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MON-THU 8:30am-noon / 1-4pm
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SUN, MAR 10, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult\$4,990.00
Loose567.69
Maintenance168.00
Total:\$5,725.69

Cemetery\$17.00
Accent\$13.00
Lent\$79.00
Ash Wednesday\$587.00
Holy Thursday\$10.00
Easter\$50.00
Home Missions\$338.00

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult\$2,612.00
Loose237.00
Children/Young Adults12.00
Parish Improvements408.00
Total:\$3,269.00

Cath. Family Religious Ed\$72.00
Ash Wednesday\$622.00
Easter Flowers\$45.00
Home Missions\$321.00

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ST. JOHN

Adult\$2,539.00
Loose Collection320.00
Maintenance113.00
Total:\$2,972.00

Cemetery\$100.00
Accent\$5.00
Lent\$90.00
Ash Wednesday\$581.00
Home Missions\$258.00

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ST. RITA

Adult\$5,146.00
Loose Collection513.00
Maintenance95.00
Total:\$5,754.00

Cemetery\$50.00
Accent\$15.00
Lent\$170.00
Ash Wednesday\$955.00
Home Missions\$307.00

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 17, 2019

Philippians 3:17-4:1 CHANGING INTO GLORY

Teachers have the special joy of watching students change. Right before their eyes, they see students begin the year one size and shape, and end the year with more knowledge, maturity, and life. They have a special role in this change, and they deserve all the thanks our society can give.

Change usually comes hard to us, but it is a necessary part of life. Some people, sadly, change for the worse. They meet the wrong friends and develop the wrong habits. They change their values and lose the respect of those who hoped for their future.

But when change is for the better, marvelous things happen. You grow in wisdom and understanding. You inspire others by your thoughts and deeds. And you reveal yourself as a true child of God, a citizen of heaven, growing more and more into the likeness of Christ.

Of course, the most dramatic change will come at the end. We will change from our earthly body into heavenly beings. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "The Lord Jesus Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

Jesus demonstrated this hope in his transfiguration. Like a good teacher, he revealed the glory of God, a model for the change he has in mind for us. This Lent, let us not be discouraged by our sin, but encouraged by the vision of glory Christ holds out for us.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

TUE: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

WED: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

THU: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

FRI: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SAT: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUN: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Congratulations to IC Christian Mothers on a net profit of \$2,839.70 from their Ash WED Fish Dinner. Well done!

We are in the process of updating ALL 4 of our parishioner databases and need current email addresses. After you complete the cut-out form, please put it in the collection basket, or bring/mail it to the DeVivo or Brady Centres.



NAME _____

CHURCH _____ ENVELOPE # _____

EMAIL _____

What's Happening at home

St. John's Fundraising Committee will be selling their pirohi for \$10/dozen, on SUNs before Mass, 10:30-11am and after Mass, 12:30-1pm, starting **THIS SUN, MAR 17**, 'til sold out.



For many years IC staged a wonderful production of the Living Stations during Lent, ending in 2014. In honor of their 150th Anniversary Year, IC would like to revive the tradition and present them Palm Sunday evening.

Anyone of any age, from any parish (especially students in grades 7-12) interested in participating as an actor or helping behind the scenes is asked to come to a meeting/rehearsal, **THIS SUN, MAR 17 at IC, 6-7:30pm.**

If you cannot come to the meeting, but would still like to participate or for more info, please contact Joan Emmanuel at 628-2186 or Sr. Donna at the DeVivo Centre parish office at 628-6840.

FINANCIAL CORNER

ORDINARY INCOME VS. ORDINARY EXPENSES
FOR FEBRUARY 2019

IC	St Rita	St John	St. Aloysius
\$25,251.81	\$18,754.68	\$12,546.83	\$17,991.00
(31,291.81)	(27,737.33)	(16,927.23)	(20,554.62)
\$(6,040.00)	\$(8,982.65)	\$(4,380.40)	\$(2,563.62)

Foundations of Faith is this **WED, MAR 20** at Geibel, from 5:45-8pm. Mary Sampey will speak to the adults on the topic: "Praying through Lent". There will be Lenten-themed break out sessions and activities for PreK-5th graders. Dinner will be pizza and antipasti salad.

