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SAT-SUN, JUN 29-30, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	\$5,528.00
Loose	256.00
Maintenance	40.00
Total:	\$5,824.00
Cemetery	\$120.00
Ascension	5.00
Accent	20.00
Peter's Pence	\$657.00



ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	\$3,484.00
Loose	235.00
Children/Young Adults	25.00
Total:	\$3,744.00
Peter's Pence	\$454.00



ST. JOHN

Adult	\$2,935.00
Loose Collection	255.00
Total:	\$3,190.00
Peter's Pence	\$264.00



ST. RITA

Adult	\$4,005.00
Loose	492.00
Maintenance	5.00
Total:	\$4,502.00
Cemetery	\$30.00
Peter's Pence	\$474.00

SAT-SUN, JUL 6-7, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	\$3,848.00
Loose	1,039.00
Maintenance	478.00
Total:	\$5,365.00
Cemetery	\$15.00
Accent	\$5.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00



ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	\$3,723.00
Loose	187.00
Children/Young Adults	4.00
Total:	\$3,914.00



ST. JOHN

Adult	\$2,372.00
Loose Collection	166.00
Maintenance	309.00
Total:	\$2,847.00
Cemetery	\$10.00
Peter's Pence	\$90.00



ST. RITA

Adult	\$4,189.00
Loose	646.00
Maintenance	461.00
Total:	\$5,296.00
Cemetery	\$10.00
Accent	\$15.00
Peter's Pence	\$27.00



Deuteronomy 30:10-14 DIFFICULT DECISIONS

The most difficult decisions to make are the ones where we cannot tell right from wrong. We feel drawn by one solution, but we are not sure why. Are our motives pure? Is the reason we find one option attractive a reason that is ignoble? Or are we truly choosing what is good for ourselves, for those we love, and for those we do not know.

Sometimes a decision is hard because both options seem bad. We do not want to choose because we will feel sad once we make the choice. But not choosing also brings its frustration and sorrow.

When the answer is not clear outside us, we turn inside ourselves. We pray. We ask God for a sign. We look for some clear direction. Sometimes God is silent. Sometimes God speaks.

Moses told his people that the task is not as hard as they might think. God's command is not up in the sky. You do not have to look for someone to go up there and bring it back. God's command is not across the sea. You do not have to find someone to cross over and get it. No, God's command is something very near, "already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

If we live our lives in the spirit of the gospel, we know what the answers to our dilemmas should be. We only have to carry them out.

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of
BEATRICE BABURA, RITA COLE and JAMES DEMARCO, who died recently.
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 - 11:1
TUE:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
WED:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
THU:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
FRI:	Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
SAT:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
SUN:	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

What's Happening at home

St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on **MON, JUL 15 at 8:30am** to help clean up Bucci Hall and the kitchen after the Street Fair.



St. Aloysius is establishing a **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**. The first meeting will be held in the social hall on **MON, JUL 15 at 6:30pm** for all interested in participating. If you cannot attend the initial meeting but want to be part of this committee, please call Joy at 366-7568.



Join us for VBS **"ROAR: LIFE IS WILD. GOD IS GOOD"** **MON-FRI, JUL 22-26 at Geibel, 6-8pm**. Registration is **FREE!** Children who have just completed grades PreK-grade 5 are welcome. You do **NOT** need to be Catholic, or a member of one of our 4 parishes! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At VBS Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration forms can be found at all churches, plus on our website and at the DeVivo Centre. To be guaranteed a t-shirt, YOU MUST register by MON, JUL 22. Come ROAR with us!!

Youth who have just completed grades 6-12 can earn volunteer service hours. Adult volunteers are also needed. If you're 18+, you **MUST** have all your clearances.

St. John's 125th Anniversary Committee will meet **TUE, JUL 30 in Moravek Hall at 6:30pm**. The parishioners of St. John will be participating in a **125TH ANNIVERSARY SILENT FESTIVAL** to raise funds to be used to defray costs for the activities during their year-long celebration. Parishioners should have received a letter explaining the details of this fundraising event. If you have **NOT** received your letter, please call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

Hopefully parishioners will come forward to give of their time and talent to serve on the anniversary committee.



St. Rita Christian Mothers will attend the 8am Mass at St. Rita, as a group, on **TUE, JUL 16**, in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. New members will be installed at this Mass. If women from any of our parishes would like to become a member, please call Rita Pratt at 628-2249. Following Mass there will be a breakfast at the Connellsville Canteen.

