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SUN, MAY 26, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	\$5,613.00
Loose	406.00
Maintenance	20.00
Total:	\$6,039.00

Cemetery	\$762.00
Ascension	\$34.00
Accent	\$15.00
Communications Media	\$80.00



ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	\$3,674.00
Loose	160.50
Children/Young Adults	20.50
Parish Improvements	5.00
Total:	\$3,860.00

Easter	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Accent	\$8.00



ST. JOHN

Adult	\$2,453.00
Loose Collection	353.00
Maintenance	5.00
Total:	\$2,811.00

Cemetery	\$507.00
Communications Media	\$60.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00



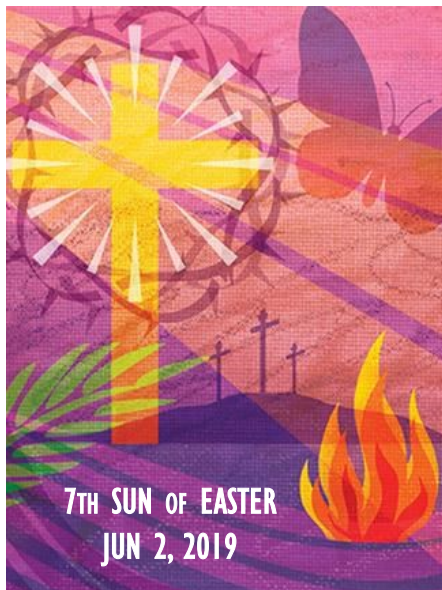
ST. RITA

Adult	\$3,816.00
Loose	443.00
Maintenance	120.00
Total:	\$4,379.00

Cemetery	\$874.00
Ascension	\$75.00
Communications Media	\$63.00
St. Anthony	\$78.00



RONI SALSA, OF BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES, is here THIS weekend, speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling crucifixes, religious art, and rosaries - made of olive wood native to Israel and Bethlehem. Proceeds benefit the needy in the Holy Land and Middle East. For more info visit www.bcfmission.com or www.landofpeace.org.



Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

We have different expressions we can use when we leave. "Good-bye" comes from a prayerful desire: "God be with you." "Farewell" is a wish for good health. "So long" admits that time will pass and absence will be felt. "See you later" tries to soften the departure with the knowledge that those who are separating will be together again.

On Ascension Thursday we remembered the departure of Jesus from his earthly contact with his followers. He could have said

"Good-bye" or "Farewell" if this were really the end. But instead he said, "I am with you always, until the end of the age." This was better news than "See you later." In leaving, Jesus said he was not really leaving. He would remain present at all times.

In this spirit we read confidently from the concluding chapter of the Book of Revelation. John hears a voice saying, "Behold, I am coming soon." Jesus, who ascended but remained present in some mysterious way, announces his return. And the Church cannot wait. "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' Let the hearer say, 'Come.' The one who gives this testimony says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen! Come, Lord Jesus."

Jesus is ever present to us, yet we await the fullness of his coming. In the days before Pentecost, let us keep our hope alive, our confidence firm, and our voice strong. "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus."

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

TUE: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

WED: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

THU: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

FRI: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

SAT: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

SUN: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

What's Happening at home

IC Holy Name will hold a pancake, buckwheat, sausage breakfast on **SUN, JUN 2** in Sciberras Hall from 7:30-11:30am. Adults \$5.50, children 9/under \$3.

IC Holy Name will meet on **MON, JUN 3** at 7pm in Sciberras Hall.

St. Rita Christian Mothers will attend 8am Mass at St. Rita on First **FRI, JUN 7** as a group. A breakfast meeting will follow in Bucci Hall. Anyone wishing to become a member of St. Rita Christian Mothers should call Rita Pratt at 628-2249.

ST RITA STREET FAIR

St. Rita's Street Fair will be held on **THU, FRI, SAT, JUL 11-13**. If you can volunteer in any way, please call Paul Mongell at 626-0946. If you can help in the kitchen or with food, call Rita Pratt at 628-2249.

