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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	·\$4,550.00
Loose ·····	429.00
Maintenance ······	
Total:	\$5,000.00
Cemetery ·····	\$31.00
Ash Wednesday ······	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Holy Thursday	\$39.00
Good Friday	\$74.00
Easter	\$300.00

ST. ALOYSIUS
Adult\$3,838.00
Loose
Children/Young Adults ·······15.00
Parish Improvements
Total:
Easter Flowers ······\$35.00
Holy Thursday\$245.00

ST. ALOYSIUS - APR 21

Adult	
Loose ·····	
Children/Young Adults …	····· <u>16.00</u>
Total: ·····	•\$2,953.00
Easter Flowers	
Holy Thursday	
Good Friday	
Easter (Adult) ······	•• \$4,925.00
Easter (Children)	·····\$21.00
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<u>St. John</u>
Adult\$1,810.00
Loose Collection
Maintenance ····································
Total:\$2,127.00
Cemetery\$10.00
Lent\$30.00
Easter \$331.00
Holy Land\$25.00

<u>St. Rita</u>

Adult	
Loose Collection	
Maintenance	
Total: ·····	···\$4,917.00
Cemetery	\$71.00
Ash Wednesday ······	\$5.00
Easter Flowers	
Holy Thursday	\$24.00
Good Friday	\$21.00
Easter	\$420.00
Home Missions	\$20.00

3rd SUN of Easter MAY 5, 2019



Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Living a Different Law

During the 1960s many Americans pressed for civil rights through civil disobedience. They broke the laws they thought were unjust, to force the creation of new laws. As a result, greater freedoms came for all Americans.

When Peter and John preached the good news of the resurrection, they were arrested and stood trial before the Sanhedrin. They had disobeyed the law. The rulers had asked them not to talk about Jesus, but they "filled Jerusalem" with their teaching. In reply, Peter and John did a very clever thing. They preached about Jesus to the Sanhedrin. "God exalted Jesus as leader and savior to grant forgiveness of sins," they said. They disobeyed the law again, right in the face of the legislators.

The religious freedom that exists in most countries of the world came at a dear price. Believers spoke out in the face of oppression. Many of them suffered imprisonment. Some of them died. But their cause has endured. One of the most basic human rights is to speak about what one believes.

There may be times when your faith prompts you to speak up. You may put yourself at risk by doing so. You may be criticized. You may even be arrested. But you will have the happiness that comes from beliefs so strong they cannot be kept quiet.

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DIO	CESAN LENTEN APPE	AL - current to 4/	30/19
IC	SA	SJ	SR
DLA Goal	DLA Goal	<u>DLA Goal</u>	<u>DLA Goal</u>
\$38,133	\$26,715	\$18,319	\$34,301
Pledged \$42,910 (113%)	Pledged	Pledged	Pledged
\$42,910 (113%)	\$27,521 (103%)	\$18,368 (100%)	<u>Pledged</u> \$34,865 (102%)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
TUE:	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
WED:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
THU:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; n 6:44-51
FRI:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
SAT:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
SUN:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30



IC Holy Name will meet MON, MAY 6 at 7pm in Sciberras Hall. All men are welcome.

IC/St. John ladies will be making pirohi on TUE, MAY 7 and cabbage rolls on TUE, MAY 14 in St. John's Moravek Hall, after 8am Mass.

Extra hands are always welcome. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of ingredients, you may put it in an envelope marked "IC Festival" and put it in the collection basket, or mail/take it to the DeVivo Centre.

Please pray for JOSEPH RANKER and AMY ZVARA, the newest additions to our prayer list. Bible study, FRI after 8:30am Mass in St. Al's social hall.

St. Rita Holy Name will meet SUN, MAY 12 in Bucci Hall after 8am Mass. New members are always welcome. Remember, "Unity makes strength."

