

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 14, 2026



Flag Day

June 14th

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MASS Times:

Monday thru Saturday: 8:15 a.m.
Saturday → Anticipated Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12-Noon

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

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Exodus 19:2-6a
Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew i:36-10:8

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	June 13
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Vonn Punzalan</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Ron Lydick</i>
SUNDAY	June 14
8:00 AM	<i>For the People of Uganda</i>
10:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Lucille C. & John Gaudio</i>
12:00 PM	<i>For the Intentions of Ann Dirks</i>
MONDAY	June 15
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Lourdes Bilgera</i>
TUESDAY	June 16
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of St. Elijah of Mt. Carmel</i>
WEDNESDAY	June 17
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Mina Cinco</i>
THURSDAY	June 18
8:15 AM	<i>For the People of the Philippines</i> <i>affected by the recent earthquake (7.8 magnitude)</i>
FRIDAY	June 19
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Gosia Walak</i>
SATURDAY	June 20
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Joanne &</i> <i>Michael Wildenhaim</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Gerardo C. Dellosa</i>

Pray For The Dead



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let Your perpetual light shine
upon them. May their souls and
the souls of all the faithful
departed rest in peace. Amen*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

*Sean Aguirre, Gisele Hayek, Susan Ho, Angela Samona,
Denise Loren, Marilyn Bencar, Leticia Romero, Alex Chaloff,
Carmel Rattigan, Kathy Molloy, Glenn J. Lawlor, Jr.,
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Vickie Council, Joan Gore, William Moulprie, Rose Bann,
James Armstrong, Sr., Catherine Mwamba, Kathy Polk,
Pat Yahnke, Linda Mauleon, Sandra Mitchell, Sharon Crigler,
Samiee Nejad, Mary Bailey, Eric Duran, Tina McConnell,
Patrick McDougall, Tish Mc Daniel, Nina Barnes, Jana Rattigan,
Jezebel Todd, Lauren Britton, Jen Welch, Bob Dixon,
Tony Guadagno, John Proscetto, Dexter Gray, Annie Salazar,
Jim Earnhart, Joseph Stockert, Rose Ang, Sheila van der Veen,
Leonila Siga-an, Jonathan Jacobs, Sammi Petri,
Georgina Nicoletti, Lindsay Dean, Saverio Barbieri, Davis Weld,
Kevin Hogan, Catherine Sweeney, Jeffrey Paynton,
Tommy Fitzpatrick, Doris McNary, Marilyn Sidley,
Karin Quinn Forward, Susan Maria, Kevin Patrick, Sean Kevin,
Bruce Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Fran Hurton, Arnaud Gregori,
Mary Henriksen, Dominic Mantei, Edith Reeves, Stefanie Gabler,
Jake Patterson, Rose Rios, Anita & Austen Canzano,
David Bell, Marie Schewe, Tom & Judy King, Jonathan Masse,
Steve Dee, Darya Williams, Gus Calderon, Robert Willing,
Josue Meza, Thomas Oliver, Philip Graber, and Blake Cline*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 06/14 **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time ;**

Flag Day



Friday, 06/19 **St. Romuald, Abbot; Juneteenth**
Saturday, 06/20 **Saturday of the Blessed Virgin;
World Refugee Day**

CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 06/05 - 06/07/2026

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Father Max Ssekiwala

Visiting Priest from Uganda | Wells of Life Advisory Board

Wells of Life is honored to welcome Father Max Ssekiwala to Orange County from May 20 – June 24, 2026.

Father Max has faithfully served as a Catholic priest for nearly 30 years, with ministry rooted in both Uganda and the United States. Since 2013, he has been the pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in the Diocese of Kiyinda-Mityana, Uganda, where he continues to lead and care for his community.

He has been connected with Wells of Life since 2015, offering a unique and deeply personal perspective on the impact of clean water, community development, and faith in action across rural Uganda. Through his ministry, Father Max has witnessed firsthand how access to clean water transforms not only physical health, but also dignity, stability, and spiritual life within a community.

During his visit, Father Max will be sharing stories of impact, faith, and partnership, offering a meaningful opportunity for parishes to connect more deeply with the global Church and the lives being changed through this work.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to have Father Max visit your parish in a format that best serves your community, whether through a brief presentation, a gathering, or a time of reflection.



