scientists puzzle over how these monarchs survive and make their way to the same locations, sight unseen, every year. Miraculous!

In the wintering sites, where millions of monarchs roost on trees for safety at night or on cool, cloudy days, the butterflies can completely cover a tree. That tree sustains them, like the wood of the Cross underlying our faith sustains us. Like the monarchs, with their stained-glass pattern of orange and black, our coming together gives glory to God.

“Since my father became homebound this year, Sunday mornings are spent with you, and at 97 years old, the half-hour format is just right for his attention span.”

~Simone



“I live in Brazil, and every Sunday I watch Catholic Mass on YouTube. English is not my first language, but I can feel God's love in my life.”

~Rogeria



“Please accept this donation. We hope to help you spread the Gospel everywhere.”

~Blessed Sacrament
Parish Seniors

NEW REPLY CARDS COMING SOON!

As Heart of the Nation begins using its new reply cards and regular-sized donation envelopes, please be sure to enclose the card when you mail your gift or pledge. “Every gift that comes without the reply card will require special handling by Heart of the Nation's small staff,” said Fr. Mark Payne. “By using the card, you will help Heart of the Nation save time so that every possible dollar donated gets used to provide TV Mass and prayer publications.”



Marian Prayer

Blessed Virgin Mary,
Please join with me
in hope-filled prayer
That my bearing on this day
Will proclaim God's goodness
and care.

Handmaiden of the Lord,
Close to the Son who came
as Savior,
Please pray for me
to serve well,
Helped by His love, mercy,
and favor.

Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Please ask Jesus
to help me see
The way that I should follow,
Grateful that the Lord
has chosen me.

Amen.

Give Him Glory

Lord Jesus,
Transfigured before Disciples
in awe,
May the glimpse You let
them see
Inspire and help me
to follow You
Into eternal glory.

When tasks before me are
less than dazzling,
May grace and humility
Be blessings enabling
what I do
To serve and give You glory.

In the heavenly place
You have prepared,
May I live eternally,
Lowly servant reaching
the height
Of fullness in Your glory.

Amen.

Make the Most of a Holy Day

Christmas and Easter octaves extend those liturgical feasts to eight days each. The Church once had a confusing array of octaves overlapping other feast days. While no longer an octave, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary remains a holy day of obligation (August 15). On the eighth day, we honor the Queenship of Mary.

Early Church writings reveal longstanding belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, body and soul, into heaven. Pope Pius XII declared it an infallible Church teaching in 1950. Whether Mary died on Earth remains uncertain, but St. Pope John Paul II pointed out the logic of Mary experiencing death. After all, Jesus died on the Cross before His Resurrection.



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***Please join us for the August 15 Holy Day Mass
online at www.HeartoftheNation.org.***
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Pope Pius XII also established a feast day for the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Gospel of Luke, the Angel Gabriel tells Mary that God will give her Son the throne of King David and that He will rule a Kingdom without end (Luke 1:32-33). In accordance with Scripture, Mary thus became the Queen Mother of Christ the King.

Beyond giving birth to Jesus, Mary carries the title of Queen for another reason. In the Encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* (To the Queen of Heaven) Pope Pius XII explained that Mary has an eminent role in our salvation. She agreed to God's salvific plan, and we believe that Jesus grants what His Mother seeks because she prays in accordance with His will for us.

Mary's Assumption and Queenship emphasize her continued importance, both on Earth and in heaven. Pope Pius XII concluded his Queenship encyclical with renewed consecration of the entire human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and prayer that Christians would gather "to sing her praises in churches, in homes, in hospitals, in prisons"—the very places that Heart of the Nation reaches.

Faith Without Fanfare

Name your favorite Apostle. You might relate to the enthusiastic and often impetuous St. Peter. Maybe John's love touches your heart. In times of doubt, you might find hope in Thomas. How about Bartholomew, whose feast we hold on August 24?

In Scripture, Bartholomew only appears with other Apostles. Jesus included him among the Twelve to whom He gave authority to preach and heal in His name. Following the Ascension of the Lord, Bartholomew retreated to an upper room to pray with fellow Apostles, Mary, and others.

Do you feel blessed by people in your life and your closeness to the Lord? Do you pray in wonder and hope? Do you serve the Lord without fame? Celebrate your way of faith with St. Bartholomew.



With gratitude, Heart of the Nation welcomes new members to the Circle of the Heart monthly giving club. As a member, you will be included in prayers placed before the altar for every Sunday TV Mass. To join, please mark the box on your donation envelope, and indicate the amount of your pledge. (If you need to change or cancel your pledge, just call, e-mail, or send a note to Heart of the Nation.) **Thank you!**

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Have You Wondered?

The cross as a symbol of Christianity dates to at least the second century, although it originally looked like a capital *T*. A cross with a *P*-shaped vertical beam and a horizontal crossbar combined two Greek letters, with *T* referring to the Cross and *P* abbreviating *help*. It looks like a crucified person. Roman Emperor Constantine I outlawed persecution of Christians. Based on a vision, his military crest incorporated a symbol combining *P* with an *X* replacing a horizontal crossbar. Those are the first two letters of "Christ" in Greek. Catholics still use all of these versions of the Cross.



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