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Please drop this information into the Offertory basket or mail to the Rectory.

WHOO HOO!!!! The best teachers teach from the heart!!!

**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 28th**

8:30 AM – Catherine Sarvas  
c/o Barb Urban

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29th**

8:30 AM – Anna Mae Oliver  
c/o Ed Robich

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th**

7:00 PM – Anna Medvec  
c/o Dee Medvec

**THURSDAY, JULY 1st**

8:30 AM – Eleanor Stefanak  
c/o Diane David

**FRIDAY, JULY 2nd**

8:30 AM – Poor Souls  
c/o Marie Flickinger

**SATURDAY, JULY 3rd**

6:00 PM – Mary Ann Agostino  
c/o Floyd Agostino

**SUNDAY, JULY 4th**

9:00 AM - For Our Parishioners

11:30 AM – Joanne Koras

c/o Pat & Tom Graney

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**E. MINISTERS**

7/3 6:00 pm Alexa Macchia

Gary Salatino  
Ed Robich

7/4 9:00 am Aiden Puskar

Tom Hubert  
Tom Sokolak

11:30 am Tyler Mattern

Joe Varga

**LECTOR #1**

7/3 6:00 pm Diane Salatino

7/4 9:00 am Mary Svirbly

11:30 am Jennifer Muir

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

7/3 6:00 pm Mat Macchia/Colleen Pickens  
Volunteer/Pam Esposito

7/4 9:00 am Craig Patrizi/Kathy Patrizi  
Megan Durda/Amy Hubert

11:30 am Don Mattern/Cyndy Mattern  
Volunteer/Emma Pringle

A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL was celebrated at our parish for Stanley Radkowski on June 11, 2021. The prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to his nephew, Paul (Judy) Radkowski, their family and friends. May Stanley rest in peace.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the parish are extended to Erin Borowicz, her family and friends on the death of her sister, Therese Gearhart. May Therese rest in peace.

A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL was celebrated at our parish this week for Nancy Wilson. The prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to her daughter, Carol A. (David) Gilliland, their family and friends. May Nancy rest in peace.



**JUNE 27, 2021**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/June 27, 2021**

**Tuesday, June 29th**

5:30 pm to 5:45 pm – Prayer Service

**Wednesday, June 30th**

7:00 pm – Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting in the youth room/social hall

**Monday, July 5th**

Rectory and Religious Ed Offices are closed for the Holiday.

**COLLECTION – 6/20/21**

Number of Adult envelopes issued.....529  
Adult Offertory Collection.....\$ 3,363.25  
Children’s Offertory.....\$ 0.00  
Loose Offertory.....\$ 155.00  
# of Envelopes Used.....137  
Attendance at Mass.....304

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN & HOSPITALIZED**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS WEST MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th AT 7 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SNACKS**

Good Shepherd as well as the other participating churches will be providing snacks for the VBS participants. The following are the items that Good Shepherd will be providing: *Sandwich Baggies, Chex Cereal, Marshmallows, Pretzels and Raisins.* Please see the display in the gathering space for the number of each item needed.

**DE-STRESS TUESDAY**

**When:** Every Tuesday beginning June 22nd through August 24th

**Time:** 5:30 pm – 5:45 pm

**Where:** In the Church

Feeling overwhelmed by work, school, or everyday obligations? Do you wish you could stop for a moment and simply breathe? If so, join us for a prayer, quiet meditation, and short reflection to take 15 minutes to breathe and be with God. Please feel free to reach out to [myrissadonaldson@stvincent.edu](mailto:myrissadonaldson@stvincent.edu) or ext. 18 at the parish if you have any questions or would like to get involved by reading a psalm or giving a short reflection at De-Stress Tuesday.

**BIBLE STUDY AND LESSON**

**When:** Thursdays, July 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

**Time: 9 am to 10 am / at the Meeting Room/Social Hall**  
Come enjoy and learn about several women from the New Testament during an open discussion Bible Study and Lesson. We will be discussing who exactly Mary Magdalene is, the power of Eunice and Lois’ single verse, and the significance of Peter’s never named mother-in-law. Myrissa Donaldson will be leading and is excited to share what she has learned as well as learn from you! Please feel free to contact Myrissa at [myrissa.donaldson@stvincent.edu](mailto:myrissa.donaldson@stvincent.edu) or at ext. 18 if you have any questions.