POOL PIZZA PARTY for the Children's Choir will be **SUN, JUL 21**, at Tom/Debbie Mastowski's home, **2-5pm**. RSVP to Deb ASAP at 412-582-5048

The Cat's Meows of IC Church are selling for **\$15**. They will be available at the Flea Market and after Mass on **SAT/SUN, JUL 27/28**.



IC is hosting a flea market on **SAT, JUL 27** in their festival lot., **9am-2pm**.

- ♦ Reserve a table for just \$10 by calling Mary at 628-1764
- ♦ Bring your own items
- ♦ Sell your own items
- ♦ Keep the \$\$ you make
- ♦ Take home items you didn't sell

Refreshments for sale at the event

RCIA CONTINUES IN THE SUMMER!

We're still meeting with those who have recently joined the Church; we're preparing materials to help explain the Catholic Faith to those who want to know more; we're training those who will join us on the RCIA Team as catechists and sponsors; and, most importantly, we have already begun to welcome those who want to become a part of our RCIA process for the coming year. Could that be you? Could it be someone you know - your spouse, a family member, a co-worker? Talk to them and extend an invitation to "come and see". We're waiting to welcome them.

We are not on vacation!

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


Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** in 2019 to a special **Golden Jubilee Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on SUN, SEP 22 at 3pm**.



Please call the DeVivo or Brady Centres by **FRI, AUG 2** to register. Couples will receive a scroll signed by the Bishop, commemorating their special anniversary, even if they cannot attend the Mass.



**Nar-Anon will meet on WED, JUL 17
in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.**



**SUMMER
FESTIVALS**

St. John in Perryopolis will hold its parish festival on SUN, JUL 21, 11am-7pm.

Included will be ethnic foods, raffles and drawings, games and a petting zoo, plus DJ Brandy all day, the Tim Litvin Band, noon-2pm, and Ray Jay and the Carousels 3-7pm.

St. Pius in Mt. Pleasant is holding its summer festival on SUN, JUL 28, 11am-10pm. Home-made ethnic and American foods, raffles, games, bingo, Chinese auction and raffle baskets. New attractions and games in the kids area. Entertainment includes "DJ-Big Basel Productions" and "Back in Time".

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat - A Ministry to Catholic Women, will hold a breakfast on SAT, JUL 27, at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Greensburg, 9am-noon. Cost is \$20/ students \$15. To register call Brenda by MON, JUL 22 at 836-2094, or visit their website at www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form. There is NO online registration.

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.

Conn-Area Catholic School is accepting registration for the 2019-2020 school year for K-6th grade. Call 628-5090 or email the principal at csolan@connareacatholic.org to schedule a tour to learn about their Robotics program, STREAM, Greenhouse and Aquaponics program, Financial literacy program, web design, "Good Morning, Sister!" program, and so much more. The best decision you will ever make for your child is to provide them with a Christ-centered upbringing. We would like to help you with that.



Congratulations to
RIVER WILLIAM LEONARD, son of
Tyler Leonard & Kathryn Lingelbaugh,
baptized at St. John on JUL 7.



Congratulations to
Elliot Robert Werkman, son of
Justin Werkman & Staci Ridley,
baptized at St. John on JUL 7.

Dear parishioners and friends,

I have been overwhelmed by your kindness, prayers, support and generosity in my time of transition. Our celebration together was certainly for me a special and memorable time to give thanks to God for the blessing of my time in Connellsville and Dunbar. Thank you for letting me into your life; I am richer for it. I want to take a moment to thank all of you who took the time to stop by and to offer your words of friendship, encouragement and support as well as your prayers. Thank you also for any gifts and for the gift of your time. I also want to thank all those who helped prepare for and serve at the event.

My time in Connellsville has been such a blessing to me. I have loved being here and I have loved you and I certainly will miss you.

I hope that we can remain in touch! My new address is:

St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, 5900 Kennedy Avenue, Export PA 15632.

May God's blessing be with each of you!

With gratitude and prayers for each of you,
Fr. Dan





When the bishop told me last month that he was assigning me to Connellsville and Dunbar, he asked me if I had any questions for him. I couldn't

think of any. I already knew Fr. Bob, the staff, the churches, the Mass times, and even the rectory where I would be living. So while most of my friends were anxious and had lots of questions about their first assignments, I felt ready to go. I'm very grateful to be coming back here to the Jewel of the Yough for my "second first assignment".

