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## SUN, MAY 19, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult .....\$6,860.00  
Loose .....410.05  
Maintenance .....52.00  
**Total: .....\$7,322.05**

Cemetery .....\$64.00  
Ascension .....\$7.00  
Accent .....\$10.00  
Communications Media .....\$370.00



### ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult .....\$4,310.00  
Loose .....146.00  
Children/Young Adults .....11.00  
Parish Improvements .....55.00  
**Total: .....\$4,522.00**

Communications Media .....\$145.00



### ST. JOHN

Adult .....\$2,788.00  
Loose Collection .....171.00  
Maintenance .....10.00  
**Total: .....\$2,969.00**

Cemetery .....\$10.00  
Communications Media .....\$237.00



### ST. RITA

Adult .....\$3,580.00  
Loose Collection .....501.00  
Maintenance .....17.00  
**Total: .....\$4,098.00**

Communications Media .....\$260.00  
St. Anthony .....\$27.00



### Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23 LIGHTS OUT

A power outage eliminates the usefulness of many appliances. Computers and mobile phones have batteries, but they have to be charged. Kitchens rely on electricity for food preparation. The garage door opener fails. And, of course, the lights go out. In fact, people sometimes describe a power outage in those terms: "Our lights went out." Much more went out, but the lights mean more to us than anything else.

Before electricity, the sun and the moon provided much-needed light. Without them, life would have been unthinkable.

So when the Book of Revelation envisions living in a world without sun and moon, the image is inconceivable. But here was a city gleaming like a jewel, fortified with walls, and penetrated by twelve magnificently harmonious gates, named for the tribes of Israel. Revelation says the heavenly bodies served no luminous purpose for this new Jerusalem. "The glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." No other light was needed.

Each of us has known a time when the glory of God was our only light. Our lives were dimmed by loss of income, friends, authority - or electrical power.

When the light of our eyes finally closes, when the gathering darkness of death envelopes us, one light shall shine to dispel our fear and bring us home: the light of Christ.

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### FINAL DLA TOTALS - GREAT job everyone!!!

IC \$48,585 of \$38,133 = 127.4% SJ \$20,451 of \$18,319 = 111.6%  
SA \$31,541 of \$26,715 = 118.1% SR \$39,315 of \$34,301 = 114.6%



RONI SALSA, OF BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES, will be with us NEXT weekend, speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling crucifixes, religious art, and rosaries - all made

of olive wood native to Israel and Bethlehem. Money aids needy families in the Holy Land and Middle East. For more info visit [www.bcfmission.com](http://www.bcfmission.com) or [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org).

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

TUE: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

WED: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

THU: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension);

FRI: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

SAT: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

SUN: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



# What's Happening at home

**St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on TUE, MAY 28, beginning at 8:30am in Bucci Hall, to make meatballs for the Street Fair.**

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.



**Coming soon! The FIRST OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PICTURE DIRECTORY! We'll**

soon be announcing details of how you can sign up to receive a FREE large family portrait and help out our entire Catholic Community. A picture directory is one of the most helpful ways members have of coming to know each other and of celebrating the life of a church community. Watch the bulletin for full details of about this new and exciting project that will benefit us all.

**Please remember STEVEN MONACO, SYLVIA POCKSTALLER, the newest additions to our prayer list.**

**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.**

**Families in Faith meeting at St. Al's after 9am Mass on JUN 2.**

**Our graduating seniors 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.



Congratulations to MACKENZIE PAYERCHIN & TIM ZEIGLER, who were married at IC on MAY 11.



Congratulations to JACKIE LAPISARDI our newest member of the Catholic Church, and her sponsor/husband FRED. Jackie received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist from the unforgettable Fr. Bob!



**It costs \$500/cemetery to cut the grass at St. Aloysius and St. Vincent DePaul cemeteries.**

Please be generous in your donations in your cemetery envelopes to help with this upkeep.

**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.**

## IC'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY



**AT THE FESTIVAL BUILDING**

**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-WED, JUN 10-12, from 6-8pm.**

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



Recently our Youth Group celebrated another fantastic year of growing in faith and community with one another at Trailside Treats. As you can tell by the picture, our tightknit group became even closer this catechetical year!

Thanks to our growing number of young people regularly attending, we were able to have two break-out groups (grades 6-7 and grades 8-12).