Fair tickets have been mailed out. Please return your ticket stubs plus \$30 if you purchase all the tickets. Make sure your name/phone number are on the stubs. You may drop them in the collection basket or take them to the Devivo Centre. Additional tickets are available at the office.

Donations are being accepted to help defray food costs. Cash or checks payable to St. Rita and marked "food fair donation" can be put in the collection basket or given directly to Rita Pratt.

Anyone wishing to donate a themed raffle basket, items or monetary donations for a raffle basket for the St. Rita Street Fair should call Patty Merendino at 628-4051. Items must be new. You may drop your basket off at Bucci Hall on **MON/TUE, JUL 8/9** from 5-7pm.

The impulse to pray comes from God. So even before we begin to pray, we have received a precious gift from the Lord. We must never worry about how to pray or put it off until we really have time to dedicate to prayer. Instead, we can imitate Jesus. In the Gospel today, Jesus is dining with his friends. Recognizing the need for God's strength and wisdom, Jesus simply glances toward heaven and speaks from his heart: Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one. With those clear words, Jesus accomplishes two beautiful things: he models for us how to pray; and he actually prays for us. Right at that very moment - and always - he prays for each and every one of us.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are needed for **SAT 5pm Masses** at St. Aloysius. To volunteer, please call the Brady Centre at 277-4236.

Bible study, FRIs after 8:30am Mass in St. Al's social hall.

Our graduating seniors (high school and college) will be honored with a special blessing on **SUN, JUN 9** at St. John's 11:30am Mass. Seniors are asked to dress in cap and gown and meet in the social hall after 11am.

The choir from Saint Joseph Church of Everson will be presenting traditional Polish hymns next **SUN, JUN 9**, beginning at 11:10am at Saint John the Evangelist, and will then join with the parish choir to sing for 11:30am Mass.

IC'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY



FRI, JUN 14, 4-10pm

Fr. Dennis Bogusz will be playing polkas from 5-8pm

SAT, JUN 15, noon-9pm

Mass at 4pm

Music by Abacus Jones, 5-8pm

Ethnic food, gift baskets, bingo, kids' games, cake wheel & more

For more info call 880-5885

Requesting donations for the Chinese Auction. List items included + \$-value. Drop off at IC, **MON-THU, JUN 10-13**, from 5-9pm.

Please call Linda @ 628-9146, Christa @ 880-9666 or Becca @ 787-7875 for more info or questions.



Congratulations to **ROBERT CLARK**, son of Russell & Danielle Baird, baptized **MAY 26** at St. Aloysius.



It is the end of another catechetical year, and I am left once again in complete gratitude for this community of faith. Last week, I

reflected on those leaders who make Youth Group the extremely intentional and fulfilling ministry that it is. This week, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made our Foundations of Faith ministry a success this year.

It takes quite a team of leaders, catechists and volunteers to make Foundations of Faith happen every month. Feeding over 150 adults and children physically AND spiritually is no easy feat! But somehow our phenomenal team pulls it off EVERY month!

With so many families involved, we need to make reminder phone calls. Thank you to Rachelle Bielstein, Nikki Holonich, Kathy Oglevee and Brenda Shaffer for keeping our families informed!

Thank you to Geibel Catholic Junior Senior High School and Conn Area for the use of your facilities throughout the year. Both Geibel and Conn Area are extremely accommodating to us and positively support our efforts as we seek to create and cultivate disciples. Without their support, we simply would not have the room to do what we do!

As you enter the Geibel doors with your family in tow, Lisa Andursky, Lou Ann Lauffer, Chris Sparks and Linda Sparks are there to greet you and check you in. Registration always goes smoothly thanks to them. They also make sure that our parents receive any handouts or information they may need. They are our organizers! We desperately rely on them. Thank you!

As you enter the cafeteria, Ethan Keedy and his team from Keedy's Pizzeria are there to serve you dinner. Dinner is different every month, and Ethan has been EXTREMELY generous in his portion sizes as well as financially (there is NO WAY he makes ANY money with what he charges us)!!