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

St. Rita Christian Mothers welcome donations to help defray food costs for the upcoming Festival. Cash, or checks payable to St. Rita and marked "Food Fair Donation" can be dropped in the collection basket or given directly to Rita Pratt.





the repose of the souls of LEOLA BRODERICK (mother of Bob Broderick),

HARRY DAVIS (father of Katherine Grenaldo), LOU DURBIN (fiancé of Toni Schiavoni), DOLORES JONES, JIM SANKOVICH (brother of Tom Sankovich) and MARIAN STOCKMAN, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

There is a nice assortment of rosaries, medals and prayer cards at the DeVivo Centre, free to anyone who needs/wants them.



St. John's fundraising committee extends a grateful thank you to those who donated food items, raffle baskets, made monetary donations, and most importantly donated their time to make pirohi for the recent Lenten Pirohi Sale, and/or helped prepare and serve food for the Spring Chicken Dinner. The kindness and support of those who made purchases helped make both events a success. Combined profit was \$4,739.52.

Please join Fr. Dan for his 'virtual tour' of St. Peter's Basilica on THU, MAY 9 in St. Rita's Bucci Hall, starting with pizza at 6:30pm.

Come be immersed in the beauty, art, history, architecture, and theology of the largest and



most important Church-building in Christendom!

When Fr. Dan studied in Rome he gave tours of St. Peter's Basilica for 3 years and he is excited to use technology to share that experience and his passion for the Universal Church with you!

IC's Festival will be held FRI/SAT, JUN 14/15 at the IC Festival building. CLEARANCES ARE A MUST. If you need help with securing your clearances, just call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840. St. Aloysius' Calendar Party is set for SUN, OCT 13, beginning at 1pm. If you'd like to help, or if you have a donation for the Chinese auction, please call the Brady Centre office at 277-4236 and let them know.



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH

THE EUCHARIST: THE ULTIMATE SOUL FOOD!

This weekend, 32 children in our faith community will be receiving the Eucharist for the very first time! My own daughter, Ava, is among them. What a tremendous gift our Catholic faith is to us! We should NEVER take for granted that Jesus comes to us in this way.

This year in particular, we seem to have an extremely faithful group of parents and young people. I see them attending Mass regularly as a family and being involved in parish faith formation and other service opportunities. I thank each and every one of you for making Sunday (and Jesus) a priority in your family.

Without a doubt, Sunday is Jesus' favorite day! Although we often take the Mass for granted, it is a great privilege to go to Mass EACH Sunday. The Mass is the ultimate prayer. It is the perfect way for us to gather together as a community of believers and praise God. The Mass is our celebration of forgiveness, thankfulness and love. The Holy Mass is an encounter with the love and goodness of God! At Mass, the family of God listens and places their faith and trust in Him.

But we don't just come to Mass to

pray as a community. We also get to participate in the Supper of the Lord. At Holy Mass, we believe Jesus becomes present in the bread and wine through the consecration. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of the risen Jesus while retaining their physical appearance of bread and wine. This is a sacred mystery. The Eucharist is also an ongoing sacrament. In Eucharist, we are strengthened and nourished. We remember the past, celebrate the present, and place our hope in the future.

The Eucharist is spiritual nourishment. Your soul gets hungry just like your body gets hungry! It's easy to tell when your body gets hungry. But when our souls get hungry, we become restless, impatient, angry and selfish. But most of all, we find it harder to do what we know we should do.

When our souls get hungry, we NEED TO FEED THEM.

The Eucharist is the ultimate soul food!

You feed your body every day. You don't wait until its starving before you feed it! You have a regular routine. We NEED a routine for feeding our souls too! This routine includes daily prayer, reading Scripture, grace before meals, service to others and of course Sunday Mass.

God wants us to feel loved. When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, it is a special moment of God's love. Receiving Holy Communion is an incredible gift that we should never take for granted!

Jesus died for us on the cross and saved us from our sins. That is not meant to make you feel guilty; it is meant to make you feel loved! God WANTS you to remember how much you mean to Him through the Eucharist. He loves you SO much

that He wants to give Himself completely to you in Holy Communion.