Andrew Shroyer, Melissa Pieczynski, and Sherry Schradel led our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders through the Dynamic Catholic Program entitled *Decision Point*. This program not only helps our young people begin preparing for Confirmation in their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, it also helps them begin to discover how to be the best version of themselves by following God's unique plan for each one of them.

This was Melissa's first year on our team, and I have to say she is the craft, icebreaker and game QUEEN! She never ceased to amaze us with her creativity, excitement, and desire to take time out of her already busy schedule for our youth. Thank you Melissa!

Sherry Schradel returned as a leader this year. Although she only came through RCIA a few short years ago, Sherry stepped up immediately as a youth leader, sharing her love for teaching and as well as her personal testimony that continues to inspire both the youth and adults! Sherry also welcomed another son this year to her family, and regularly brings the clan to Mass with a

smile on her face and pure joy in her heart. Thank you Sherry!

Andrew Shroyer was "thrown to the lions" in a sense for his first full year of ministry as he was the staff member put in charge of our junior high group. With his ever growing love of young people and empathy for all around him, he developed authentic relationships with each of our youth. He was ready and eager to listen, and our youth were comfortable sharing with him many times throughout the year. Thank you Andrew!

Patrick Calinao graciously and willingly returned with me (aka the dynamic duo) to take on our 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade group. We enjoyed every single second with our "babies." Some of these young people have been in our group since we started (almost 5 years ago), and because of that there is an amazing bond, friendship, and level of comfort between us that we are constantly grateful for. I want to thank you Patrick for never leaving me and always being there for our youth!! These kids absolutely love you, and it shows. Thank you for being my best friend and partner in crime.

We also had to say goodbye to one of our extremely dedicated and active seniors, Anthony (Tony) Pouliot. Honestly, Tony could be a youth leader himself at this point. We already told him that when we get too old for Youth Ministry, he is taking over! Tony had a POWERFUL testimony at the end of our last night together, sharing with our group how grateful we should all be to

have such an active and alive parish community. He also instructed our youth that their faith is not just about youth group meetings, but rather being followers of Jesus out into the world! He continued by saying that our faith must permeate our lives by giving EVERYTHING we have to Christ and the Church. He also shared that we should all follow God's unique plan for each one of our lives, saying YES to God in HIS timing. Wow! If only ALL of us had this kind of FIRE and LOVE for Jesus! What a different world it would be. Thank you Tony!

Last but certainly NOT least, a special thank you to Lisa Andursky, our phenomenal Administrative Assistant, who makes sure that EACH AND EVERY ONE of our Youth Group meetings, events, and volunteer opportunities go off without a hitch. Lisa is always ready and willing to serve. She also makes the best brownies in the world (just ask the Youth Group). Thank you Lisa for your friendship and dedication to God's Church.

We look forward to seeing our youth this summer at VBS, Cedar Point, the Church Summer Festivals and the occasional bonfire! Thank you to all of our youth and especially to all of our parents who make Youth Group a priority. YOU serve us just as much (or more) than we serve you! We love our young Church!!

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





Congratulations to MAREN LOUISE, daughter of Thomas & Abby Hann, baptized at St. Rita on MAY 18.

*God's Blessings on  
the Anniversary of  
Your Ordination*

**FR. BOB**  
**23 YEARS ON MAY 18**  
**FR. DAN**  
**6 YEARS ON JUN 1**

**We are so grateful and blessed  
that God has called you both  
to serve among us.**



Congratulations to EVAN MICHAEL, son of Adam & Ashley Palko, baptized at IC on MAY 19.

**Children's Liturgy  
Of the Word**

**As we break for the summer, we'd like to thank our Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministers.**

Their children's Bible lessons plus the liturgy bulletins create beautiful and necessary faith conversations in our families.

This ministry allows our youngest members to begin learning and living God's Word on a level they can understand.

**Our Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministers are:**

<b>CINDY BALUCH</b> <b>TRACY &amp; GARY BOHINSKI</b> <b>KATHY GRENALDO</b> <b>BRITTANY JOHNSON</b> <b>BECCA RICHTER</b>	<b>JULIE RITTENHOUSE</b> <b>MARY KATHERINE SABATULA</b> <b>SHERRY SCHRADER</b> <b>HEATHER SPEENEY</b>
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*If anyone else would like to take part in this very fulfilling ministry, please contact Mary Sampey at 628-6840.*

During the summer, CHILDREN'S LITURGY BULLETINS will be available in the back of the churches.

