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We just have to start with two little holes.

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 12th

8:30 AM – Bill Cunningham
c/o Claire & Cliff Toth

TUESDAY, JULY 13th

8:30 AM – Eleanor Stefanak
c/o Francis & Kerrie David

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th

7:00 PM – John Kosty
c/o Family

THURSDAY, JULY 15th

8:30 AM – Shirley Lange
c/o Family

FRIDAY, JULY 16th

8:30 AM – COMMUNION SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 17th

6:00 PM – Joseph J. & Helen A. David
c/o Estate

SUNDAY, JULY 18th

9:00 AM - For Our Parishioners

11:30 AM – Frank Fortine

c/o Dale & Mary Ellen Doult

ALTAR SERVERS

E. MINISTERS

7/17 6:00 pm Reagan Simmons

Frank Langosh

7/18 9:00 am Vianna Miller

Monica Hanrahan

Mike Bartolo

Mary Ann Palanti

11:30 am Maryn Hosick

Judy Miller

LECTOR #1

7/17 6:00 pm Phyllis Williams

7/18 9:00 am Ken Rogers

11:30 am Erin Borowicz

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

7/17 6:00 pm Paul Bauer/Kathy Bauer

Volunteer/Volunteer

7/18 9:00 am Craig Patrizi/Kathy Patrizi

Patrick Miller/Katie Miller

11:30 am Don Mattern/Cyndy Mattern

Volunteer/Volunteer

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS – Know the Warning Signs of a

Predator: Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>.



JULY 11, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/July 11, 2021

Tuesday, July 13th

5:30 pm to 5:45 pm – Prayer Service

Thursday, July 15th

9:00 am – Bible Study in the Meeting Room/Social Hall

5:00 pm – Don't Eat Alone/Social Hall

Friday, July 16th

8:30 am - Communion Service

COLLECTION – 7/4/21

Number of Adult envelopes issued.....529
Adult Offertory Collection.....\$ 6,685.25
Children's Offertory.....\$ 0.00
Loose Offertory.....\$ 206.00
of Envelopes Used.....140
Attendance at Mass.....303

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

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the parish are extended to Tony & Brigid Tebaldi, their children, Grace, Patrick & Leo, their family and friends on the death of Tony's father, Jeff Tebaldi in Erie recently. May Jeff rest in peace.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS WEST MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Are you artistic? Do you like trains? Can you help to decorate for VBS? **Decorating begins July 12-16th from 9 am to 3 pm any day of that week. Please call on Thursday and Friday to see if we are still in need of help.** Contact Lauren for more information at 724-528-3539 ext. 6 or religiousedgs@gmail.com.

VBS SNACKS

Please return snack donations before Sunday, July 18th. They can be returned to the Religious Education Building from 9 am to 3 pm any day this week.

DE-STRESS TUESDAY

When: Continues every Tuesday 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!

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FROM OUR PASTOR

“Jesus sent them out two by two...” Early in the pandemic, TIME magazine columnist Belinda Luscombe started walking around her New York neighborhood just to get out of her apartment to make human contact. Her essay published on May 24/May 31 was about some of the characters she met.

There's a postal carrier, with the unusual name Archimedes who had been delivering the mail for years to her apartment mail boxes but Belinda had never been home during the day. Once she met him, they talked almost every day, even though Archimedes couldn't remember her name.

Belinda also checks in regularly with Kenny, the superintendent of a building nearby, “a lovely man with a beautiful spirit” who knows everything that's happening in the neighborhood and doesn't hesitate to tell you how he feels about a given issue.

Amid the many padlocked restaurants in the neighborhood, one Indian restaurant managed to stay open. Belinda's family became regular take-out customers. Ram, the owner, has come to know each family member's order and preferences. Keeping his business open has been a challenge, but his optimism is “as nourishing as the tikka masala (yogurt, tomato, ginger, garlic and some other stuff)!”

Elijah lives in the building next door – but it's a world away from Belinda's because Elijah is a survivor of abandonment, addiction, divorce, incarceration and an arrhythmia that could kill him at any time. In their conversations, Belinda and Elijah have shown each other different experiences of life.

But the most unexpected rapport Belinda developed during the pandemic has been with “this interesting young woman who had lived in my house. I already knew her a bit since I gave birth to her about two decades ago.” The moody, sullen teenager had moved away for college but came home when the campuses closed. “The child who moved out was perpetually indignant about something, usually me” but the individual who moved back was a “reasonable and charming young woman who astonishingly, sometimes laughed at my jokes.”

“That's the weird thing about the people you meet during a pandemic,” she wrote in TIME. “They've been there the whole time.”

I suppose when you think about it, all our lives are a “walking tour” during which we encounter God in the people we meet along the way – and if we do it right, they see something of the love of God in us. Belinda Luscombe wrote how her life was enriched by her encounters during her walks through her neighborhood these past few months. I think that's exactly what Jesus is doing by sending out the disciples two by two, not to organize an Altar Rosary Society, or Men's Club, or to dominate or rule, but to heal, comfort and encourage. Perhaps we could take his advice and “travel light” through this time and this once-in-a-lifetime experience, leaving behind our own interests and fears so that we could receive God's grace and peace in the wisdom and insight of God's daughters and sons we meet along the way.

Enjoy the week! God bless. Fr. Glenn

WEST MIDDLESEX, PA

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: Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of “things” because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our “things.” We even ignore each other because we have “things” to do. What “things” are separating you from your family?

2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations

The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese:

Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2 pm at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 pm at St. Jude in Erie.

To register or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, contact your parish office at 724-528-3539 option 5 to pick up an application or call the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

NEXT WEEK We will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.