REMINDER: Foundations of Faith is open to **OUR ENTIRE PARISH COMMUNITY**, not just parents with children in PreK-5. If you have never attended, it is a wonderful way to grow in faith and community with our parish family. Just call us at the office at 628-6840 and let us know you are coming!

Tom Severin's Bible study on the book of Matthew will continue **WED, MAR 20**, in IC's Sciberras Hall from 6:30-8pm.

Molli Vassar's Gospel of John study continues on **FRI** mornings following 8:30am Mass at St. Al. Come when you can - you're always welcome! Call Molli at 366-9552 with any questions.

Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Catholic Community Children's Choir will rehearse **SAT, MAR 23 at 11am** in IC's Sciberras Hall. Children in grades 3-6 are eligible to join the choir. In addition, 7-8th graders and senior high students may join as cantors and leaders of song.

FESTIVAL SEASON IS COMING! ALL festival volunteers MUST have diocesan-required clearances.

If you need your clearances or have questions about them, call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840. We are grateful for our volunteers, and will help in any way we can.

Thanks, Fr. Bob

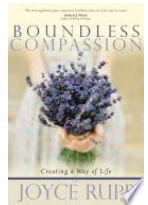


St. John's Chicken Dinner, **SUN, MAR 24** in Moravek Hall, 12:30pm 'til sold out.

\$10 adults, \$4 kids 12/under. Meal includes 1/2 a baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad, roll/butter, dessert/beverage. Eat in or take-out.

St. John's fundraising committee is accepting donations of baskets for the raffle to be held with their chicken dinner. Baskets may be dropped off at Moravek Hall on SAT, MAR 23, 10am-noon, Call Stephanie Kostelnik at 628-8878 or Carol Cunningham at 628-9415 with any questions.

A group study on Joyce Rupp's book Boundless Compassion is meeting on **THUs** during Lent, 1:30-3pm, in St. Rita's Bucci Hall. Through reading and discussion, participants will realize what is involved in activating the virtue of compassion as a way of life. Please call Theresa Jaworski at 628-4034 with any questions.



St. Rita Christian Mothers' annual Women's Day of Recollection will be held on **SUN, APR 7**, beginning at 1:30pm at St. Rita Church.

Msgr. Roger Statnick will be Retreat Master. Women of all area parishes are invited to this devotional day, which will include a Time for Reflection, Rosary, Benediction (no Mass) and a catered dinner in Bucci Hall. Cost for the day is \$18 (payable by APR 1 to St. Rita Christian Mothers) and includes a coffee and cinnamon roll break, plus dinner. For reservations call Mary at 628-6832.



Some of last week's bulletin inserts were missing this information. I am so sorry for that error. *Karen*