Bill Martin also is a huge help to us before, during and after dinner as he assists with set up and clean up. He also makes sure that our drinks are always replenished. Thank you Bill!

Bill Colvin is another lifesaver. I am NOT technically minded, but thankfully Bill is! Bill sets up and runs all of our videos, slides and pictures throughout the night. He is often found at his station eating while simultaneously making sure everything on the tech side is running efficiently and seamlessly. He spends a lot of time prior to Foundations of Faith putting everything together and making sure that it is working ahead of time, for as you know technology is our friend **WHEN IT WORKS.**

Thank you Bill!

As soon as we are ready for our breakout groups, our adults are ready to lead our children to their learning activities. Jan Spotts makes sure that we have childcare available for our infant-age 3 group in her Preschool Room. This way, our adults can be fed spiritually and have free childcare! If you can't leave your child with Jan Spotts, you might as well not trust them with ANYONE! Thank you Jan.

Our catechists are another group of individuals who deserve special recognition. Kimberly Adams, Patrick Calinao, Judy Colvin, Nikki Holonich and Debbie Mastowski lead our children every month in their various learning activities and stations. These 5 amazing individuals are emailing me throughout the month so that we can have our lesson plans, crafts, music, games and prayer experiences ready to go. Many times, they are texting me pictures of the ideas they have for our next faith night, and can often be found in their living rooms late at night making their ideas come to life. Thank you for loving our children and for all that you do!

We also have many phenomenal adults who volunteer by leading our groups of children around to each learning station. Keeping their schedules

handy, they are in charge of their particular group and help our youth participate in their activity at each station. Whether it is lending a hand by threading rosary beads, filling out worksheets or even taking them to the bathroom; our adults make sure everyone is kept safe and on task. Our Youth Group grades 6-12 also serve as these types of volunteers, taking time out of their busy school week and various extracurricular activities to be leaders and mentors to our Prek-5 youth. I hesitate to mention each and every one of you by name, because invariably I will miss someone!! After all, we have over 30 adults and youth that makes this aspect of the evening happen. But PLEASE know you are providing a beautiful ministry for our young Church. Thank you!

I would like to thank Lisa Andursky for the MANY hours she spends preparing for our Foundations of Faith evenings; from making phone calls, to putting together at home Bible packets for our families, purchasing our supplies and organizing them, coming early to set up, keeping me on task, packing up extra food, and cleaning up at the end of the night. This woman is a wonder worker. Thank you Lisa.

I would also like to acknowledge Father Bob and Father Dan. As busy as they both are, they always make it a point to not only attend but be involved in our faith nights. They will literally do ANYTHING I ask of them to make sure that these faith nights are a success for our faith community. They truly desire these evenings to be the BEST that they can be in order for our families to encounter God and build community. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Lastly, thank you to our families who make these faith nights a priority. We realize that you live insanely busy and hectic lives, yet you put Christ at the center of it all. Thank you for taking the time to strengthen your faith.

Christ's peace
and our Mother Mary's love,
Mary Sampey





Nar-Anon will meet on WED, JUN 5. in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

There will be a People of Life presentation with Georgette Forney on SAT, JUN 8 at Crosskeys Health Services Community Center, Brownsville, from 12:30-3:30pm. All are welcome for the free lunch and informational discussion of abortion issues and spiritual healing and reconciliation in today's culture. Please register by MON, JUN 3 by calling Mary Ellen at 837-0901 x1336. A 4pm Mass will follow the event at the Church of Saint Peter, Brownsville.

The Youth Group from St. John/St. Joseph in Scottsdale will sponsor a Father's Day Spaghetti Dinner on SAT, JUN 15, St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 5-8pm. Cost is \$8 for 13+ and \$4 for 12 & under.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. DAN WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED HIS LICENTIATE IN CANON LAW (JCL) FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA.



I would like to take a moment to thank all of the parishioners and the staff who have encouraged and supported me along this long journey of completing my further studies, which has been seven years in the making. I am especially grateful for your support during my absences from the parish including during the summers, as well as encouragement on my thesis and during Latin class. Most especially I'm grateful to Fr. Bob who had to bare the brunt of extra work when I was not available.

