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CHECK: New Registration Change of Address Moving out of Parish Want envelopes

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

Anointing of the Sick - after all Masses
August 21 & 22
Mark your calendars!

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 5th

8:30 AM – Jacob & Gen Schosser
c/o Daughter, Kathleen

TUESDAY, JULY 6th

8:30 AM – Anna Mae Oliver
c/o Mary Ann VanBuren &
Judy Selenchik

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7th

7:00 PM – Helen David
c/o Lawrence Zunic

THURSDAY, JULY 8th

8:30 AM – Deceased Members of Oberman Family
c/o Dee Medvec

FRIDAY, JULY 9th

8:30 AM – Jane Lindstedt
c/o Virginia Kocis

SATURDAY, JULY 10th

6:00 PM – Bill Conaway
c/o Joe & Carol Baker

SUNDAY, JULY 11th

9:00 AM - Nick Habarka
c/o Friends

11:30 AM – For Our Parishioners

ALTAR SERVERS

E. MINISTERS

7/10 6:00 pm Brigid Dach

Michael Drda
Lisa Dach

7/11 9:00 am Rylee Adams

Howard Fagan
Ron Adams

11:30 am Caden Anderson

Judy Miller

LECTOR #1

7/10 6:00 pm James Sobey

7/11 9:00 am Ron Carson

11:30 am Myrissa Donaldson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

7/10 6:00 pm Mary Ellen Douth/Jody Drda

Volunteer/Alexis Onestak

7/11 9:00 am **Volunteer/Ed Grober**

Patti Chupak/Bonnie & Peter Gibb

11:30 am Jim Burgoon/Patrick Chovan

Volunteer/Volunteer

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all those who participated in the blood drive held on Wednesday, June 23rd in our parish. 27 total units were collected and the potential number of lives saved was 81. Thank you to our volunteer, Ed Robich, who assisted on the drive day. Future date for the next blood drive is October 4th from 12-5 pm at West Middlesex Presbyterian Church. Mark your calendars!!!

THANK YOU to all who gave to the Peter's Pence Collection this past weekend. Your generosity and support of this collection are greatly appreciated.



JULY 3, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/July 3, 2021

Monday, July 5th

Rectory and Religious Ed Offices closed for the Holiday.

Tuesday, July 6th

5:30 pm to 5:45 pm – Prayer Service

Thursday, July 8th

9:00 am – Bible Study in the Meeting Room/Social Hall
Myrissa Donaldson, Facilitator

COLLECTION – 6/27/21

Number of Adult envelopes issued.....529
Adult Offertory Collection.....\$ 3,607.25
Children's Offertory.....\$ 0.00
Loose Offertory.....\$ 135.00
of Envelopes Used.....188
Attendance at Mass.....295
Peter's Pence Collection.....\$ 1,172.25

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

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Are you artistic? Can you help to decorate for VBS? **Decorating begins July 12-16th from 9 am to 3 pm any day that week. Supplies are being provided. Bring your ideas.** Contact Lauren for more information at 724-528-3539 ext. 6 or religiousedgs@gmail.com. We're still looking for Thomas the Tank Engine or other train items to borrow for VBS. Call or email Lauren if you have items available.

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.** Take a slip from the display board, purchase the item, and return it to the bin in the gathering space.

SERVICE HOURS

Are still available for those in grades 7 through 12 and/or college students. Volunteer to help with VBS. Call or email Lauren at 724-528-3539/religiousedgs@gmail.com.

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.

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!

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FROM OUR PASTOR

"They shall know that a prophet has been among them."
Ezekiel was, like his fellow prophets, reluctant to take the job as we see in today's reading. His was not an easy task, his message wasn't popular, and his audience was quite resistant to the challenge he presented to them in God's name. Jesus finds an equal amount of resistance in Nazareth, possibly because his former neighbors had some pre-concieved notions about him. The same thing happened in New Jersey last school year to a boy named Spence.

While still in the womb, Spence suffered a stroke. As a result, the eight-year-old has limited use of the right side of his body. He came home one day from school and told his parents that the other kids were beginning to talk about him and wondered why he couldn't play certain sports and games like anyone else plays. Of course, his parents were concerned – we all know how cruel some kids can be about the slightest differences. So Spence and his parents went to school to talk to the teacher and principal. And Spence devised a plan.

He got up in front of four different second grade classrooms, faced all the kids, and told them what happened to him on the way to being born. He calmly explained how there were many things he couldn't do but many other things he could do. The kids asked questions and Spence answered them all. Spence doesn't hesitate to task for help now and then and his classmates are always there for him. His dad wasn't only proud of his son, but inspired by him.

I couldn't believe his courage. I knew there were problems in my own life I was failing to deal with. I was hiding from them. Spence showed me another way. It took a few months, but I finally mustered the courage to ask for the help I needed. Spence showed me help and acceptance are all around me. We talk about how we can be there for our kids, but sometimes they're the ones that can be there for us." *At Home With Our Faith, 2002*

You might agree with me that Spence is a sort of "prophet." The word means "one who proclaims." There are prophets living among us like Spence who mirror the courage Ezekiel mustered to fulfill the call he had from God. Taking on that role starts with the integrity to confront who we are, recognize the gulf that exists between what we profess and what we live, and the determination to re-create our place in the world.

That sort of prophecy often goes unnoticed, or as we see with Jesus in his hometown, gets rejected. Mark introduces into the narrative the blindness people have toward the power and authority Jesus has, and they consider him "too much" for them. They miss the presence of God in their midst.

Do we know people like Spence in our lives? Or are we missing encounters with prophets?

*Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."*

Father Glenn



WEST MIDDLESEX, PA

FAMILIAR?

A friend told me he wasn't going to his high school reunion. I asked "Why not?" He replied, "Back then everybody thought I was a loser. I've put together a very happy and satisfying life where people respect me, and I don't want to return to being the butt of their jokes."

Today, Jesus returns to his hometown to proclaim the message that's begun to be well-received far and wide. But the hometown folks can't get past their pre-conceived notions of Jesus. "Hey, we know all there is to know about this guy. Who does he think he is?" Their short-sightedness prevented them from hearing the Good News.

Sometimes families pull this same trick on one another. We lock one of our family members into a role she played long ago, and we fail to welcome all that she has become since then. This ends up not only being a disservice to her, but to everyone else who is prevented from learning the good news of what she has to offer. There was more to Jesus than meets the eye. Look around with fresh eyes and be ready to be surprised.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



DON'T EAT ALONE on July 15th! Come and enjoy a potluck dinner with others at **5:00 pm in the social hall on Thursday, July 15th.** I'll bring the meatballs for meatball subs

and you can bring a side or dessert to split for two! Sign up in the gathering space! You can also e-mail Myrissa.donaldson@stvincent.edu or call the church at ext. 18 to sign up or ask questions!

THE FEST

Get your tickets at thefest.us before they're gone. Enjoy popular Christian artists, speakers, and more on August 8th at Brookside Reservation. Sign up in the gathering space or e-mail Myrissa.donaldson@stvincent.edu if you would like to meet at the church to "follow the leader" to The Fest!



High School Juniors, Seniors, College Students, and Young Adults Please join us for a cornhole tournament July 23rd from 6 pm to 8 pm at the church. Sign up in the gathering space or e-mail Myrissa.donaldson@stvincent.edu. Your partner does not need to be a church parishioner! Bring a friend!!!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary members of our family "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it.