LENT 2019

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7. **BIBLE STUDY** Tom Severin will be leading a Bible Study on Saint Matthew's Gospel, with a particular emphasis on the Sermon on the Mount Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8pm at Sciberras Hall (at Immaculate Conception Church). Tom is extremely knowledgeable in matters scriptural and theological and this presents a wonderful opportunity to delve much DEEPER into the Bible! We all KNOW the Sermon on the Mount, but do we UNDERSTAND how it should impact our daily lives as Christians?!
8. **BIBLE STUDY** Molly Vassar, our RCIA Coordinator will be leading a Bible Study on the Gospel of John Friday mornings from 9-10 (immediately after morning Mass) at Saint Aloysius. Please bring your own Bible. The Fourth Gospel, the last to be written, is universally recognised as the most *theological* and *spiritual* of the Gospels. Molly is a font of scriptural wisdom; come drink freely of what she has to offer!
9. **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** A traditional and very worthwhile (read: NECESSARY for many of us sinners!) preparation for Easter JOY is to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, confessing our sins and receiving God's mercy. We will offer multiple opportunities to "set things right with God." In addition to the regular Saturday evening confessions at 5:15pm at Immaculate Conception there will be confessions on the first four Saturdays of Lent at 11:30am as follows:
 - ◆ 9 March - Saint Rita
 - ◆ 16 March - Saint John
 - ◆ 23 March - Saint Aloysius
 - ◆ 30 March - Saint Rita**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES** Are scheduled as follows:
 - ◆ Monday 25 March, 7pm - Saint Florian, United
 - ◆ Tuesday 2 April, 7pm - Saint John the Evangelist, Connellsville
 - ◆ Saturday 6 April, 11am - Saint Pius X, Mount Pleasant
 - ◆ Thursday 11 April, 7pm - Saint Raymond of the Mountain, Donegal
 - ◆ Saturday 13 April, 11am - Saint John the Baptist, Scottdale
 - ◆ Monday 15 April, 7pm - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Dunbar
10. **BOUNDLESS COMPASSION** A "group study" will be meeting on Thursday during Lent at Bucci Hall from 1:30-3:00pm beginning on 14 March. Through reading and discussion a greater understanding of what is involved in activating the virtue of "Compassion" will be gained. This virtue is both a challenge and an immense gift; compassion is a way of life. You are invited to participate in this six-week process for developing and deepening this important virtue in your own life. The group will use the book [Boundless Compassion](#) by the well known writer, retreat leader, and conference speaker Sister Joyce Rupp, O.S.M. For more details and to register please contact Theresa Jaworski at 724.628.4034.



The RCIA enters a new phase as the Church enters Lent. This period known as Purification

and Enlightenment, is the time that the catechumens now known as

the elect and the candidates are to pray that their lives are freed from evil and sin. They are also to enter into the actions of the Church at Lent, taking part in almsgiving, charitable activities and the communal life of the members.

This is where we as parishioners have to step up our role as called

for by the RCIA statutes. We are instructed to offer friendship and guidance, prayerful support and example to these people seeking to become a part of our family. In the coming weeks, I will be giving you concrete ways to help them on their journey to the Easter Vigil. May we all hear and answer the Lords call.

Molli

IC's 150th Anniversary Committee is selling some new items!

You can now purchase your commemorative 1 lb. box of delicious Colebrook chocolates/\$23, and a commemorative labeled bottle of wine from Vinoski Winery. Choose from Merlot /\$25, Riesling /\$20 and Isabella/\$18.



Someone will be available MAR 24 in the social halls after IC's 9:30am Mass and St. John's 11:30am Mass. You can also call Christa Puskar at 880-9666 or Becca Richter at 787-7875.

IC Christian Mothers would like to thank everyone who helped make their Fish Dinner a success - Holy Name Men who cooked, ladies who served and waited tables, did take-outs, or made desserts - and also ladies in the office. Plus a BIG THANK YOU to all who came and bought meals. Such great people.



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DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL pledge forms were mailed last week. If you did not receive one, let the office know. Please put your pledge card in the collection basket, or mail/bring it to the parish office.

Reminder to IC, St. John, and St. Rita parishioners: Please stop by the DeVivo Centre MON-THU, 8:30am-4pm and FRI, 9am-noon to pick up your year-end statements.



Nar-Anon meeting, WED, MAR 20 at St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

St. John, Perryopolis, Lenten Fish Dinners, FRIs through APR 12, noon-6:30pm. Hand-breaded/baked cod \$7, with a variety of al la carte sides and extras for small additional costs. Dine in or call 736-0675 to order take-out.

The Connellsville Area Ministerial Association's Lenten Lunches are being held TUEs, noon-1pm (except Holy Week), at Connellsville Presbyterian Church. Various area clergy are the featured speakers and women's groups from various congregations are preparing the meals. There is no cost for lunch, but free-will donations are welcome.



St. Pius in Mt. Pleasant is hosting a free Lenten Mission Night concert with David Kauffman on FRI, APR 5 at 7:30pm. David is a devout Catholic whose works touch and inspire people worldwide. He is the founder of Good For The Soul Music™, based in San Antonio, TX. Kauffman is a songwriter and recording artist, screenwriter and movie producer, whose creations are described as "good for the soul". All are welcome! Bring the family. For more info contact Eric Harris at 689-2581.