We receive many gifts EACH TIME we receive the Eucharist, such as: friendship with Jesus, desire to do the will of God, cleansing of venial sins, hunger for virtue, grace to avoid sin in the future, a heart that listens to the Holy Spirit, and a desire to know and love God.

First Holy Communion is a very important moment in our lives, but EVERY TIME we receive Jesus in the Eucharist is an INCREDIBLE GIFT!

Something to think about before receiving Eucharist:

"Just think, since before the beginning of the world God was thinking about you, and His Son was wanting to come to you in Holy Communion.

He always knew what day it would be, what hour, what minute. He will not divide Himself into 32 bits of Jesus, so that the 32 children in the First Communion Class may receive a piece of Him. There is no such thing as a piece of Him. He will come to you as though there were no one there but you. Where the Holy Eucharist is, in each host, or even each piece of a Host, lesus is wholly there. He is the same God who made the heavens and the earth and all things, and who is surrounded by the angels and the saints in Heaven. He is the same lesus who was born in Bethlehem, and the same lesus who died on the Cross."

May we kneel before His presence EVERY SUNDAY in humble gratitude and immeasurable joy.

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



St. Florian in Mt. Pleasant, will host a special blessing on MON, MAY 6 at 6:30pm for fire companies, EMS, police and all first responders.

An ice cream social will follow in the social hall. Thank you to those who keep us safe!

Nar-Anon meeting WED, MAY 8 at St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

> Community Flea Market, SAT, MAY II, 9am-3pm at the National

Guard Readiness Center, Cylle. Lunch will be available - eat in or

take out. Proceeds benefit our troops and veterans.

St. John in Scottdale is hosting the Vatican International Exhibit "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World" on FRI, MAY 10, 5:30-8:30pm, SAT, MAY 11, noon-8:30pm, and SUN, MAY 12, 11:30am-4pm.

The exhibit contains 126 miracles approved by Bishops of the Catholic Church. A Children's Corner with crafts/material will be available, as well as media/ books for sale.

Visitation parish Pre-Festival Dinner on SUN, MAY 19 in their community center, 11:30am-3pm. Catered meal by Leo and Sons Grille 31, will include stuffed chicken, roast beef, salad, potato, vegetable, breadsticks, dessert and beverage. Adults \$12, Kids 10 and under \$6. Eat in or take out. Visitation parish, Mt. Pleasant, is selling its 125th anniversary cookbook for \$20, which includes a free e-book.

The book features 500 recipes, Slovak and other local traditions, and the history of the parish. To order, call the parish office at 547-1911 or send check or money order for \$25/book (includes shipping and handling) to Visitation Christian Mothers, Visitation Church, 740 W. Walnut Street Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666.

Meals on Wheels in Fayette County is in serious and immediate need of volunteers to deliver specifically in the Connellsville City area. You can deliver whenever fits your schedule and we are happy to train you. If you can help fill this need, please call Patti, Director of the Connellsville Area Senior Center, at 626-1515 x201.



"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." *Revelation 5:12*

It's "Tee Time"! Conn-Area Catholic will hold their 22nd Annual Golf Outing on SUN, JUN 9, at Pleasant Valley Golf Club. Please show your support of the school through a sponsorship or as a golfer. Sponsorships start at \$75 for a tee-sign or sponsor one of our bigger packages and treat your friends to a day

on the golf course. The \$100 cost/golfer includes hot dogs, endless beverages, goodie bag, sleeve of golf balls, buffet dinner, and a door prize. For more contact Ceal Solan at 628-5090 or email at csolan@connareacatholic.org.



Please complete the form below so we can update your info in our database with a current email address. If it is easier for you to send us an email instead, please send it to ktweardy@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Completed hard-copy forms may be put in the collection basket or mailed/dropped off at the Brady or DeVivo Centres. If you don't have email, please indicate "NONE".