**LAST TIME IN THE BULLETIN...**

Please complete the form so we have your current email address. Put in the collection basket or mail/drop off at the Brady or DeVivo Centres. **OR email to [ktweardy@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ktweardy@dioceseofgreensburg.org)**. If you don't have email, please indicate "NONE".

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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Annunciata #260 will meet on TUE, MAY 28 at 6pm in St. Rita's Bucci Hall. Open to all Catholic women. For info and membership please call 628-7553.**

**Nar-Anon will NOT meet on WED, MAY 29.**

# ASCENSION DAY SCHEDULE

WED, MAY 29

ST. JOHN 6PM VIGIL

THU, MAY 30

ST. RITA 8AM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 9:30AM

(Conn-Area/Geibel)

ST. ALOYSIUS 12:10PM

NO EVENING MASS

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of CHARLES HELMS, who died recently. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

**Altar flowers at IC are in memory  
of William (Bill) Swan,  
given by wife and family.**

# MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, MAY 27		ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP
8:30am	St. Al	Diane Bryner (Sandra Lincoln)
9:00am	St. John	Leonard G. Liptock (Misconin & Sheehan Families)
		<b>Note change of time and location for this Mass.</b>
TUE, MAY 28		EASTER WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. John	Robert Slagle & Deceased Members of the Stephen Yourich Family (Clara)
8:30am	St. Al	Cecilia Neighbors (Pat & Ann Trimbath)
6:30pm	St. Rita	St. Anthony Novena
WED, MAY 29		EASTER WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Frank & Marie Smarto Dunaway & Families (Mary Kay)
	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
6:00pm	St. John	VIGIL FOR ASCENSION
		Charles R. Dowling (Dolly Haky & Families)
THU, MAY 30		ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:00am	St. Rita	Jeannie, Monica, Fred & Deceased Members of the Parr & Sarko Families (Jeanine)
9:30am	IC	Kathleen Andyjohn (Jeff & Patty Hinton)
12:10pm	St. Al	Mary Ellen Watson (Aunts)
FRI, MAY 31		VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00am	St. Rita	Ann Flockvich (Bob & Cookie Flockvich)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Genevieve Logan (M/M Rich Blout & Jace)
SAT, JUN 1		ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR
11:30am	St. Al	Confession
		VIGIL
4:00pm	St. Rita	Raymond Furnier (Wife, Lorraine Furnier)
5:00pm	St. Al	Andrew Hornick (Wife, Rose)
6:00pm	IC	Brittany Daniels (Grandparents, Tom & Patty Daniels)
SUN, JUN 2		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am	St. Rita	Charles & Gertrude Grosso (Children, Sonny, Arlene & Anita)
9:00am	St. Al	Michael Maddas (The Randy Johnston Family)
9:30am	IC	Jim & Anna Stefano, Steve & Helen Susa (Jim & Stephanie Stefano)
11:30am	St. John	Pro Populo

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUN 1				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUN 2			
	ST. RITA-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	S Harbaugh K Daniels	C Tabaj O Tabaj	H Bechtold M Speeney	M Waggett E Bohinski	J Hustosky J Hustosky	J Sapola L Keller	L Kalivoda C Jones
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	D Grenaldo M Sabatula K Grenaldo	T Nedrow J Goodwin M Vinoverski	J Villa Neuva M Villa Neuva P Daniels	G Lembo J Lembo N Lembo	J Laurion T Grover J Grover	P Akers M DeFazio S Reagan	E Smith N Holonich J Speeney
CROSS BEARERS	J Domer	W Trimbath	M Martray	E Kozel	R Barron	A Silbaugh	L Tomasko
LECTORS	M Dunaway	S Lincoln	M Lazor	J Malone	B Martin	N Keller	A Shoemaker
ROSARY		Volunteer			Carol Johnston		



## RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR  
SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

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

### GOD IS GOOD (AND SO IS *GUILT* ...

**SOMETIMES)! It appears that the healthy dose of "Catholic Guilt"** (some may have different, less polite, words to describe what I wrote) I liberally sprinkled in this space last week, had its desired effect and a number of people **HAVE** stepped up to assist with the Immaculate Conception festival. Unfortunately I don't believe these are people new to volunteering in the parish. I am **MOST GRATEFUL** that my little nudge spurred them to step up *again*. **THANK YOU!** I would be even **MORE** delighted if new faces would step up! (To be fair, I have to recognise Patty and Guy Rose, **NEW FACES** who are heading the festival committee this year. **THANK YOU!**)

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ANNIVERSARY

**BOOK:** I had a meeting yesterday with Pat Stefano, who is head of the committee (actually he **IS** the committee!) putting together the commemorative book for the sesquicentennial. Soon (and very soon) information will be forthcoming about family and business ads. These will cover the cost of the book so that it can be provided free of cost to our parishioners. The adverts will also provide parishioners opportunities to share their pictures/memories of the parish.

I **INTEND** (and we all know what they say about good intentions) to write the **DEFINITIVE** history of the parish as part of this book and as my personal contribution to this important anniversary. Please pray that I actually take the time to sit down and (metaphorically) put pen to paper.

### SPEAKING OF SESQUICENTENIALS ...

**VERY** recently the question of the

founding date of Saint Aloysius parish has come to the fore. Anyone who would be **SO SILLY** as to suggest that Fr. Bob - **GREAT LOVER OF LOCAL HISTORY** that he is - would deliberately choose to overlook an important anniversary of one of his *children* obviously does not **KNOW** said Fr. Bob. Sadly, I have run out of room to adequately address the issue in this week's Rambles (I don't necessarily write the column in the order that you read it; I might - as I did this week - write about the cover photo **FIRST**, even though I put it **LAST**). Additionally I need to do some more research before diving in. Stay tuned!

**COVER PHOTO:** Last, but certainly **NOT** least this week we feature Saint John the Evangelist "all dressed up" for Easter. What would an Easter display be *without* a statue of the Risen Christ? The statue features prominently at Saint John this Easter season.

A statue, of course is nothing but an *image* which reminds us of an important or beloved individual. There is nothing inherently special about a statue. And, despite centuries of "fake news" from the ill- and uninformed, Catholics do **NOT** worship statues! One could think of a statue as nothing but a three-dimensional photograph. We all *treasure* photos of our loved ones but we certainly do not **WORSHIP** them!

Mere feet away from the Risen Christ statue at Saint John's there is something (some**ONE**) whom we indeed **DO** worship. If you have been in that particular church during this Holy season I **HOPE** you aren't scratching your head at this point. Even if you haven't been there



I want to believe that the answer is a no-brainer. But in case there is **ANY** doubt I include this photo (I am resisting the temptation to make it even **MORE** obvious by circling it with a big red marker).

As Catholics we **FIRMLY** believe that in the Eucharist the **RISEN PRESENCE** of Christ is with us. Not as a symbol. Not as a metaphor. Not as a sign. Not as a memory. But **REALLY AND TRULY**. No ifs, ands, or buts. And **HIM** we **DO** most certainly worship!

Unfortunately, I didn't get a shot closer to Easter when the original abundance of flowers was present. However, the photo I took this morning (Tuesday, 21 May) illustrates some important realities. First, as the Easter season progresses, the flowers diminish. As nature takes its course we don't replace each and every one; symbolically this diminishing represents the passing of the season. We begin at Easter - and the whole of Bright Week - positively **OVER-FLOWING** with floral finery. Gradually, however, the flowers die off and the display becomes less and less impressive. Then, at Pentecost, a new explosion of **RED** flowers finishes off these most glorious 50 days. Second, the original flowers (that went home their maker) were cleverly - and economically - replaced with some of the beautiful rhododendrons that adorn the Saint John grounds.

Many thanks to Stephanie and Toni Kostelnik, Lorraine Monahan, Eugenia Loyal, Patty Relovsky, and Susan Whetsel who "did up" the worship space for Easter. And throughout the year the above mentioned **PLUS** Joe Simko, Ken Monahan, Paul Herchko, Ed Ermine, Vern Ohler, Jim Haun, and John Relovsky slave away to keep the grounds looking **SPECTACULAR**. Because of that constant attention to the grounds the parish has the ability to use its own home-grown flowers as the Easter Season progresses!