Please remember GREG RITSKO, SR. and PAULA WARDZELLA, the newest additions to our prayer list.

COMMUNAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

MON, MAR 25	7pm	St. Florian, United
TUE, APR 2	7pm	St. John, Connellsville
SAT, APR 6	11am	St. Pius, Mt. Pleasant
THU, APR 11	7pm	St. Raymond, Donegal
SAT, APR 13	11am	St. John, Scottsdale
MON, APR 15	7pm	St. Aloysius, Dunbar

Please pray for the repose of the souls of GERARD FIANO and MYLES BRADLEY MCKENZIE, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.



We need FOUR volunteers for extended Adoration during Lent: TWO for 4:30-5pm, and TWO for 5-5:30pm.

Please call Sr. Donna at 628-6840 to help in this ministry.

Thanks to these parishioners who volunteered to lead our WED 12:10pm

Stations of the Cross at IC:

MAR 20 Chris/Linda Sparks
MAR 27 Brian Casey/
Chris Hornick
APR 3 Terri Cross
APR 10 Mary Lazor
APR 17 Ron Goron

And to these parishioners who volunteered to lead our MON 6pm

Stations of the Cross at St. Al

MAR 18 Don Gmitter
MAR 25 Josh Grover
APR 1 Don Gmitter
APR 8 Josh Grover
APR 15 Don Gmitter

Ministry schedules can be found on the parish website at www.youghcatholic.org.

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please contact Chris Sparks at 628-7510 or crsparks1@zoominternet.net

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, MAR 18		ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP/DR. OF THE CHURCH
8:00am	St. Rita	Regina Skrobacz (The Skrobacz Family)
8:30am	St. Al	Joseph S. Kozak, Jr. (Son, Joseph E. Kozak)
6:00pm	St. Al	Stations of the Cross
TUE, MAR 19		ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00am	St. John	Loretta Martinchalk (M/M Richard Carbonara)
8:30am	St. Al	James Brown, Sr. (Ken & Delores Martray)
WED, MAR 20		LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Micheline Natale (Anita Ritch)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 5:30pm
12:10pm	IC	Stations of the Cross
6:00pm	St. Rita	John & Stella Dove (Family)
THU, MAR 21		LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:00am	IC	Tommy McGuinness (Chris, Denise & Sarah laquinta)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Anna Giobbi (Mrs. Audrey J. DeCara)
FRI, MAR 22		LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:10am	Geibel Chapel	Stanley Helinsky (Harry Soisson)
8:00am	St. Rita	Marie "Carmie" Rozell (Nick & Barb Bucci)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	John W. Taylor, Jr. (Wife & Sons)
9:30am	IC	Barbara Conko (Family)
	Conn-Area	
1:50pm	Geibel	Stations of the Cross
6:30pm	St. John	Stations of the Cross
SAT, MAR 23		ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP
11:30am	St. Al	CONFESSION VIGIL
4:00pm	St. Rita	Anthony, Sr. & Elizabeth, Anthony, Jr. & Marcia, George Bartholomai & Tom Zitney (Family)
5:00pm	St. Al	George Trimbath (Wife, Carol)
6:00pm	IC	Brittany Daniels (Kim & Sherman Daniels)
SUN, MAR 24		3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00am	St. Rita	Pro Populo
9:00am	St. Al	Sylvester & Melvina Rendine (Terry, Kristin & Christopher)
9:30am	IC	Mary Bordas (The Sherry Canada Family)
11:30am	St. John	Michael Tomasko (Kathy & Douglas Collins, Andrea & Kelly)

ST. AL MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
SAT, MAR 23 - 5PM		
ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EX MINISTER
C Tabaj	S Lincoln	J Goodwin
O Tabaj		T Nedrow
W Trimbath		M Vinoverski
SUN, MAR 24 - 9AM		
ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EX MINISTER
J Hustosky	D Pierce	J Laurion
J Hustosky		S Smith
R Barron		J Wallace
ROSARY SCHEDULE		
SAT, MAR 23	SUN, MAR 24	
J Connell	Volunteer	

