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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Spirit-filled community of welcoming believers, helping each other spiritually, financially and practically. We show compassion, gratitude and appreciation toward God and one another as we dream big, spread joy, and share our tears and laughter.

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who are homeless and need sheltering love; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will, the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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July 18, 2021

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE ENOUGH TO SHARE?

2 Kings 4: 42-44

MASS INTENTIONS & PASTOR'S CORNER

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021
8:30 a.m. - **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

11:15 a.m. - **ED BIEL /**
Rosemarie & Steve Babey

MONDAY, July 26, 2021
9:00 a.m. - **MARY & NICKY SPIRO /**
Rosemarie Crawford

TUESDAY, July 27, 2021
9:00 a.m. - **LYDIA GONZALES /**
Dario & Maria Manzati

WEDNESDAY, July 28, 2021
9:00 a.m. - **THOMAS WYKA /**
Don & Barbara Duffy

THURSDAY, July 29, 2021 **NO MASS**

FRIDAY, July 30, 2021
9:00 a.m. - **CHRISTINE JACOBS /**
Mother, Jane Hingos

SATURDAY, July 31, 2021
4:00 p.m. **BRITANY HEANEY /**
Ann Dunn & Family

SUNDAY, August 1, 2021
8:30 a.m. - **JUANITA HAUSAN /**
Ramona Hall

11:15 a.m. - **LARRY COVAR /**
Don Board

Pastor's Corner:

*A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat."
2 Kings 4:42*

Isn't it interesting how many times food and eating occurs in the biblical stories? The prophets in the Old Testament and Jesus in the New Testament, all recognize that God provides abundantly. So, I am sure they must have thought something was seriously wrong when they witnessed hunger in the ancient world. How about us today? We live in an advanced society here in the United States, a country of great wealth and advantages, yet it seems that we have come to accept food insecurity as a given.

Even before the pandemic hit, some 13.7 million households, or 10.5% of all U.S. households, experienced food insecurity at some point during 2019, according to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That works out to more than 35 million Americans who were either unable to acquire enough food to meet their needs, or uncertain of where their next meal might come from, last year. With the pandemic, an analysis by the Brookings Institution, conducted in summer 2020, found that in late June, 27.5% of households with children were food insecure — meaning some 13.9 million children lived in a household characterized by child food insecurity. A separate analysis by researchers at Northwestern found insecurity more than tripled among households with children to 29.5%. Add to this, the fact that Black and Hispanic communities are disproportionately suffering.

We can continue to do what we Catholics do so well--perform works of charity by serving meals to those who are hungry or by helping to stock our local food pantry. However, the situation cries out for more--we must ask "WHY?" and then, we must become food justice



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| <p>SUN 7/25</p> <p>2 Kgs 4:42-44/ Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6</p> | <p>MON 7/26</p> <p>Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35</p> | <p>TUES 7/27</p> <p>Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt</p> | <p>WED 7/28</p> <p>Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46</p> |
| <p>THURS 7/29</p> <p>Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27</p> | <p>FRI 7/30</p> <p>Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/</p> | <p>SAT 7/31</p> <p>Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12</p> | <p>SUN 8/01</p> <p>Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17,</p> |

Pastor's Corner (continued)

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

advocates. The USCCB affirms that Catholics have two feet to put love into action--one foot for charity to meet basic needs and one foot for social justice to remove root causes and improve structures and systems. Here at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, we offer the following ways you can exercise your love to end hunger in charitable effort: Food Pantry; Food for Family & Friends Meals Ministry; Family Promise Meals for Homeless Families; Hands of Hope – Housing & Food Ministry; Loaves & Fishes Program; Lenten Rice Bowl Collection & Parish Sharing Fund. To volunteer, for any of these Ministries please contact our Parish Office.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Obligation to Attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days: Bishop Bambera has given us notice that this Obligation will be reinstated for all members of our Diocese on Sunday, August 15, 2021. Those whose immune systems are compromised continue to be excused, as well as those who fear being infected are also excused. Please refer to Bishop Bambera's letter on our Parish Webpage.

LOAVES & FISHES PROGRAM: *Many new parishioners and perhaps some veteran parishioners are not aware of the purpose of this program.*

You can purchase over 200+ gift cards that can be used for many local businesses – gas stations, restaurants, grocery stores, various types of stores -from clothing stores to video game stores are available. We purchase these cards at a discount and sell them to you at face value. The difference between face value & discount price that St. Vincent's Parish pays is given to our Sharing Fund – to help the hungry, homeless and other instances our parishioners and friends encounter. Please consider participating in this program.