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Summer Mission Appeal

June 13th – 14th

Fr. Max Ssekiwala from Uganda for Wells of Life

Fr. Max will be at St. Francis de Sales the weekend of June 13th – 14th. Fr. Max has been ordained nearly 30 years with ministry rooted in both Uganda and the United States. Since 2013, Fr. Max has been the pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in the Diocese of Kiyinda-Mityana, Uganda, where he leads and cares for his parish community.

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Father's Day The beginning of Father's Day is generally credited to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington.

Her father was a Civil War Veteran who raised Sonora and her five siblings as a single parent, after his wife died giving birth to their last child. Sonora got the idea of honoring fathers while listening to a sermon on Mother's Day (started by Anna Jarvis in 1908) in 1909. The next year, the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910; the month of the birthday of Sonora's father. In 1924, President Coolidge gave his support to a national observance of Father's Day, and in 1966 President Johnson proclaimed it a national holiday.

You may honor your father, grandfather, godfather, uncle, father figure, friend by placing his/their names in the Father's Day Novena of Masses. The nine Masses of the Father's Day Novena will begin on Father's Day, June 21 thru 29. Get an envelope from the pew, write the names of those you wish remembered in the Father's Day Novena of Masses, enclose your donation and return the completed envelope to the Parish Center or Collection Basket. Or please E-mail me the names you wish included in the Father's Day Novena of Masses, to: mwakefield@sfdsparish.com I will print the names and place the names on the altar.

Did You Know? Reporting Child Online Sexual Exploitation If your children are exposed to exploitive and abusive materials online, or if you discover such materials online, please report these exposures to help protect other children and families. You can report an incident to the **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)** 24/7 at report.cybertip.org. Include the username of the person who shared explicit content, when it happened, what URL was used, and any other relevant information. NCMEC will work with law enforcement officials to start an investigation and shut-down inappropriate activity. NCMEC also has materials and resources to help parents and children begin to recover from being exposed to exploitive and abusive materials online. To learn more, visit: missingkids.org



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5 Fun Facts About Our American Flag

By Catherine Boeckman

April 18, 2024



Flag Day is Friday, June 14, 2025. What is Flag Day all about? Who really designed the first flag, and what do the red, white, and blue colors symbolize? See how much you know about the U.S. flag's history and meaning, plus find five fun trivia questions to test your knowledge.

What is Flag Day?

Flag Day is a celebration of the American Flag that occurs each year on the anniversary of the flag's official adoption, June 14. What we know fondly as the "Stars and Stripes" was adopted by the Continental Congress as the official American Flag on June 14, 1777, in the midst of the Revolutionary War. Colonial Troops fought under many different flags with various symbols— rattlesnakes, pine trees, and eagles—and slogans—" Don't Tread on Me," "Liberty or Death," and "Conquer or Die," to name a few. The Declaration of Independence made the adoption of an American Flag necessary. Previously, each colony or special interest had its own flag.

On that 14th day of June, Congress made the Flag Resolution of 1777, stating: "The flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field ..." Official announcement of the new flag was not made until September 3, 1777.

" Flag Day" was celebrated as a patriotic occasion for many decades, but it was President Woodrow Wilson who made the observance official by a presidential proclamation on May 30, 1916.

Who Made the First American Flag?

The origins of the Stars and Stripes have become part of American folklore. Although many people believe that Betsy Ross designed and sewed the first flag, there is no true proof of this.

However, records do indicate that Betsy Ross most definitely made ensigns and pennants for the Philadelphia Navy during the Revolutionary War, and she certainly inspired the design of the current flag.

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(Continuation of...) **Who Made the First American Flag?** Based on colonial folklore, it has also been stated that the American Flag was first flown in battle during the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge in 1777. However, what we do know is this: The original 1777 flag was designed to represent the 13 original colonies. It had 13 white stars on a blue field & 13 alternating red and white stripes.

One of the first flag designs had the stars arranged in a circle, based on the idea that all colonies were equal.

In 1818, after a few design changes, the United States Congress decided to retain the flag's original 13 stripes and added new stars to reflect each new state that entered the union.