IC, ST. JOHN, ST. RITA MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
	ACOLYTE	EX MINISTER	CROSS BEARER	LECTOR
MAR 23	L Geary	L Sparks	A Geary	G Panzella
SR-4pm	Z Zimmerman	R Pratt M Pieczynski		
IC-6pm	S Pleva A Berish	J Villa Neuva M Villa Neuva J Geary	E Pleva	L Grinko
MAR 24	G Joseph	C Porter	C Joseph	T Kezmarsky
SR-8am	E Armstrong	N Stasia L Lauffer		
IC-9:30am	G Zavatchan A Howrylak	P Akers M DeFazio S Reagan	A Zavatchan	E Loyal
SJ-11:30am	R Knizner K Burncheck	L Martin J Kosinski J Speeney	N Gaudiello	M Hood



RAMBLES & RAVES

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

GOOD NEWS

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

ONE PROUD-ALMOST EMBARRASSED!-PAPA:

Last Sunday the Rite of Election was celebrated by Bishop Malesic at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. This liturgy marks the beginning of the final phase of preparation for those who at the Easter Vigil will be baptised (Catechumens) and Christians of other denominations who will be received into the Catholic Church and completed their Christian initiation with the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation (Candidates).

At the 9:30 Mass we celebrated the Rite of Sending. The Catechumens were called forth and each signed the Book of the Elect. And then the Catechumens and Candidates were liturgically "sent" to the Bishop. At the Cathedral the Catechumens were each individually presented to the Bishop, who after greeting each parish's (or partner parish grouping's) delegation signed the Book of the Elect. From this point the Catechumens are now officially called Elect because the community has "elected" them for

Baptism. Following the reception of the Catechumens the candidates are presented individually to the Bishop.

I was certainly proud of the adults and children of Our Lady, Queen of the Yough who made the decision to become part of the Catholic Church. But I am also proud of this community which consistently, year after year, welcomes a large number of new Catholics. As the Catechumens were being presented nearly all the parishes who had any to present introduced ONE. When Mary came to the mic the names just kept coming. And the other priests turned their gaze to ME. Not liking to be the centre of attention, I was a tad bit embarrassed. But proud as HECK! When Mary finally finished, NINE Catechumens had been presented to the Bishop! The situation was similar when it came time for the Candidates to be presented. One or two parishes presented FOUR (again most had ONE) but Mary rattled off SIX names. What a **POWERFUL** testament to the work of the Holy Spirit here in the greater Jewel of the Yough area!

Please keep our Elect and Candidates in prayer as they complete the final leg of their journey!

I would encourage you to clip out this listing of our 15 soon-to-be Catholics so that you can pray for them by name:

ELECT

Bryson Brown
Hunter Brown
Landen Brown
Yamdee Collins
Alexander Crouse
Kimberly Crouse
Olivia Crouse
Ruby Geyer
Lisa Jones

CANDIDATES

Karen Campbell
Jessica Gaffney
Thomas Jones
Adam Morgan
Amy Vinoverski
Holli Zavatchan

A SPECIAL RCIA SHOUT OUT: This year we have two hearing-impaired individuals entering the Church (husband and wife). We are blessed with a parishioner, Cindy Hanzes, who is a gifted signer and she has been with the couple through the process. She graciously went to the Cathedral and signed the entire hour and a half liturgy for them. **THANK YOU!**

Another beautiful aspect to this couple's story: In 2017 their daughter became Catholic and last year his parents followed suit. I've heard the term "chain migration" thrown around by politicians; this is an example of "chain conversion"!



ASH WEDNESDAY: Last week I wrote that we moved the Saint Rita Mass from its normal 8am slot to 7pm in order to have the Junior and Senior Youth Groups attend *en masse*. It proved a wise choice; as you can see we had a nice showing that evening! Please pray that our young people may be **ON FIRE** for the Lord!