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All Aboard!
Vacation
Bible School
starts this
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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.

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 19th

8:30 AM – Lee & Dom Nigro
c/o Ed Robich

TUESDAY, JULY 20th

8:30 AM – Living Members
St. Ann’s Lodge
#BR153
c/o Officers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st

7:00 PM – Anna Mae (Wansack) Oliver
c/o Steven & Dorothy Koncar

THURSDAY, JULY 22nd

8:30 AM – Deceased Members of Medvec
& Puhala Families
c/o Dee Medvec

FRIDAY, JULY 23rd

8:30 AM – Helen David
c/o Toni Fill Edwards

SATURDAY, JULY 24th

6:00 PM – John Kizak
c/o Mr. & Mrs. Todd Palmer & Family

SUNDAY, JULY 25th

9:00 AM - For Our Parishioners

11:30 AM – Dominic Nigro
c/o Meranto Family

ALTAR SERVERS

E. MINISTERS

7/24 6:00 pm Alexa Macchia

Brian Rogers
Ed Robich

7/25 9:00 am Brady Puskar

DJ Puskar
Diane O’Rourke

11:30 am Delaney Donaldson Rudy Koraus

LECTOR #1

7/24 6:00 pm John Pavlovich

7/25 9:00 am Megan Durda

11:30 am Myrissa Donaldson

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

7/24 6:00 pm Mat Macchia/Mona Macchia
Colleen Pickens/Alexis Onestak

7/25 9:00 am Bob Devlin/Volunteer
Volunteer/Judy Selenchik

11:30 am Ded Sokolak/Volunteer
Volunteer/Volunteer

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is pleased to announce the addition of their newest Pregnancy and Parenting Support Counselor. We welcome Nefertari Williams to our Sharon Office. The Agency (CCCAS) provides for new and expectant mothers and their infants through twelve months of age. Services include free parenting and pregnancy support, diapers, baby clothing, car seats and formula. Car seats may be available for older children as well. For more information call Nefertari to schedule an appointment at (724) 346-4142.



JULY 18, 2021
CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/July 18, 2021

Sunday, July 18th

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 19th

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 20th

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 21st

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 22nd

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

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 23rd

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, July 24

12:00 noon – Brown Baptism

COLLECTION – 7/11/21

Number of Adult envelopes issued.....529
Adult Offertory Collection.....\$ 6,647.25
Children’s Offertory.....\$ 0.00
Loose Offertory.....\$ 211.00
of Envelopes Used.....180
Attendance at Mass.....326

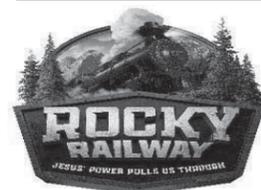
**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND
THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN & HOSPITALIZED**

WELCOME We extend a warm welcome to recently registered new parishioners: Ronald & Shirley Luba of Hermitage. Please welcome them and make them feel at home in our parish.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the parish are extended to Carey & Elizabeth Dick, their family and friends on the death of Carey’s father, Joseph, who passed away last week. May Joseph rest in peace.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
WEST MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TONIGHT!



Didn’t sign up? We take walk-ins.

Dates: Sunday July 18th – Thursday, July 22nd.

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Place: Good Shepherd

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.

GOING ON VACATION THIS SUMMER? Remember to take time to honor Our Lord. Go to the website: www.masstimes.org and enter the city and state where you will be vacationing to locate a church near you.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FROM OUR PASTOR

“Come away to a deserted place...” Every so often a television commercial makes a mark on our souls over and above its sale pitch to our credit cards. There is an ad you may have seen from Kohl’s departments that may just be one of those unique commercials.

A little girl is drawing with chalk on her front sidewalk when a delivery man walks by juggling boxes. Clearly, he’s having a bad day and simply glares at her. His grumpiness gives her an idea. She takes her chalk and draws a hopscotch grid on the sidewalk in front of her house. It’s a bright, colorful work of art that just screams: “Jump!”

As she watches, everyone who passes by – teenagers, a woman jogging, a senior couple – stops to play the game, cheering and waving at her when they successfully dance their way through her design.

Then the grumpy delivery man returns. He stops and scowls at the hopscotch challenge in front of him. He looks at the young artist, and to her surprise, he smartly jumps through the grid. He then walks away with a sly smile.

Adding to the feeling of the moment is the jazz musician Jon Batiste’s rendition on the American song: “The Sunny Side of the Street.”

I can’t imagine that Kohl’s business model has anything to do with the Gospel of Jesus but the little girl’s hopscotch challenge is the “deserted place” envisioned by Jesus in today’s passage. The “deserted place” can be a physical place of quiet and solitude to re-connect with God and the things of God – just like De-Stress Tuesdays – but the “deserted place” can also be time, a few minutes set aside to stop, to realize God’s presence in our midst, to feel grateful for God’s grace in the love of family and friends. We all need “deserted places” – hopscotch moments – to escape the demands of our over-scheduled lives to hear anew the voice of God in the quiet of our hearts and realize God’s presence in our lives.

“They were like sheep without a shepherd.” Take two objects – one weighing ten pounds, the other one pound, and drop them from the height of an eight-story building. Which one falls faster? Aristotle (born 384 BC) theorized centuries ago that the heavier one fell faster, and people believed him until 1589 when Galileo gathered people at the leaning tower of Pisa and tried the same experiment. Both landed at the same time. But the power of conventional wisdom was so strong that professors present for the event denied what they had seen. For years they proclaimed that Aristotle was right, because, duh, he was Aristotle! And to this day many people still assume that the heavier object falls faster.

Sometimes despite the countless ways God’s love is manifested to us each day, we prefer the safety claimed by the “shepherds” we follow who promise us only the best, who justify our fears, and identify enemies they will vanquish on our behalf, reducing the complexities of our lives to simple absolutes. I think we can be the “shepherdless” for whom Jesus’ heart breaks in the gospel today. We’ve been given a shepherd who helps us negotiate the cliffs, crags and drop-offs as we make our way to the pasture of peace. He’s the shepherd who helps us clear obstacles of fear and self-interest in order to live lives of justice, fairness and virtue.

Have a great week! Fr. Glenn

WEST MIDDLESEX, PA

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: In today’s gospel “the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done.” Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of a young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

THIS WEEK Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory; because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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.eriescd.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.

Community Events

Blueberry Festival Returns to Bethany Retreat Center

Join us at **1031 Germania Rd in Frenchville, PA, on July 31st from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm** for a day of family fun! There will be games for all ages, arts & crafts for kids, basket raffles, 50-50, delicious food & refreshments and much more. Live musical entertainment by *Heavenbound* beginning at 2:00 pm and *A Day Awaits* at 4:00 pm. For more information visit www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855. Hope to see you there!”