Each time a state was added to the union, a star was added. Today, there are 50 stars, one for each state in the union, but the 13 stripes remain.

Interestingly, the current American Flag was designed by a high school student from Lancaster, Ohio, named Bob G. Heft! Even though Bob's history teacher gave him a "B-" for not knowing how many states the Union had, Bob submitted his design to the White House (unprompted) in anticipation of Hawaii and Alaska joining the Union. To his surprise, President Eisenhower called him! Today, it's Bob Heft's 1958 design—which shows 50 stars in a field that included five rows of six stars and four rows of five stars—which is now our 50-star American Flag, (and history teacher changed his grade to an "A"!).

When Is Flag Day? Flag Day, celebrated annually on June 14, is not an official federal holiday, but the president of the United States traditionally proclaims its observance each year.

Historical Facts About the U.S. Flag

- January 01, 1776: The first United States flag, the "Grand Union," was displayed by President George Washington. It became the unofficial national flag, preceding the 13-star, 13-stripe version.
- June 14, 1777: The Stars and Stripes were adopted by the Continental Congress as the Flag of the United States.
- June 14, 1877: Flag Day was observed nationally for the first time on the 100th anniversary of the Stars and Stripes—and continues today.
- June 14, 1937: Pennsylvania became the first state in the United States to celebrate Flag Day officially as a state holiday.
- July 04, 1960: The new 50-star flag was flown for the first time—the flag that still flies today.

Why is the American Flag Red, White, and Blue? The Continental Congress left no record as to why it chose these colors. However, in 1782, the Congress of the Articles of Confederation chose the colors for the Great Seal of the United States with these meanings: White for purity and innocence; Red for valor and hardiness; Blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

According to the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, the colors originated with the British flag, which is called the Union Jack and was a combination of the Scottish cross of St. Andrew (white on blue) and the English cross of St. George (red on white) at the time. (The modern British flag also incorporates the Irish cross of St. Patrick into its design.)

American Flag Etiquette: Did you know that there are special rules for taking care of our flag? The U.S. Flag Code has an official set of guidelines, (not laws), that dictates how a flag should be flown in order to show it the respect and honor that it deserves.

Where may the American Flag be Flown 24-Hours a day?

The flag is usually taken indoors at night out of respect, but there are some places where flying the flag around the clock is permissible. Do you think you can guess them?

- * The Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia
- * The White House
- * The U.S. Capitol
- * The Iwo Jima Memorial to U.S. Marines in Arlington, Virginia
- * The Revolutionary War Battleground in Lexington, Massachusetts
- * The site of George Washington's winter encampment at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
- * Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland
- * The Jenny Wade House in Gettysburg, PA (Jenny Wade was the only civilian killed in the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War.)
- * The USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor
- * All customs points of entry into the United States
- * Any U.S. Navy ship that is underway

In truth, the flag may be flown at night anywhere that it may be flown during the day, provided that it is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

5 Flag Trivia Questions: Quiz your friends and family with these five flag questions and answers:

- 1) Is it ever appropriate to fly the flag upside down? Answer: Yes, but only in an emergency. It means "Help Me! It's an emergency! Call the police! I am in dire trouble and need immediate help!"
- 2) How many versions of the American Flag have been designed? There have been 27 versions of the American Flag. However, the current flag—designed by a high school boy—has lasted the longest as no states have been added since 1959.
- 3) Can the flag touch the ground? Despite the myths, the flag can touch the ground and still be washed and used. However, if the flag is torn or damaged beyond repair, the tradition is to burn it with dignity. Most U.S. localities offer this service at no fee.
- 4) How many U.S. flags made it to the Moon? The U.S. flag has been placed on the Moon by an astronaut during the six Apollo missions (11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17).
- 5) Why must Old Glory be folded in such a specific way? The U.S. flag is folded into a small triangle made of 13 folds. Each fold has a special meaning and symbolism. For example, the first fold represents life, while the third honors the Veteran who has departed, and the fifth is a tribute to our country. Next time you gaze upon the symbol of the nation's freedom, pause and reflect on the flag's origins, symbolism, and history—and what the American Flag means in your life.

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