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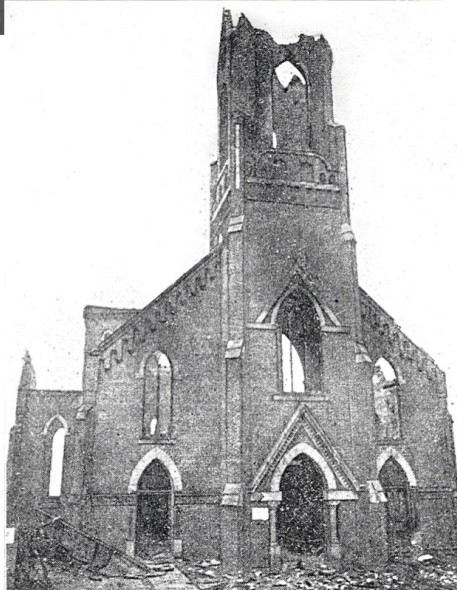
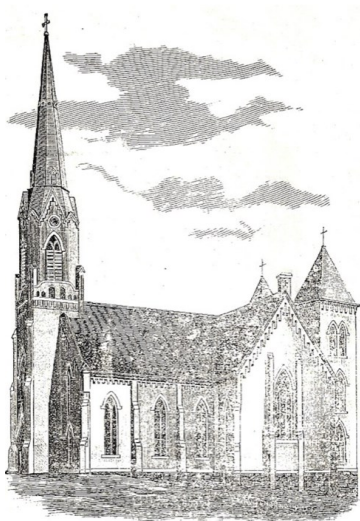
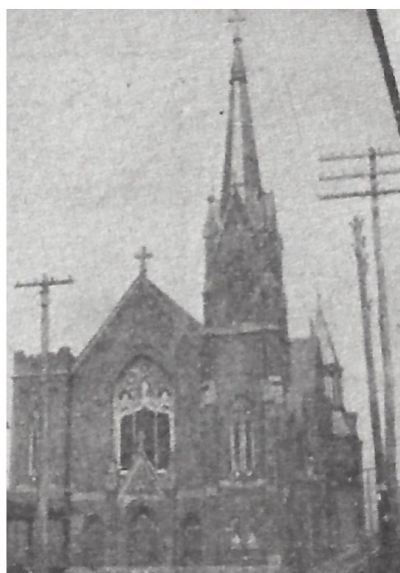


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FRI 8:30am-1pm

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Dunbar, PA 15431

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and by appointment

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This week's featured advertiser is JAG'S PAINTING.

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SAT-SUN, AUG 24-25, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult.....\$4,613.00
Loose.....424.52
Maintenance.....2.00
Total:\$5,039.52

Cemetery\$50.00
Assumption\$32.00
Catholic University\$399.00



ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult\$4,262.00
Loose97.75
Children/Young Adults21.25
Parish Improvements125.00
Total:\$4,506.00

Catholic Fam Religious Ed\$21.00
Assumption\$392.00
Accent\$57.00
Catholic University\$286.00



ST. JOHN

Adult\$2,272.00
Loose203.00
Maintenance2.00
Total:\$2,477.00

Cemetery\$10.00
Assumption\$25.00
Catholic University\$175.00



ST. RITA

Adult\$3,211.00
Loose315.00
Maintenance7.00
Total:\$3,533.00

Cemetery\$5.00
Assumption\$45.00
Catholic University\$354.00



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Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 THE GIFT OF HUMILITY

We learn humility in different ways. Sometimes we try to attain what is beyond our reach. We try to accomplish something we desire to attain. We fail. We humbly learn our limitations.

Sometimes we boast of our accomplishments. We have achieved much and we tell others the truth. But we lose the esteem of our friends when we do. Boasting might be honest, but humility brings rewards.

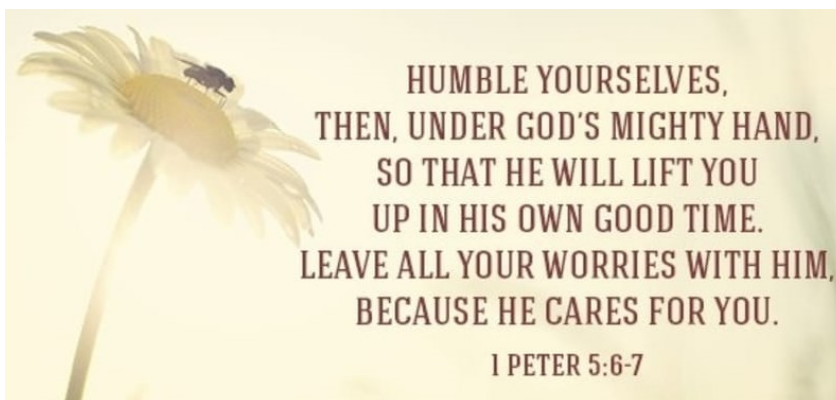
Still, some people erroneously believe that humility is weak and pride is strong. Some public figures - entertainers, politicians, and

professional athletes, for example - boast in the midst of combat. They want attention. They disdain the competition. Their success depends on their self-certitude.

Their fall is all the more sharp. In the end, even the most talented share the same mortality as everyone else. We are all humans. We shall all taste death. In the sight of God, humility is the only honest stance we can take.