NAME		_
CHURCH	ENVELOPE #	
EMAIL		_

To everyone who has already completed this request, we thank you so much! But we've heard from only about 150 FROM ALL 4 PARISHES! Please, if you would be so kind as to RSVP by the end of MAY, you will help us keep YOUR contact information current. Did you like what you saw at the Easter Vigil? Do you think that perhaps you or someone you know might wish to explore becoming Catholic? Call Mary Sampey at 628-6840 or Molli Vassar at 366-9552 to find out more.

Altar flowers this weekend at IC are in loving memory of Rita Ross, given by Kathy, Tina & Michael.

Flowers at St. Rita are in memory of Anthony Cataldi, given by Joe Turek & Rita Baluch.



Please contact Chris Sparks at 628-7510 or crsparks 1 @ zoominternet.net if you cannot serve when scheduled.

		MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS				
MON, MAY	′ 6	Easter Weekday				
8:00am 8:30am	St. Rita St. Al	Pauline & Mike Esper (The Paul Clarkson Family) Joseph Wallace (Regina Hughes & Jeff & Ryan Butela)				
<u>TUE, MAY</u>	7	Easter Weekday				
8:00am 8:30am 6:30pm	St. John St. Al St. Rita	Robert & Jacob Rugg (Helen B. Rugg) Angelo & Eleanor Alesantrino (Chad & Tabitha Gallis) St. Anthony Novena				
WED, MAY	8	Easter Weekday				
8:00am	St. Rita St. Rita	Andrew & Matthew McLaughlin (Mom & Dad) Adoration until 4:30pm				
<u>THU, MAY</u>	9	Easter Weekday				
8:00am	-	McCarthy & Smith Families (Jim & Anna Smith)				
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions				
8:30am	St. Al	Eleanor & Joe Habina (Emmett & Ruthann)				
<u>FRI, MAY</u>	10	St. Damien de Veuster, Priest				
8:00 am		A Special Intention (Kevin & Lou Ann Lauffer)				
8:15am		Divine Mercy Chaplet				
8:30am	St. Al	Anna Giobbi (Connie (Bell) Connors)				
<u>SAT, MAY</u>						
1:30pm	IC	Wedding of Mackenzie Payerchin & Tim Zeigler VIGIL				
4:00 pm	St. Rita	All Mothers, living & deceased				
5:00pm	St. Al	All Mothers, living & deceased				
6:00pm	IC	All Mothers, living & deceased				
<u>SUN, MAY</u>	12	Fourth Sunday of Easter				
8:00am		All Mothers, living & deceased				
9:00am		All Mothers, living & deceased				
9:30am	IC	All Mothers, living & deceased				
11:30am	St. John	All Mothers, living & deceased				

If family members wish to take up the gifts, please be sure to check with the ushers before Mass.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY II			MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 12				
	St. Rita-4pm	St. Al-5pm	ІС-брм	St. Rita-8am	St. Al-9am	IC-9:30am	St. John-11:30am
ACOLYTES/	Z Zimmerman	C Baldwin	A Berish	G Joseph	A Mongell	M Pascoe	B Petrone
SERVERS	K Daniels	C Baldwin	S Pleva	E Bohinski	N Mongell	G Zavatchan	K Burncheck
Extraordinary	L Sparks	S Lincoln	E Aquino	D Gephart	J Laurion	P Akers	D Siecinski
MINISTERS	R Pratt A Hann	P Herron Volunteer	J Villa Neuva M Villa Neuva	N Stasia L Kozel	J Wallace T Dull	E Loyal M DeFazio	L Martin E Smith
CROSS BEARERS	J Domer	J Trimbath	O Spotto	C Joseph	F Vinoverski	D DePaul	N Gaudiello
LECTORS	G Panzella	T Nedrow	V McDowell	T Kezmarsky	D Pierce	R Lazor	T Severin
Rosary		P Herron			D & E Gmitter		



HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! (Easter Recap *part deux*):

Last week I STARTED to write about our Easter celebrations but unfortunately I ran out of space. I guess I shouldn't be so long-winded. (I'm sure there are a lot of 'AMENS' being quietly - or maybe NOT so quietly! - mumbled by those who have had to suffer through my Saturday evening/Sunday morning long-windedness!) I hope no one will be offended if I use this space to CONTINUE my dissertation on Holy Week/the Paschal Triduum/ Bright Week ...

