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OUR VOLUNTEERS
WORKING AT
CITY RESCUE
MISSION IN
NEW CASTLE

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 1st

8:30 AM – **Communion Service**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd

8:30 AM – Sue Hennessy
c/o Kim & Ron Hartle

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3rd

7:00 PM – Dolores Toth
c/o Bonnie Gibb

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4th

8:30 AM – Connie Walsh
c/o Joe & Mary Ann Walsh

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5th

8:30 AM – Isabelle Rea
c/o Geraldine Abi-Nader

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th

6:00 PM – For Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th

9:00 AM – V. Donald Hall
c/o Richard & Vanessa Pedzwater
11:30 AM – Tom Palmer
c/o Eugene & Patricia Rindy

ALTAR SERVERS

E. MINISTERS

8/6	6:00 pm	Reagan Simmons	Ed Robich
			Frank Langosh
8/7	9:00 am	Volunteer	Tom Hubert
			Mike Bartolo
	11:30 am	Delaney	Mary Lu Walters
		Donaldson	Joe Varga

LECTOR #1

8/6	6:00 pm	Maggie Rumelfanger
8/7	9:00 am	Ron Carson
	11:30 am	Angela Dalessandro

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

8/6	6:00 pm	Mary Ellen Douitt/Debra Biggins Brian Biggins/Alexis Onestak
8/7	9:00 am	Bob Devlin/Ed Grober Patti Chupak/Amy Hubert
8/7	11:30 am	Deb Sokolak/ Volunteer Volunteer/Emma Pringle

DE-STRESS TUESDAY

When: Every Tuesday Beginning June 21st and ending August 16, 2022

Time: 5:30 to 5:45 pm

Location: In the church



Join Mr. Glass (West Middlesex High School Teacher) this week on Tuesday, August 2nd for a **reflection on kindness**. Join us for a prayer, quiet meditation, and short reflection to take 15 minutes to breathe and be with God.

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

JULY 31, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/July 31, 2022

Sunday, July 31st

10:15 am – Coffee & Consciousness
("Talk Saves Lives" Suicide Prevention)

Monday August 1st

6:30 pm – Book Club / Social Hall

Tuesday, August 2nd

10:00 am – Go Bravely Discussion Group
5:30 pm – De-Stress Tuesday (**Speaker – Mr. Glass – WMHS Teacher** presenting a reflection on kindness)

Wednesday, August 3rd

3:30 pm – Go Bravely Discussion Group

Thursday, August 4th

6:00 pm – ARS Rosary (Mary Garden/weather permitting)
6:30 pm – Altar Rosary Meeting

Friday, August 5th

8:30 am – First Friday / Adoration after Mass
9:30 am – Book Club / Social Hall
12:00 noon – Benediction

COLLECTION – 7/24/22

Number of Registered Families.....	570
Adult Offertory Collection.....	\$ 4542.25
Children's Offertory.....	\$ 0.00
Loose Offertory.....	\$ 483.00
# of Envelopes Used.....	135
Attendance at Mass.....	375

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our new religious program EDGE will provide a safe place for youth to find Catholic community, to get answers to their questions and most importantly to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. EDGE follows a three-year cycle that addresses all the sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This program model is based on small group discussions with ample time for questions and discussion of topics. *Stay Tuned.*

Lending Library: Come and see the updated lending library. There are bookshelves just outside the youth room in the faith formation center that have many choices of good reading. Anyone can borrow a book.

PRINCE OF PEACE SIGN-UP

We will need volunteers at Prince of Peace on Wednesday, August 10th. There will be two shifts to cover – from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (prepping and cooking shift) and a second shift from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm (serving). There will be sign-up sheets in the gathering space.

PITTSBURGH BUS TRIP REMINDER



Bus trip participants to the Pittsburgh Shrines on August 6th will **meet at Good Shepherd Church parking lot at 8:30 am**. No exceptions!!! Please be on time!!!