With gratitude to you,
my dear parishioners,
Fr. Dan



YOU CAN SIGN UP STARTING TODAY to make your appointment to have your picture taken for our new Church Directory. **Someone will be available after Masses.** Sign-ups will continue after weekend Masses on JUN 8/9 and 15/16, or by calling the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

YOU MAY SIGN UP ONLINE at www.ucdir.com. Just click on the yellow sunburst icon, enter church code PA824. Password is photo.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES ARE:

at St. Rita's Bucci Hall
TUE-FRI, JUN 18-21, 2-8:30pm
SAT, JUN 22, 4-10pm

at St. John's Moravek Hall
TUE-FRI, JUN 25-28, 2-8:30pm
SAT, JUN 29, 4-10pm

IN BETWEEN: we all find ourselves there from time to time - sometimes uncomfortably. Like in between money coming in and money going out, earning income and paying bills. In between customer and manager, diner and chef: any honest server trying to serve both. In between theory and practice, ideal and reality: everyone from parents to pastors. Ask the kids - or parishioners!



This Sunday, in between Ascension and Pentecost, reminds us we're in between Jesus' departure and glorious return - sometimes uncomfortably.

Though Jesus promises in Revelation, "I am coming soon," Acts shows Stephen tragically called home first. But Pope Francis urges us not to become "sourpusses," as if living Gospel love is impossible in between. Today's Gospel shows Jesus praying for those about to betray, deny, and desert him, but also praying "for those who will believe in me through their word." US! "So that they" - WE - "may all be one."

Please pray for the repose of the souls of CAROLINE BROOKS (mother of Jon Brooks) and BETTY GARRISON (sister of Peggy Zadell), who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

**Due to IC's festival,
on SAT, JUN 15
these Masses will be changed:
IC @ 4pm
St. Rita @ 6pm**



E.J. Duritza, the newest addition to our prayer list.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS:
Please contact Chris Sparks
by **SUN, JUN 16** at 628-7510 or
crsparks1@zoominernet.net
with dates you are **UNable** to
serve in **JUL/AUG**.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, JUN 3		ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
8:00am	St. Rita	George Ryan, Jr. (Janie & Daughters)
8:30am	St. Al	Dolores Klotz (Sandra Lincoln)
TUE, JUN 4		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. John	Dailey Family (Betty, Carole & Judy)
8:30am	St. Al	James Edward Brown, Sr. (Bill & Mary Wilson)
6:30pm	St. Rita	St. Anthony Novena
WED, JUN 5		ST. BONAFICE, BISHOP/MARTYR
8:00am	St. Rita	Kathy Herbert (Son, Don, Shelley & Family)
	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, JUN 6		ST. NORBERT, BISHOP
8:00am	IC	Nick Soldano (Wife, Connie & Family)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Sophia Vaslavsky (John & Paula Bell)
FRI, JUN 7		EASTER WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Norma Brooks (Rick & Janine Brooks)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	H. (Lou) Durbin (Lori Lamanna)
SAT, JUN 8		PENTECOST VIGIL
4:00pm	St. Rita	Anthony & Frances Martray (Daughter, Frances & Grandchildren)
5:00pm	St. Al	Harry & Dorothy Lizza (Don & Mary Jane D'Amico)
6:00pm	IC	Aurora & Alejandro Perez, Carmelita Perez, Teresita Collado (The Calinao Family)
SUN, JUN 9		PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Tony & Jennie Conte (Daughter, Rita, Granddaughter, Toni)
9:00am	St. Al	Janice Wildnauer (Regina Hughes & Sensus Customer Service Team)
9:30am	IC	Pro Populo
11:30am	St. John	Rose & Thomas Maglanes (Daughter, Lisa Ware)

Altar flowers at St. Rita are in memory of Charles and Gertrude Grosso, given by Children, Sonny, Arlene and Anita.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUN 8				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUN 9			
	ST. RITA-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	L Geary Z Zimmerman	C Baldwin C Baldwin	G Holonich M Grimm	T Barrett E Armstrong	A Mongell N Mongell	A Bandemer I Burd	R Knizner D Piasecki
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SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

OF THE SPIRIT'S STIRRINGS IN THE
CONNELLVILLE- DUNBAR METROPLEX!