During the last year I was working hard in Rome to complete two programs of study that I had previously begun. The first was a License in Sacred Theology (STL) at the St. John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Life. I greatly enjoyed learning about and studying not only John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" but his personalist philosophy, the importance of marriage and family life for the Church, and how it informs areas of theology such as sacraments, ecclesiology, and morality.

The second program I completed was a diploma in The Theology and Spirituality of Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI). I greatly enjoyed reading about and studying a premier modern-day theologian. I found his writings incredibly insightful and fruitful for my own reflection. For both programs, I had to complete a final thesis, so most of my

time was spent reading, researching, and writing during the last year. The 100-page thesis I wrote to complete the STL is called *Ready Player Three: Video Games, Gamer Culture, and the Family* in which I speak about the development of video games and gamer culture, their effects and challenges, and how I believe that strong family life is the best place to combat these challenges.

My 40-page Ratzinger program thesis is called *Defining Dialogue: Dialogue in the Theology and Pedagogy of Joseph Ratzinger*, in which I argue that Ratzinger's understanding of dialogue and how he employs it can help us as Catholics to know how to truly, respectfully, and seriously dialogue with other religions.

If anyone really wants to read either paper, I'm leaving a few copies in the office – just ask. Or you can email me for a digital copy. Feel free to ask me about the topics in person, but beware: you might get more than you bargained for.

Despite the workload, I still found some time to travel a bit.



With friends at the museum in Poland.

I took a pilgrimage to Poland to see where St. John Paul II lived and

worked and said Mass at the church where he was baptized.

I went to Ars-sur-Formans, France and celebrated Mass in St. Jean Vianney's (patron saint for parish priests) church.

And I travelled to Northern France with my parents to visit Paris and Normandy. I've been greatly blessed to have been in Europe for five years – it has taught me a lot about the world and how truly blessed I am to be an American.

While I greatly enjoyed my studies and my time in Rome, I'm delighted to be leaving academia and entering the real world of full-time pastoral ministry, which is why I entered seminary in the first place. This time around I'll be with you for the foreseeable future and not just for a pit stop like last summer. So far, it's just like I remember and celebrating Sunday Mass with you last weekend fit me like an old glove.

Please keep me in your prayers as my life will be much different than ever before. I've never had my own place to care for, decorate, and maintain. I'm especially nervous about the garden because I've never had one before and if I can't keep Fr. Dan's impressive garden going then I'm completely hopeless. And since I'm surrounded by Sheetz, Valley Dairy, and Wendy's, I'd better learn how to cook soon. If I don't, I'll need new pants by Labor Day.

Thank you so much for the kind welcome that I have already received. I look forward to re-meeting you all again.

God bless,
Fr. Dan



DONALD LOWRY,
STEPHANIE TOBER
and JOHN ZURICH,
the newest additions to our
prayer list.



Congratulations to CALEB MICHAEL,
son of Matthew and Katlyn Burkus,
baptized at St. Rita on JUN 29.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! to submit
your personal
ad/picture for
IC's keepsake
anniversary book. (This is NOT
the church directory!)

Any questions, call Mary at 628-1764.

JUL/AUG ministry schedules
for all 4 parishes have been posted
on the parish website
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If you need a hard-copy, please
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628-6840.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, JUL 15		ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8:00am	St. Rita	Gloria Gasbarro (Barbara Tinelli)
8:30am	St. Al	Fr. Thomas Lukac (Pat & Ann Trimbath)
TUE, JUL 16		OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
8:00am	St. Rita	NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION Living & Deceased Members of St. Rita Christian Mothers (St. Rita Christian Mothers)
8:30am	St. Al	Audrey Ludwig Hominsky (Virginia Haney & Son, Jim)
WED, JUL 17		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Margaret Shmigalsky (Ron & Joyce Shmigalsky)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, JUL 18		ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST
8:00am	IC	Charles Hampshire, Sr. (Sons & Daughter)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Tom Bell (Don & Sandy Lowe)
FRI, JUL 19		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Family & Friends of the Kesslers (Paul & Tiffanie Kessler)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Joe & Eleanor Habina (Jane & Dan Laurion)
SAT, JUL 20		VIGIL/ST. APOLLINARIS, BISHOP & MARTYR
4:00pm	St. Rita	Margaret Dursa (Mary Petzel)
5:00pm	St. Al	Carol Yourich (Cousins)
6:00pm	IC	Tommy McGuinness (Elizabeth Egnot)
SUN, JUL 21		16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Joe & Ann Mancuso & Family (Son, Joe & Wife, Joey Mancuso)
9:00am	St. Al	Bill & Esther Watson (Susan Watson & Rebecca)
9:30am	IC	Carol Lubic (Son, Fr. Bob)
11:30am	St. John	Pro Populo

