



**HELP WANTED: SHEPHERD**

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions. The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But “the days are coming,” he assures us (Jer 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark’s Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** The gospel tells us that Jesus and his disciples “had no time even to eat.” If that sounds like your family life, take a tip from today’s gospel! Jesus and the apostles “went away to a quiet place by themselves.” In this busy world we need to create “quiet places” for the important relationships in our lives.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**SCHOOL OFFICE** will be closed for the month of July. Any questions regarding registration, tuition or school in general, please call the Parish Office at 454-0171.

**OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE** for the fall term at Blessed Sacrament School for Pre-School (ages 3 & 4) and grades K-8. For more information, call the Parish Office.

**SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** There are some openings for adults to serve as aides in both the classroom and cafeteria. If you are interested in working with our school children for about three hours a day, please send a letter of intent with your work experience to Mrs. Kurczewski or leave a message in her voice mail at the school office 455-1387. Clearances will need to be obtained if selected and the pay is minimum wage.

**UNIFORM SALE** The annual school uniform sale and exchange will take place in the school cafeteria on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> & August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8AM –1PM. Please stop by as we have many school uniform pieces available. You can either exchange outgrown uniforms for larger sizes or purchase “gently worn” uniforms at bargain prices! All proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament PTC. If you have uniforms to donate, you may bring them to the Parish Office prior to July 27<sup>th</sup> or you may bring them to either of the sales. For questions, please contact Sandra Luthringer at 864-7158.

**SCHOOL DONATIONS NEEDED:** The school is in need of fans for the classrooms. The building is extremely hot at the beginning of the school year, especially on the second floor. If you would like to donate a gently used fan or purchase a new one, please drop them off at the School Office after August 1st. Thanks!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** In today’s Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

**MISSIONARY SPEAKER** Next weekend, Fr. Ignatius Kayita of Uganda will be at our parish to speak at all of our Masses. Fr. Kayita is from the Archdiocese of Gulu, which is in Northern Uganda in East Africa. This diocese is under the leadership of Archbishop John Baptist Odama. The archdiocese occupies a territory of about 28,800 sq. km. divided into 25 Mission Parishes. The archdiocese has about 1.2 million people, of which about 800,000 are Catholics. Since 1986, the archdiocese has been seriously affected by wars going on in northern Uganda and southern Sudan. It has severely affected the missionary work, in that part of the church. Many of the people have lost their lives and properties, including some priests, nuns and catechists. More than 50% of the Christians have been forced to live in the refugee camps without good food, clothing, medication and many other unbelievable inhuman conditions of living. The challenge facing the missionaries in these missions is to preach the Good News to hungry people without reaching out to them with some necessities like food and clothing. That is why they are asking for our support and prayers for the success of this appeal and for the success of missionary activities all over the world. Please be as generous as possible next weekend in the second collection.

**ALTAR SERVER REMINDER** The annual picnic is this Tuesday, July 22. The bus will start loading at 7:45AM and will leave Blessed Sacrament parking lot (next to Geiger Hall) **promptly at 8:00AM**. The bus will return to Blessed Sacrament at 10:00PM.

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE** is now ready. Please pick up a copy in the Sacristy after Mass today. [Please take the copy **with your name on it.**] This schedule is for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and **all** altar servers – both grade school and high school.

**NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, a new class will be forming in August, please call the Parish Office to register. This is open to all parishioners who are confirmed, practicing Catholics. If you are married, you need to be in a valid marriage [one that is valid in the eyes of the church]. This invitation includes all the young adults that were just Confirmed in June.

**RCIA** Are you or someone you know thinking about becoming Catholic? If anyone is interested in the RCIA process, a new class will be forming in the Fall, please call the Parish Office to register.

**2003 ERIE COUNTY CROP WALK** will be held on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Presque Isle – Beach One parking lot at 1:30PM. The Erie County Crop Walk is the largest in Pennsylvania and eleventh largest in the nation with an average of 1,000 walkers yearly. The Crop Walk invites people of all faith to unite; helps end hunger locally with 25% of funds raised going directly to several local food pantries; meets special needs of refugees; assists the destitute after disasters. We will be collecting donations for the Crop Walk after Mass during the month of September. If you would like to participate in the walk, please contact Terry or Susan Shannon for more information at 866-1392. There are two walks – a 6.2-mile walk or a 1-mile walk. Baby carriages and wheel chairs are welcome. Please no roller blades, bicycles or skateboarders.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR PARISH FAMILY  
ST. VINCENT

