



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”

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The Bronx is a rather noisy place on the 4th of July! The official fireworks are accompanied by equally loud private celebrations on patios, streets, and rooftops. Thankfully, this year was a mostly safe celebration.

Let's remember for a moment what all the celebration is about.

In 1776 a group of wise and brave men promulgated a declaration that rejected oppressive government and declared the United States of America to be independent. I love to read and re-read the Declaration of Independence as a reminder of clear thinking and the nature of principled governance. I thought I would share with you a few of the paragraphs that I find most meaningful.

With our political season heating up, and trust in politicians at an all-time low, I find it healthy to look back at the seriousness with which our founding fathers took their responsibility to lead our nation.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

God bless,
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