BULLETIN NOTES CONTINUED: WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

Try a little tenderness. That's basically how Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, 73, summarized Pope Francis' vision for what older people, their grandchildren and friends should do to change the world after the COVID-19 pandemic. The cardinal, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, used the word "tenderness" nine times when he presented to the press the pope's message for the celebration July 25 of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Pope Francis did not use the word at all in his 1,800-word message, but it came through as he acknowledged the suffering, loneliness and fear many older people experienced during the worst of the pandemic, and also when he reminded older Catholics that, like him, they still have a vocation to share the faith and care for others.

The Vatican as a whole, not just the pope or Cardinal Farrell's office, are making a big deal out of the world day. Pope Francis will celebrate Mass with older people, his message — as a text and as a video — was available in eight languages by June 23 and the dicastery has published a 43-page pastoral kit with suggestions for homilies, for prayers of intercession and for action.

The action focus is all about tenderness, too: Visit your grandparents and any older person living alone. Offer them a ride to Mass. Take them a flower. And, for those who cannot go to church, take them the Eucharist.

"In places where health emergency measures still make it impossible to visit in person, love can use imagination to find ways of reaching lonely elderly people by phone or social media," the pastoral kit says.

That is precisely what Maria Sofia Soli has been doing since March 2020 when Italy initiated its first COVID-19 lockdown.

Soli, who is 88, volunteers with the Community of Sant'Egidio in monitoring the situation of about 6,500 people who are over 80 and living alone in Rome. The project involves regular telephone calls and home visits, but also

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Mass Schedule -

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:15am

**Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri
9:00am in Chapel**

Parish Office Hours:

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Monday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sacramental Information:

Reconciliation

Mondays—7:00 p.m. Held in Chapel each week with parishioners to wait outside Parish Office door until it is your turn.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents/legal guardians are to call Parish Office to schedule preparation. Baptism preparatory classes are held in the Resource Center the second Thursday of each month. Baptisms will be private ceremonies and need to be scheduled.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you are thinking about marriage in the next 6 months, it is time to contact the Parish Office. After speaking with the Office, you need to register for a Diocesan Pre-Cana session. Visit the diocesan website to find more details: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/marriage-preparation>

Anointing of the Sick

As an aid to comfort and strengthen the sick, the sacrament is administered to those advanced in years, those preparing for surgery, and those in danger of death. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



K of C Council #9832 will be starting Breakfast again in our parish hall on **September 12, 9a.m. - 1p.m.** The next Food For Families will be on **Sept. 19.**



FAITH FORMATION: We will be having in person classes starting in September on Sunday mornings from 9:45a.m. - 11:00a.m. Registration is open and can be done via website or by calling PARISH OFFICE. All classes will be meeting on Sundays in Sept.



Online Liturgy of the Word for Children - has concluded for the year and will resume again in the fall. Thank you to those who facilitated this Ministry weekly.



The Blooming Grove Food Pantry's "foods of the month" for August include: Juice, toilet paper and laundry detergent pods. Please consider including these items with your food donations. Thank you!



VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR - Reconnect with Fellow Parishioners - St. Vincent's is offering a weekly virtual coffee hour on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Learn more on our web site: [Www.stvdepaulchurch.org](http://www.stvdepaulchurch.org)



LOAVES and FISHES GIFT CARDS - will be available to purchase after masses again but only cash and checks will be accepted. Updated list is on our website of cards available.



July 25, 2021

Written by
THE
PAULINE
DISCIPLE

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44 | Eph 4:1-6 | Jn 6:1-15

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I once saw Tony Melendez, a musician born without arms, play his guitar for the pope – with his feet – and I knew I had witnessed something exceptional, something extraordinary. We may be feeling the same way about some of the Olympic performances taking place right now. But however amazed Tony Melendez or an Olympic medal performance might make us feel, it is hard to imagine what it must have been like to experience Jesus taking a few barley loaves and fish, blessing them, and somehow feeding more than 5,000 people. How Great Thou Art, indeed! Participating in this miracle was life-changing for those who realized what Jesus had done. They were convinced, on the spot, that Jesus was a prophet, and were ready to carry him away as a king. But Jesus did not come to be an earthly king, he came to give his life for us, that we might have life with him in abundance.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

One boy gives up his lunch and Jesus feeds thousands – and there were *twelve wicker baskets with fragments left over!* Think of how God can multiply *our* gifts. Perhaps there are times we fail to share what we have, thinking it is too small to make a difference; thinking that what we bring to feed others can't possibly be worth anything. Sure, what usually happens with us isn't on a scale like today's Gospel passage, and our offering may not be "Olympic" in nature. But in sharing our gifts as Jesus calls us to – to love our neighbor and to do "small things with great love" as St. Teresa of Calcutta is purported to have said – there is no such thing as a gift or talent too small. Ask the Holy Spirit for fortitude as you strive to share your gifts.