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

*“Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”* The evangelist Mark employs a couple methods or characteristics peculiar to his gospel writing style. One of them is on display in today’s story and our scripture professors often referred to it as a “sandwich.” Like that staple of our diets, there are two pieces of bread on either side of the chopped ham, lettuce and mayo. The two pieces of bread are the two parts of the daughter of Jairus story (invitation to Jesus to come/Jesus’ arrival and raising of the girl) with the complete story of the hemorrhaging woman in between. Mark also employs some other parallels/contrasts in the stories of these two women: young woman with some status vs. older, marginalized woman; public healing vs. a private domestic event; disbelief of the onlookers and the faith of the insiders; both women were anonymous – no first name for either; touch is an important aspect of the miracles; twelve years are mentioned in each story.

Just before this story, Jesus has stirred up the locals with a controversy at the synagogue (for which Jairus is to maintain good order), and against all tradition, he appeals to Jesus for a healing as well by laying his hands on his daughter which breaks a law of ritual purity for Jesus. We learn later she is 12, which is considered to be marriageable age. We can almost supply in the background the voice of a wife and mother who urges her husband, “Go get Jesus!”

A detour occurs on the way to the house of Jairus. A woman who is hemorrhaging, probably from a gynecological condition, worms her way through the crowd and touches Jesus’ clothes. According to the OT law, she is “unclean” – a terrible legalistic burden leveled on women which excluded them from association with husbands, family, friends and public worship. Having wasted money on “cures” for 12 years, she should not even had been out among the crowd, but had probably become expert in methods of invisibility, all in a desperate hope that Jesus could help.

When she touches him, she feels the healing immediately, just as Jesus feels a sort of depletion of energy or power. In the midst of a frantic, agitated crowd of strangers, shoving and pushing to see Jesus, his question, “Who touched me?” seems ridiculous. That he is concerned about one person’s hand just might be a reminder to us that what we think are interruptions are really opportunities to respond with compassion to others.

The crowd melts away as she comes forward to tell her truth, bravely, and then falls down in fear and trembling. She comes clean, revealing herself to be “unclean,” and then as one who has been disowned as wife, mother, sister or friend, hears Jesus proclaim her “daughter.”

Back to the remaining piece of bread, the group continues on to Jairus’ house but becomes disheartened at bad news coming from the local rumormongers. “She’s dead. No need for Jesus.” Ignoring them, Jesus moves on to face ridicule, scorn and the ultimate enemy – death. With only the privileged three disciples and the girl’s family, Jesus takes her hand and tells her to rise. Her response is to walk around, evidently not dead, and Jesus tells them to feed her – which is a parallel to most of the post resurrection stories when Jesus appears and wonders, “Is there anything here to eat?” It becomes a favorite Eucharistic reference – new life and being fed.

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We onlookers, having learned she is 12 and old enough to marry, realize blood now courses through her body at an age when her fertility will become evident, while the woman whose menstruation was her shame, is also now healed and whole. God’s healing power restored their lives through Jesus who cares nothing for the barriers of cultic and ritual observance when they block the way to compassion.

Unless we’ve spent our lives living in a vacuum, we can’t avoid the fact that this story announces the situation of women throughout the world, who are still conditioned or condemned to insignificance or abuse. All those women and girls who are marginalized by society, yet bravely grasp at other possibilities give us hope. Nor can the Church opt out of its responsibility. The age-old Church teaching about non-discrimination needs to be applied to its own affairs.

“Fear is useless. What is needed is faith.”

Stay safe, Fr. Glenn

**THIS WEEK** We will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection to respond to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods, support of orphanages and medical facilities in developing nations and many other charitable works. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** The healing of the woman and the child in today’s gospel is a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Attn: All Dirty Cars!!!** Your local Knights of Columbus “Our Lady of the Valley” Council #4003, Hermitage, PA will be organizing an **“ALL PARISHES” Car Wash Fundraiser** on Sunday, **July 11 from 7:30 am to 2 pm in the back parking lot by the school at Notre Dame Parish. \$10.00 donation per vehicle.** Stay in your car and follow the signs and directions through the wash and your car will be sparkling clean in no time. Proceeds will benefit the 4 parishes the council serves: Notre Dame, St. Bart’s, Our Lady of Fatima and Good Shepherd. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help, please contact Dave Roshala at 814-282-1631. Thank you for your support!!

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