SAINT ALOYSIUS: Perhaps the most **FANTABULOUS** aspect of this year's Triduum was how seamlessly our newest family member "joined the party." I have to admit that I was quite nervous about putting the axe to the Triduum in Dunbar. I was fearful of an ugly backlash. (Although the behaviour of the parishioners of that idyllic parish thus far had given me no LOGICAL reason for apprehension. Any fear was solely a result of my own human weakness.) However, my understanding of the Church's liturgical praxis inexorably led me to such seemingly radical move, the consequences thereof be d@mned!

In the final analysis I was amply rewarded for my decision. Not only did I see many familiar Dunbar faces at the Triduum services at Immaculate Conception, but even more importantly there was *ministerial* participation by Saint Aloysius parishioners! At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening siblings Abbie and Nathan Mongell served. On Good Friday we had John and Will Trimbath. At the Great Vigil Faith Vinoverski was an Altar Server and her grandmother Marsha Vinoverski served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. How fitting as Amy Vinoverski (Faith's mom and Marsha's daughter-in-law) was received into full communion with the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church during the "Mother of all Vigils"!

If I have not yet said so, let me say now - LOUD AND PROUD - people of Saint Aloysius I **LOVE** you for how whole-heartedly you have become ONE with us!!!!!

<u>MORE</u> SAINT ALOYSIUS: The 9am Palm Sunday Liturgy in Dunbar was **AWESOME!** I didn't realise this, but apparently this was the very FIRST time that the parish experienced the proper Procession with Palms where the congregation gathers somewhere outside the church. The weather was iffy; a few light, brief rain showers manifested between 8:30 and 8:50. But when it came time to gather in front of the maintenance shed ALL WAS WELL! Thanks to all whose hard work made this happen!

EVEN MORE SAINT ALOYSIUS LOVE! In what I saw as a smart *political* move, as a trade-off for axing the Saint Aloysius Triduum I resurrected the Good Friday outdoor Way of the Cross. To be honest it wasn't really ME who resurrected the Stations. It was the hard word of Dave and Sue Ballard who made possible the resumption of this venerable Dunbar tradition. (I actually remember leading the stations up the hill many years ago for Conn-Area students one Friday afternoon!)

Once again, "April Showers" threatened to derail the whole enterprise. However, the hearty group who had gathered weren't about to let a few raindrops *dampen* THEIR enthusiasm! Thus we had a WONDERFUL and PRAYERFUL experience. I was especially moved that City Church member (and Armstrong Cable on-air personality) Crystal Britt joined us.

BRIGHT WEEK: I'm not sure WHAT happened but this year marked the BEST response to my YEARLY Bright Week **PLEA** in the seven years since I assumed this pastorate! Every day we had from at least 60 to in excess of 70 souls wholeheartedly continuing the celebration of Easter Day. The Bright Friday Liturgy at Saint Aloysius hosted what I have to imagine was the church's largest crowd EVER for a Daily Mass!

Thanks to Patrick Calinao for emceeing and to Bob Broderick and Levi Graft for splitting the organist/ cantoring duties between them.

COVER PHOTO: Considering that we pull out all the stops at Easter in terms of the appearance of our churches I thought this an appropriate time to highlight the work done by our Environment and Art folks. Thus I intend to devote 4 covers during this season to Easter displays in our 4 churches.

Since so much of this week's column was devoted to the newest member of our family let's start with Saint Aloysius. Today's cover features a simple yet elegant display of the Risen Christ on the right side of the Altar of Sacrifice. Flowing water is aptly included, reminding us of the intimate connection betwixt Easter and the Sacrament of Baptism. For it is in the Living Waters of the Font that the Lord's triumph over the grave becomes OUR victory.

Thanks to Terri Grover, who along with her husband Rob and daughter Angela Bailey, beautifully prepared the worship space for the glorious Easter Solemnity!