ACTION Perhaps it's time to contact someone who has been on your mind lately. A seemingly small gesture of concern may be just the support they need right now. With the help of the Holy Spirit, perhaps you may be a source of affirmation for them, providing a catalyst that helps them discern their path more clearly.

"DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE"

great love

organizing outings and celebrations. Since Soli could not make her regular phone calls from the Sant'Egidio offices during lockdown, she told reporters June 22, younger community members set up her computer so she could keep track of the calls from home.

At the presentation of Pope Francis' message, Soli said she and her peers are on board with the pope's focus on helping humanity come out of the pandemic better off.

"We must try to direct humanity toward a better future with less selfishness and conflict and more fellowship. Yes, the future," she said. "The elderly do not only look to the past. Neither fatigue nor frailty can prevent us from dreaming for the sake of our grandchildren and for the generations to come."

Calling Catholics around the world to mark the day after "dramatic months of difficulty," Cardinal Farrell told reporters, Pope Francis invites people to embrace tenderness, especially toward the elderly, who suffered so much during the pandemic. But, he said, the day also is about "the tenderness that grandparents show toward their grandchildren, of the solid guide that the elderly can be for many disoriented children, especially in a time like the one we are living in, in which personal interaction has become rare."

"Tenderness is not just a private feeling, one that soothes wounds, but a way of relating to others, which should also be experienced in public," Cardinal Farrell said. "We have become accustomed to living alone, to not hugging each other, to considering the other as a threat to our health. Our societies, the pope tells us in 'Fratelli Tutti,' are now fragmented."

"Tenderness has a social value," the cardinal insisted. "It is a remedy we all need, and our elderly are those who can provide it. In a frayed and hardened society emerging from the pandemic, not only is there a need for vaccines and economic recovery — albeit fundamental — but also for relearning the art of relationships. In this, grandparents and the elderly can be our teachers. This is also why they are so important."

TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND ON JUNE 9, 2022, to see DAVID.

Currently all seats have been reserved for this trip. In order to maintain your reservation, a deposit of \$75.00 for each person is due prior to August 16, 2021. If there are difficulties making this payment, please contact Fr. John at your first opportunity.

The total cost of the trip is \$150. per person. We are accepting names on a cancellation list if you are interested.

To review what the trip includes: Bus leaving from St. Vincent's at 10:30a.m. Transportation to and from Sight & Sound; admission to Sight and Sound with very good seats reserved and the evening buffet at Shady Maple Restaurant. The menu includes: Beef Brisket, Fried Shrimp, Hot & Cold Steamed Shrimp, Carved Ham, New York Strip Steak, Grilled Chicken, Chicken Livers & BBQ Ribs. A array of desserts will also be available. Return to St. Vincent's will be approximately 11:00 PM.

Maintenance Position Applications Available: Due to Retire

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our parishioners born 7/25 - 8/1

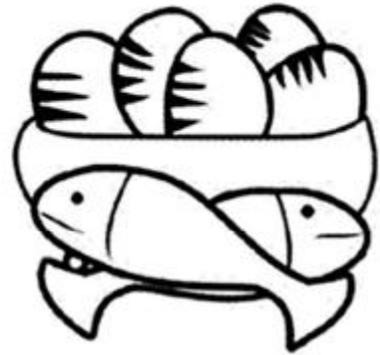
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CHILDREN'S CORNER - July 25

Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6: 11 (NIV)



Match the words in the box with the correct definition.

1. _____ A large number of persons gathered together
2. _____ Human beings -- as a group
3. _____ A cold-blooded animal with fins and gills that lives in water
4. _____ The number equal to 6 plus 6
5. _____ Opposite of large
6. _____ Bread baked in one long piece (plural)
7. _____ A male child
8. _____ A container made of woven materials such as straw or twigs

crowd
people

loaves
small

boy
fish

basket
twelve

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24- Hour Child Abuse Hotline (Childline) at 1- 800- 932- 0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenet of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator MaryBeth Pacuska at (570 862-7551) or the Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570- 207-2269).



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