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**To our visitors...** If you are just passing through, we are glad you chose to worship with us. If you are seeking a new church home, please know there is always room in our pews and a place in our hearts for you.

### DEVIVO CENTRE

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MON-THU 8:30am-noon / 1-4pm  
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**SAT-SUN, JUL 27-28, 2019**  
**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Adult .....	\$5,884.00
Loose .....	615.00
Maintenance .....	20.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$6,519.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$198.00
Accent .....	\$66.00



**ST. ALOYSIUS**

Adult .....	\$3,632.00
Loose .....	140.00
Children/Young Adults .....	11.00
Parish Improvements .....	30.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$3,813.00</b>



**ST. JOHN**

Adult .....	\$2,525.00
Loose .....	178.00
Maintenance .....	30.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$2,733.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$98.00



**ST. RITA**

Adult .....	\$3,596.00
Loose .....	429.00
Maintenance .....	30.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$4,055.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$116.00
Accent .....	\$15.00



**ASSUMPTION SCHEDULE**  
**WED, AUG 14 Vigil**  
**6pm @ St. John**

**THU, AUG 15**  
**8am @ Immaculate Conception**  
**12:10pm @ St. Rita**  
**7pm @ St. Aloysius**



**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

**THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Where you live determines how you live. If you live in an apartment, you have to be mindful of your neighbors. If you share a homeowners' association, you have to follow its rules. Even if you have a private home in a gated community, you have to pay taxes and keep up with the bills.

Where do you live? No, not your address. Not the apartment number. Not your street or neighborhood. Not the town you chose because of its beauty or proximity to work. Where do you live? You live with Christ.

The Letter to the Colossians calls Christian brothers and sisters those

who "were raised with Christ." And it tells them, in a beautiful phrase, where they live: "Your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Because we were raised with Christ, we live above, and we should seek the things that pertain to life above, not to life below. "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

We have a classy address. We live with Christ in God. Where we live determines how we live. We put aside the wants of the earth: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed. We adopt the way of freedom and unity. It's good for the neighborhood.

We are hidden with Christ in God. We are so close to Christ, that when he, our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory.

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**ORDINARY TIME** is the part of the liturgical calendar that falls outside the major seasons such as Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. It is the time when we focus on the things Jesus said and did throughout his time on earth, rather than on the major events of His life.

Most of the days in our own lives are happily ordinary as well. They are times filled with the ordinary love and hope and fear of daily life.

The liturgical color of **ORDINARY TIME** is green, which symbolizes growth. This is a time when we explore what it means to live daily in faith, a time of growth as we explore everyday sacredness.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**MON:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

**TUE:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

**WED:** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

**THU:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

**FRI:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

**SAT:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**SUN:** Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]



# What's Happening at home

will be **MON, AUG 5** at 6:30pm in Bucci Hall. At least one parent is to attend with their child.

If you're going on the **SAT, AUG 10** bus trip to see "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theatres, these couple details are important!

Any questions, call Guy Rose @ 880-5885 or Pat Rose @ 880-4919.

♦5:30am - pick up at the Polish Club (Cvllle City parking lot).

♦8pm - arrive back in Cvllle.

**St, Rita Holy Name** will meet in Bucci Hall on **SUN, AUG 11** after 8am Mass. New members are always welcome. Coffee and donuts will be served. Remember, "Unity makes strength".



**Harvest Fest at St. Aloysius???** Anyone interest in helping with a Fall fundraiser, please attend a meeting on **MON, AUG 12** at 6:30pm in St. Al's social hall. Other items discussed at the initial fundraising meeting held in JUL will also be reviewed.



Congratulations to **HENRY SCOTT**, son of Scott and Mary Marra, baptized JUL 28 at IC.

**St. Al's FRI morning Bible Study** needs a flat screen TV to watch teaching videos.

There are usually about 15 in attendance. Please call the Brady Centre at 277-4236 if you can help.

There will be special IC 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items for sale after Masses this weekend.

**Upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents:** A reminder that the mandatory parent/child informational meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation

will be **MON, AUG 5** at 6:30pm in Bucci Hall. At least one parent is to attend with their child.