Mid-week altar flowers at IC were in memory of Audrey Hominsky,
given by William Hominsky and Family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUL 20				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUL 21			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	K Daniels S Harbaugh	E Bohinski W Trimbath	A Lincoln S Pleva	D Long J Long	C Tabaj O Tabaj	A Zavatchan A Howrylak	L Kalivoda G Holonich
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	D Grenaldo K Grenaldo M Sabatula	P Herron G Bohinski S Lincoln	J Colvin J Villa Neuva M Villa Neuva	N Stasia B Bielecki C Waggett	S Smith A Trimbath K Martray	P Akers M DeFazio S Reagan	N Holonich J Kosinski A Shroyer
CROSS BEARERS	J Domer	J Trimbath	E Pleva	A Long	F Vinoverski	B Zavatchan	D DePaul
LECTORS	C Sparks	T Nedrow	B Colvin	E Long	G Heller	J Malone	M Martin
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RAMBLES & RAVES

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

GOOD NEWS

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

PARISH PROUD! In the last months I have - in addition to going on and on and on about financial matters (as the eagle-eyed reader MAY have noticed) - I have been drawing attention to the various ways in which parishioners have been showing PRIDE in their parishes. It seems a theme well worth continuing and PLENTY is/has been going to further illustrate the point ...

The past several days saw the 91st iteration of the world-famous **SAINT RITA STREET FAIR**. As I am writing before the fact I have every confidence that once again we were blessed with idyllic weather and "throngs wild with joy" (to quote Psalm 42). Without doubt this yearly tradition EPITOMISES pride in one's parish! And I am forever thankful to all the volunteers who make it happen. While there are too many to list by name I would be remiss if I failed to publicly recognise the prime movers and shakers: Paul Mongell and Rita Pratt. And a special shout-out to the 50/50 king Louis "Coochie" Maiese!

Both Paul and Rita have surpassed their 50th birthdays and recognise - even if everyone else ignores the reality - that they won't be able to RUN the show forever. If we are going to experience the CENTENARY of this hallowed event the next generations **MUST** step up and assume LEADERSHIP roles. I know that the present leadership will GLADLY mentor their successors;

that would be a MUCH better option than pretending that Paul, Rita et al will be in charge FOREVER and then being thrown in utter disarray when REALITY rears its

ugly head!

(And parenthetically - indicated by my use of *parentheses* for this paragraph - I want to address the INEVITABLE criticism directed at me. Criticism for WHAT, you might ask? Those in the *know* will realise that I committed a grievous sin by failing to write about the Fair in LAST week's column. I OBVIOUSLY didn't care enough about it to call attention to the upcoming festivities! As usual, any attempts at ascribing malicious intent to my action/inaction are totally OFF-BASE. The reality is simply that the bulletin deadline for last week was the Thursday BEFORE the last week-end of June. Which means I was writing last week's Rambles on Wednesday 26 June whilst on holiday in Deep Creek and just wasn't thinking that FAR into the future. End of story!)

Recently I have highlighted the efforts at beautifying the grounds at Saint Rita. (And a bit further back commended the team of volunteers who keep Saint John looking splendid.)



Now **SAINT ALOYSIUS** parishioners have gotten in on the act!

A group of parishioners, who wish to remain anonymous but want to be known as the first of - HOPEFULLY MANY - "Angel Teams" (more details to be forthcoming), have taken on the task of landscaping the church and rectory grounds.



A beautiful stone "Saint Aloysius Gonzaga" sign has been placed there. Other needs have been identified and work will continue.

The shrubbery around the church building, which has probably been there since the church was built, has been replaced.



While **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**, due to its geography, presents fewer opportunities, anonymous parishioners HAVE submitted plans for a new garden centered on a statue of the Holy Family in the space fronting on Crawford Avenue. Before that can become a reality, however, drainage issues on the west side of the church building need to be addressed. I am hoping that in the not-too-distant future a much more beautiful scene will greet Main Street travellers!

COVER PHOTO: First time visitors to Saint Aloysius inevitably comment on the beauty of the grounds. One of the focal points is the Padre Pio Shrine, erected during the pastorate of Msgr. McCullough, who had a particular devotion to the 20th century miracle-worker. Thanks to the tireless attention of parishioners the shrine is always IMMACULATE.

If you want a quiet place to pray, this spot is PERFECT!