WELCOME new parishioners Stephen (Steve) Dudek of New Castle and Dr. & Mrs. C. Leon (Lee and Pat) Ahlum of New Wilmington who have recently joined our parish. Please welcome them and make them feel at home here.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FROM OUR PASTOR

What are we storing in our barns (or boxes)? This story was on the Nightly News a couple months ago.

No one understands the terrible grief that the families of the victims of the shootings at the elementary school in Uvalde, Texas are suffering than the parents of the children massacred at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut in December 2012.

Nicole Hockley and Mark Barden each lost a young son at Sandy Hook. Determined that no families should experience such horror, they co-founded the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation within a month of the deaths of their children. Vowing to "choose love, belief and hope" instead of anger, Sandy Hook Promise focuses on turning tragedy into transformation through conversations and action. As well as working to enact responsible laws to end programming to decrease bullying and train students how to report potential threats. The foundation's two signature programs are "Start With Hello" for K-12 students and "Say Something" for grades six and up. The programs are based on school violence research that shows that most school shooters were bullied and left warning signs before committing atrocities. The foundation has now trained over 11 million young people and adults in all 50 states to recognize the signs. Sandy Hook Promises' work has been credited with averting shootings in several schools around the country.

Nicole Hockley knows "the unspeakable pain" of the parents of the children murdered in Uvalde, a pain "they will endure for the rest of their lives."

"My heart bleeds for the parents whose children are not coming home and for the families of the adults who also won't be coming home. I'm overwhelmed with compassion for the Robb Elementary School community. They will never be the same because of the void left by 19 innocent children and two adults."

"Whenever there is a tragedy like this, I am re-traumatized. I relive the murder of my son, his classmates and educators. The sadness and anger are crushing.

"Nearly a decade after Mark and my devastation, more parents are going through similar devastation – victims of gun violence. Sadly, this tragedy is only the latest in the dozens of mass shootings since Sandy Hook.

Nicole has offered to go to Uvalde to meet with families to "try to talk them through the unimaginable darkness of this moment. And let them know that while it will cast shadows over the rest of their lives, even in the shadows there can be hope."

Every life at some point, experiences challenges that can break us, but by God's grace, we survive and move on – but as soon as we are able, we box them up and store them in our "barns." The parents of Newtown realize that their unimaginable pain can be the means for ending the scourge of gun violence and a wellspring of support for families who are broken by such violence. To create Sandy Hook Promise required the selfless generosity of the Gospel: to give when such giving requires reliving a trauma we would rather keep "boxed" away, to give not only from our extra, but from our poverty, to give in gratitude for God's grace even in the most hopeless and devastating experiences of loss and heartache.

Fr. Glenn

WEST MIDDLESEX, PA

COFFEE AND CONSCIOUSNESS SERIES



Join us today in the social hall for Texas Sheet Cake and a presentation on Suicide Prevention. On average in the United States there are **130 suicides per day**. **Learn the warning signs.** Our next series will be held following the 9:00 am mass on August 7th with information on the Willow Center. This presentation will be on what the Center provides, debunk some untruths, and let everyone know how the community can support women in crisis pregnancy. We will have face painting and a craft for the kids they can take home with them. Please join us for these informative events.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hubbard St. Patrick Church
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August 4-7, 2022

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Rides--Games--Huge Basket Raffle
August 4 (6-11pm) August 5 (6-11pm) August 6 (5-11:30pm) August 7 (1-11pm)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY

THURSDAY, AUG. 4	7-11 PM	RONA BAND	SATURDAY, AUG. 6	8-11 PM	CHRIS HIGBEE BAND
FRIDAY, AUG. 5	7-11 PM	HERN BROTHERS BAND	SUNDAY, AUG. 7	2-5 PM	COUNTY MAYO BAND
				7-11 PM	OLD SKOOL BAND

In appreciation for all the community support of our parish, all food prices will remain the same as last year.

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Drawing: Saturday, October 8, 2022

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