**Fall training dates for new and current Altar Servers are:**

<b>THU, SEP 12</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>SA</b>
<b>MON, SEP 16</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>IC</b>
<b>TUE, SEP 17</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>SR</b>
<b>SAT, SEP 21</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>SA</b>
<b>TUE, SEP 24</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>
<b>SAT, SEP 28</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>IC</b>

New servers are asked to attend 3 of the trainings; current servers are asked to attend 1.

While it may be better for a new server to attend a practice at the church where they will most likely be serving, it is not necessary - they may attend any 3 of the practices.



Anyone interested in becoming a server is asked to please call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

As part of their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, Bishop Malesic will have a 5pm Mass at IC on **SUN, SEP 8**.



Following the Mass you are invited to a special Anniversary Dinner at the Fountain Mills Event Center, in Scottdale, beginning at 6:30pm with hord'oeuvres. A free shuttle from the church to the dinner will be available after Mass.

Reserve your dinner ticket **NOW** by calling Christa @ 880-9666 or Becca @ 787-7875.

Adults: \$25. Children under 10: \$10.

This info was not included in last week's bulletin insert of the IC Festival basket winners.



**PITTSBURGH PIRATES BASKET**  
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Nar-Anon will meet on WED, AUG 7 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

St. Pius in Mt. Pleasant will hold a Flea Market in their social Hall, on FRI, AUG 9, from 9am-noon and 6-8pm, plus a Bag Sale on SAT, AUG 10, from 9am-noon.

Bishop Malesic will lead a celebration of the diocese's patronal feast, the Feast of the Assumption, THU, AUG 15 at the Christ Our Shepherd Center near Greensburg. The bishop will celebrate Mass at 7pm in St. Joseph Chapel then lead an outdoor candlelight procession with recitation of the rosary in multiple languages.

Visitation Christian Mothers will be holding a Clothing Sale at their community center on FRI, AUG 16, from 9am-noon and 6-8pm, plus a Bag Sale on SAT, AUG 17, from 9-11am.

St. Pius will hold an After Parish Festival Turkey Dinner on SUN, AUG 18, 11:30am-2pm, catered by Leo and Sons Grille 31. Adults \$12/ children 10 & under \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Family Hospice-Fayette is looking for individuals to help patients live out their final days as best they can. A variety of volunteer opportunities is available. You may get more info on how you can experience the joy of giving of yourself for this special need by calling 439-1610.

St. Vincent Basilica in Latrobe will hold a 12-session Catholic Divorce Support Group on WEDs from 7-9pm beginning SEP 18 for those who are currently going through a divorce or already divorced. They will use *Surviving Divorce* videos and workbooks from Ascension Press, a trusted Catholic publisher. Some of the topics covered will include how to deal with depression, anger, money, family, forgiveness as well as church teachings on dating, annulment and remarriage. A modest registration fee covers all materials. Find help and hope through hearing from and sharing with others in similar circumstances. For more info/to register, contact Teri Pomerleau at 539-8629, x15 or [tpomerleau@stvincent.edu](mailto:tpomerleau@stvincent.edu).

The deadline to submit your personal ad/picture for IC's keepsake anniversary book has been extended JUST A BIT. Forms are available at the back of IC Church and at the DeVivo Centre.



You can submit a hard copy or email directly to Stefano Printing at the address shown on the form, but you must do so NOW.

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**USING OUR TIME WISELY.** A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old.

Honey is very different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and beans so we don't waste even one.

We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce.

Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety.



Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION.** Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins.

Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate our foundational faith today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries.

We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Moz-

arabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been!

The existence of so many liturgical families reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.