LOST IN THE MISTS OF TIME: Early in May an Immaculate Conception parishioner came to weekday Mass in Dunbar. As she explored the grounds she made an interesting discovery, one that had eluded my "eagle eyes." There was a time capsule buried in front of the statue of the Blessed Mother that was to be opened this August. Knowing that the present church had been built in the late 1960s my first thought was that it was buried THEN, to be opened on the 50th anniversary of the building. After going out to investigate myself I realised that my initial thoughts were completely **WRONG**.

As can be plainly seen in the photo below the capsule was buried on the "125th Anniversary" of the parish in 1994.



I was immediately taken aback; quickly doing the math in my head I deduced that AD 1869 was being used as the founding date. I had always understood the parish's founding to be LATER than that. (An understanding that preceded my assignment to Dunbar; having done MUCH genealogical research for myself and for others, I had a familiarity with the Saint Aloysius sacramental books.) And OF COURSE I would be personally **AGHAST** if I had let such an im-

portant anniversary go uncelebrated! (Although everything is NOT up to the Pastor; It would have been incumbent upon parishioners to organise an anniversary committee and move forward.)

Further research revealed a VERY FAMILIAR problem when dealing with parishes founded in that time period (and earlier): Precise records are just NOT extant. IF they ever existed at all. The same problem obtained when trying to determine the correct year for Immaculate Conception's sesquicentennial. In a recent conversation with the editor of the Catholic Accent he said the same thing. Basically, a date to celebrate has to be arbitrarily chosen. Whereas with newer parishes (Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Rita of Cascia) we have the decrees canonically establishing the parish, in most instances - if ever such decrees even existed - we have NOTHING.

Last week I decided to consult Fr. Andrew Lambing's magisterial "A History of the Catholic Church in the Dioceses of Pittsburg [sic] and Allegheny from Its Establishment to the Present Time." The book was published in 1880 and is a FASCINATING read for anyone interested in the Catholic history of central and western Pennsylvania. The author, Msgr. Andrew Lambing, was the brother of the Very Reverend M. A. Lambing who was Pastor of Saint John the Baptist in Scottdale from 1879 until his death in 1931 (and also Vicar General of the Diocese for some time).

Msgr. Lambing writes: *The congregation of Saint Aloysius' and the village also owe their origin to the presence of a blast-furnace built there a few years ago, which naturally*

drew a number of laborers to the place, the greater part of whom were Irish Catholics. Mining and coke-burning have since added to their number. Mass was first celebrated by Father Waters [the first Pastor of Immaculate Conception] in March, 1869, and from that time forward he visited the place once in the month on a week-day. In 1873, when the congregation had increased considerably, he began to visit it once in the month on Sunday. But the distance from Connellsville did not prevent the better disposed among the people from going there to Mass occasionally.

[I have blibber-blabbered too much; I will continue next week!]

COVER PHOTO: On *Cinco de Mayo* (5 May) our second graders made their First Communion. (One girl got sick and didn't make hers until a fortnight later.) I am only now sharing the First Communion photo as I was in the midst of highlighting the Easter work of the Environment and Art people at the four churches on the bulletin covers (something I didn't want to interrupt, even for one week, because ... well, you know how people can be!) and I didn't want a small version on the inside pages; a momentous event such as receiving the Lord Jesus for the first time definitely deserves the **FRONT PAGE!**

Please continue to pray for these boys and girls (their names were in the bulletin the week following the celebration) and for their FAMILIES. Father Dan and I have been DELIGHTED over the past weeks to give many children their second, third, and even fourth communion! For us as priests **NOTHING** is sadder than seeing a child make their FIRST COMMUNION only hardly ever to return.