Catherine McLaughlin, Paul Grack, Joseph Felice,  
Josephine Touris



II – Melanie Wargo and Jim Hoover

Mass of Christian burial was given to Armand DiSantis. The prayers and sympathy of the Parish Family were extended to his family. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** for couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries in 2003 will be held on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Mount Carmel Parish at 2:00PM. To register please call the Parish Office by **Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLATE** A commemorative plate picturing all the bishops of the Erie Diocese is on display in the Parish Office. This has been commissioned as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Diocese’s founding. It is a limited edition plate made of heirloom quality porcelain featuring the sesquicentennial logo. The back of the plate has the names of the bishops as well as the individual numbering of the plate making it a valuable collector’s item. Plates are available at a cost of \$25.00 each. If you would like to order one, please notify the Parish Office. Also, there is a commemorative lapel pin with the official logo of the sesquicentennial. Our theme “Passing on the Light of Faith” implies that we share our faith with one another. The lapel pin will serve as a daily reminder of our community of Faith, which we are celebrating. Pins are available at a cost of \$2.00 each in the Parish Office.

**PRESCRIPTION HELP** Medicare enrollees who have no prescription drug coverage and whose yearly income is less than \$28,000 – individual or \$38,000 – couples may save 20-40% at the pharmacy counter on more than 150 widely prescribed medicines with the **Together RX Card**. The **Together RX Card** is good towards the purchase of prescriptions manufactured by Abbott Laboratories, AztraZeneca, Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, GlaxoSmithKline, Janseen Pharmaceutical Products, L.P., Novartis and Orth-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc. Check your medicines, if they are manufactured by the above companies you just present the **Together RX Card** at a participating pharmacy along with a doctor’s RX when buying your medications or when obtaining a refill. The **Together RX Card** is not a credit card or an insurance card. It is designed to fill a gap in the Medicare system for the short term, until Medicare reform includes a prescription drug benefit. To apply for a free **Together RX Card**, go to [www.Together-Rx.com](http://www.Together-Rx.com) for an application form or call Jean Keck at 824-1254.

**31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS**

- Monday 7/21 – Pay Ungvarsky, Gerry Fagan
- Tuesday 7/22 – Paul & Dolores Snyder
- Wednesday 7/23 – Jim Zink
- Thursday 7/24 – Mary Hoffman, Gil Manzi
- Friday 7/25 – Donna Reusch, Eleanor Reisenweber
- Saturday 7/26 – Ann Anysz, Shirley Kiehlmeier
- Sunday 7/27 – Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for James Stadtmiller from his family.



**Monday, July 21 – St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

- 7:00 +Richard J. Klein / Klein Estate
- 8:00 +William Greene / Family [Anniversary]

**Tuesday, July 22 – Mary Magdalene**

- 7:00 +Thomas & Catherine Schugart / Klein Estate
- 8:00 +Nello Mangoni / Family [Anniversary]

**Wednesday, July 23 – St. Bridget of Sweden**

- 7:00 +Francis V. Kloecker, Jr. / Dr. & Mrs. Ed Zimm
- 8:00 +James Stadtmiller / John & Meghan Zink [Birthday]

**Thursday, July 24 – Weekday**

- 7:00 +Ruth Zimmer / Len & Barb Cyterski [Birthday]
- 8:00 +Kathleen Myers / Cheryl & Ed Brozell [Birthday]

**Friday, July 25 – St. James**

- 7:00 +Josephine Kwiatkowski / Husband - Ed
- 8:00 +Henry Hauser / Paul & Eileen Balczon

**Saturday, July 26 – Vigil: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 5:15 +Alma & Al Haskins / Nancy Greene [Wedding Anniv]

**Sunday, July 27 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 +Joseph Anysz / Wife - Ann
- 9:00 +Richard Zipp / Mr. & Mrs. Harry Morgan [Anniversary]
- 11:00 +John Picano, Sr. / Mr. & Mrs. Nick DeDad
- 7:30 \*People of the Parish

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT - July 13**

Weekly Need:	\$ 11,400.00
Adult Offering:	\$ 6,699.00 – 573 envelopes
Loose Collection:	\$ 653.00
Youth Offering:	\$ 47.20 – 59 envelopes
Total:	\$ 7,399.20

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT**

“Celebrating Yesterday, Creating Tomorrow”

\$519,052.06 Pledged to Date

\$269,200.58 Paid to Date

690 Pledges

Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

With everyone’s help, we can make it.

During the past week some of our children noted on the Church envelopes ways they shared their time and talents: “I helped Dad outside, I agreed to tryout for football and not give my family grief, I took out the garbage, I cleaned my desk, I helped mom and dad with yard work, I played board games with my brother, I helped my mom make food for our picnic, I went to camp for the week to help Jessie and his Dad clean up the camp grounds, I helped around the house with cleaning for mom, I helped Mom take care of Cody because his Mom was sick.” We thank them for sharing their time, talent and treasures by using their Church envelopes.