

★ JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2015 ★
FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM **FREEDOM TO BEAR WITNESS**
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Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness will take place from June 21 to July 4, 2015, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the "freedom to bear witness" to the truth of the Gospel.

As a parish it is important that we stand with our bishops, fellow Catholics, and indeed all Americans who value the freedom protected by the First Amendment. Below are some events that Holy Family will be offering for the Fortnight For Freedom. We strongly encourage and invite you to stand with us in prayer and action for our country.

Sunday, June 21st 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
Rosary and prayers following noon Mass

Daily, June 21st – July 4th Daily Prayer -
Please say "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty" together as a family each day.

Tuesday, June 23rd 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Holy Hour – Eucharistic Exposition, prayers & Benediction

Friday, June 26th 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Help Put God Back in America – prayers in Church

Tuesday, June 30 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Holy Hour – Eucharistic Exposition, prayers & Benediction

Friday, July 3rd 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Help Put God Back in America – prayers in Church

Sunday, July 5th
Closing prayer at all Masses

"Keeping the spirit of the Gospel means that Catholic institutions are to bear witness in love to the full truth about the human person by providing social, charitable, and educational services in a manner that fully reflects the God-given dignity of the human person."

- Archbishop William E. Lori,
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty,
on the "Freedom to Bear Witness"

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For more information: www.fortnight4freedom.org