Hank Adair, Victoria Altimus, Arlene Argiro,

Scott Aronhalt, John Auer, Maureen & Stephen Austen, Peter Babyak, Janice Bailey, Al Balow, Heather Bardin, Meghan Bayer, Scott Bell, Maya Bennett, Marissa Bercik, Reanne Berger, Seth Beveridge, Scott Bigley, Anise Black, Betty Blacka, Jeffery Blystone, George Bordas, Gail Boucher, Devin Braddock, Mary Bredesen, Brian, Michael Brienza, Quinn Bukovac, Divinia Calinao, Bob Camilli, Jamey Camp, Margaret Carbonara, Kay Caringola, Grace & Larry Carroll, Cecil Casini, Anthony Cecchini, Toni Cellurale-Kuhlman, Mallory Chaikcic, Patty Check, Anthony Colatch, David Coldren, Heather Collins, Jack Conko, Steve Conko, Cindy Costello-Ford, Rose Cowan, Angelo Crocetti, Gloria Cross, Ron & Donna Cross, Robert Cumberland, Pat DeCara, Frank Decker, Debbie Del Sordo, Aidan DeMarco, Lavonne Dillinger, Paul Dillon, Albert Disson, Joyce Doppelheuer, Agnes Dowling, Sandy Drury, Mike Dunaway, Cathi Dunn, E.J. Duritza, Alberta Dusha, Melody Dynes, Ronald Egnot, John Emanuel, Charlotte Eutsey, Ron Farina, Michael Farris, Michelle Farris, Joan Fattori, Sandra Fletcher, Frankhouser & Hager Families, Cameron Frame, Sr., John Frick, Jason Friguglietti, Nicholas Gaborko, Christopher Galik, Marge & Ralph Galley, Robert Gallo, Sr., Jean Gallo-Ciscon, Machaela Garlowich, Greg Garred, Sr., Timmy Gibbs, Barry Glotfelty, Tanya Gray, Allie Guilian, Garrin Haggerty, Paul Hammaker, Jim Haney, Connie Hatter, Betty Healey, Nancy Heinbaugh,

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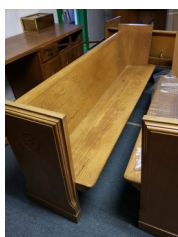
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Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. *Colossians 3:11*



We have 4 pews from the St. Rita Convent Chapel for sale. Proceeds will go towards renovation of the school building. 2 are 62" inches long and 2 are 77". They will be sold at the highest reasonable bid.



(Born Again Pews, a manufacturer of church furniture, suggests \$45/foot.) If interested, call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of CATHERINE LIZZA and FLORA MCGUINNESS, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

MINISTERS: Please call/email Chris Sparks with any dates you are UNable to serve in SEP/OCT. 366-0677 or crsparks1@zoominternet.net

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, AUG 5		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Loretta Martinchalk (Rita & Richard Show)
8:30am	St. Al	James Brown, Sr. (John & Ruth Tabaj)
TUE, AUG 6		TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
8:00am	St. John	A.F. & Jane Mongell & Family (Jim Mongell)
8:30am	St. Al	Brent Blake (Pat & Ann Trimbath)
WED, AUG 7		ST. SIXTUS II, POPE & COMPANIONS & ST. CAJETAN, PRIEST
8:00am	St. Rita	Barbara Masciarelli (Vito & Jean Martucci)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, AUG 8		ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST
8:00am	IC	Louis Czajkowski (Wife & Daughters)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Sturge Hughes (The John Leonbruno Family)
FRI, AUG 9		ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN/MARTYR
8:00am	St. Rita	Deceased Members of the Kezmarsky Family (Tom & Sue Kezmarsky)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Rita Cole (Light of the Cross Prayer Group)
SAT, AUG 10		VIGIL/ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON/MARTYR
4:00pm	St. Rita	Robert A. Wallander (The Wallander Family)
5:00pm	St. Al	John Ziska & Grandson, Stephen (Esther, Cheryl & Jim)
6:00pm	IC	Ted & Marie Pavlosky (Children & Grandchildren)
SUN, AUG 11		19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Pro Populo
9:00am	St. Al	Mary & Pete Coretti (John & Ruth Tabaj)
9:30am	IC	Louis Czajkowski (Wife & Daughters)
11:30am	St. John	Charles Durket (Judy Schroyer)

Altar flowers at St. John are in memory of Anthony (Barney) Kostelnik, given by Stephanie and Antoinette. Flowers at St. Rita are in memory of Deceased Members of the Kezmarsky Family, given by Tom and Sue Kezmarsky, and in memory of Anthony Dellavechia, given by Family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUG 10				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUG 11			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	E Bohinski Z Zimmerman	C Baldwin C Baldwin	A Berish P Scarry	M Waggett E Armstrong	O Tabaj C Tabaj	G Schradel H Bechtold	E Prestia J Prestia
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	G Bohinski R Pratt M Pieczynski	S Lincoln M Vinoverski J Goodwin	J VillaNeuva M VillaNeuva P Daniels	C Waggett L Sparks D Gephart	K Martray T Dull T Grover	M DeFazio J Miller B Molitor	D Siecinski J Speeney L Martin
CROSS BEARERS	J Domer	W Trimbath	M Martray	E Kozel	F Vinoverski	L Tomasko	L Thomas
LECTORS	A Davin	J Grover	L Galiardi	R Kozel	D Decara	S DeSimone	E Knizner
ROSARY		P Herron			E & D Gmitter		



# RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR

SHOUTS THE

## GOOD NEWS

OF THE **SPIRIT'S** STIRRINGS IN THE  
CONNELLSVILLE- DUNBAR METROPLEX!

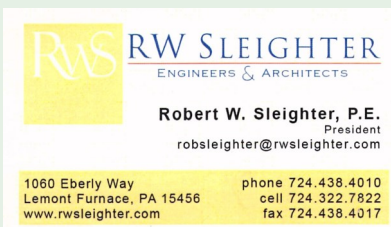
**LAST CALL!** Time is running out for family and business ads for the commemorative Immaculate Conception Sesquicentennial book. The ads will help defray the cost of the printing. They also provide an opportunity to share family/parish pictures and memories. This will hopefully become a **TREASURED** keepsake for future generations!

Please drop off your ad material at DeVivo Centre. If you need a form contact the office (628.6840) and one will be emailed to you. If you have any questions please contact Stefano Printing at 277.8374.

**SAINT ALOYSIUS LANDSCAPING:** The parish "Angel Team" responsible for the BEAUTIFUL landscaping wants to publicly thank the following businesses for their donations:



(THE BEAUTIFUL  
"SAINT ALOYSIUS"  
MARQUEE STONE)



(MULCH)

We encourage parishioners (and other friends!) to patronise these generous businesses!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Last week, after only one night of VBS, I wrote about what a success it was. Those words proved true for the entire week! The Fayette County Fair seemed to have impacted attendance slightly the last two nights but overall everything was **PHENOMENAL!** We had the biggest showing YET. (I deliberately chose that word, trusting that we will grow and grow and grow with each passing year!) Thanks to Mary Sampey, Lisa Andursky (Mary's **FANTABULOUS** - but oft-unsung - behind-

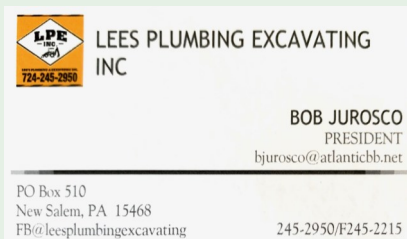
the-scenes doer-and-fixer) and their INCREDIBLE team of adult and youth volunteers. What truly AMAZES me is the help that comes from people who even't OUR parishioners! It seems that far and wide people realise that the SPIRIT is **A-MOVIN'** in the Jewel of the Yough and its Dunbar-Dawson-Leisenring-West Leisenring suburbs!!!!!!

**COVER PHOTO:** As I continue my seemingly NEVER-ENDING research into the early history of Catholicism in the Jewel of the Yough I have made contact with descendants of John McGrath, one of the first and most prominent Catholic residents of Connellsville. Ellie Lieb, his last DIRECT descendant (at least as far as I can ascertain), left town a few years ago and moved to Montana. As I sought to connect others to him, descendants I assumed to be nieces/nephews (with a few "greats" preceding) I eventually was put in touch with a great great granddaughter of James who had a wealth of information on the family, including the portrait of James McGrath that is featured on this week's bulletin cover. She also provided the "missing link" that verified my hunch about the above mentioned nieces and nephews. As I suspected our recently-deceased eldest parishioner Polly Trump was a great great niece of James McGrath, the great granddaughter of his brother Dr. Francis McGrath of Pittsburgh. THAT story is full of tragedy and I feel awful that I didn't have the opportunity to share all that I learned with Polly.

The photo of Mr. McGrath comes from the book "Members of the Veteran's Association, Pittsburgh Division, Pennsylvania Railroad" published in 1902. I assume that the date refers to when he became a member of that organisation as it clearly is NOT the date the photo was taken (he would only have been in his early 20s in 1857).



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