The Book of Sirach urges us to conduct our affairs with humility. We will be loved by others and favored by God. We will recognize that in spite of our gifts, there is One who is greater: the giver of these gifts. When we acknowledge the might of God, humility becomes a way of life.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

TUE: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

WED: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

THU: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

FRI: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

SAT: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

SUN: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

What's Happening at home

Anyone willing to donate cookies for IC's 150th Anniversary Dinner should call Betsy at 603-3872. Please bring your cookie donations to IC on FRI, SEP 6 at 6pm.

St. Rita Christian Mothers Italian Day

Sale will be held on FRI, SEP 6 in Bucci Hall, from 11am-5:30pm.

Featured will be 3 Italian dinners with all the trimmings (spaghetti, manicotti and eggplant parm), pizza, a bake sale and more. Take-outs will be available.

Volunteers are needed on WED, SEP 4 at Bucci Hall at 8:30am to help set-up for the sale. If anyone can work on sale day itself, please call Rita Pratt at 628-2249. Workers should arrive by 9am on FRI.

If anyone can donate baked goods for the bake sale, please bring them to Bucci Hall on WED, SEP 4, 8:30-noon.

Vegetables for salad are also needed.

St. Rita Christian Mothers will attend the 4pm Mass at St. Rita on SAT, SEP 7, as a group. There will be NO meeting on FRI, SEP 6.

St. Rita Holy Name will meet in Bucci Hall on SUN, SEP 8 after 8am Mass.

New members are always welcome. Coffee and donuts will be served. Remember, "Unity makes strength".



IC's Anniversary Mass with Bishop Malesic will be on SUN, SEP 8 at 5pm. If you have not already purchased tickets to the Anniversary Dinner after Mass, you may still call Christa @ 880-9666 or Becca @ 787-7875. The dinner is being held at the Fountain Mills Event Center (formerly Scottsdale Fireman's Hall), beginning at 6:30pm. Cost for adults is \$25, and \$10 for children under 10. A cash bar will also be available.

St. John's 125th Anniversary Committee will meet on TUE, SEP 10 at 6:30pm in Moravek Hall to discuss their upcoming Chicken Dinner and the anniversary year's calendar of events. New members and new ideas are always welcome.

Tom Severin's Bible study on the book of Job will resume on WED, SEP 11. It will be held WED's in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.



"COME AND SEE" what our Catholic Faith is all about. RCIA Inquiry evenings begin on THU, SEP 12 from 6:30-8pm at the DeVivo Centre parish office (NOTE VENUE CHANGE). We'll talk, enjoy some food and begin to share our stories and learn more about this person, Jesus, who bids us to "COME AND SEE" who he is and what he promises. If you're interested, just show up that evening, or if you'd like to speak with someone ahead of time, call Mary Sampey at the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.



The IC 150th Anniversary Classic and Antique Car and Vendor Show will be held SAT, OCT 12 in their Festival Building parking lot, noon-4pm.

All cars must pre-register. Call Ron at 880-1761 or John at 875-4717 for registration forms and details.

Training dates for new and current Altar Servers are:

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|-------------|------|----|
| THU, SEP 12 | 7pm | SA |
| MON, SEP 16 | 7pm | IC |
| TUE, SEP 17 | 7pm | SR |
| SAT, SEP 21 | 10am | SA |
| TUE, SEP 24 | 7pm | SJ |
| SAT, SEP 28 | 10am | IC |

Servers should be 3rd grade or older.

New servers should attend 3 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 serve, 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.

A PRAYER FOR HUMILITY...

O Lamb of God, who, both by your example and precept, instructed us to be meek and humble, give me grace throughout my whole life, in every thought, and word, and work, to imitate your meekness and humility.

Grant, O Lord, that I may look for nothing, claim nothing; and that I may go through all the scenes of life, not seeking my own glory, but looking wholly unto you, and acting wholly for you.



The parishioners of St. John are participating in a 125th Anniversary Silent Festival to raise funds to help defray costs for activities in their upcoming year-long celebration. The deadline for payment of all gifts and pledges is SUN, OCT 27.

To kick off their 125th Anniversary Celebration, St. John will be holding a Chicken Dinner on SUN, SEP 29, 12:30pm until sold out.

Menu includes 1/2 a baked chicken, potato, vegetable and salad, roll and butter, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$10, \$5 for kids under 12.



Take-outs will be available.

A basket raffle and 50/50 drawing will also be held. Parishioners wishing to donate baskets should call Carol at 628-9415 or Stephanie/Toni at 628-8878. Baskets should be dropped off at St. John's Moravek Hall on SAT, SEP 28 from 10am-noon.

St. Al's annual Calendar Party will be held on SUN, OCT 13 at 1pm in their social hall. (Doors will open at 12:30pm.) Advance tickets are \$15.

The following hostesses and their special table themes will be:

KEIRSTEN ANDOLINO - UNDER THE SEA
REGINA HUGHES - SHIPS
PAM LOWE - BIRTHDAY

MARY MARRA - PUMPKIN/FALL
TAMMY NEDROW - AFTERNOON TEA PARTY
JOY WALLACE - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

To reserve your seat, please see/contact one of these ladies, or call Kathy Andolino at 710-7540. Seats are already going fast!

If you wish to donate something for the Chinese Auction, please call Regina at 317-8740. Items should be brought in by SUN, SEP 29.

Auction chances (26 for \$10) and 50/50 chances (7 for \$5 and 20 for \$10) will be sold after Masses, the 2 weekends prior to the party - OCT 5/6 and OCT 12.



Congratulations to ARIA JULIET, daughter of Angelo and Jennifer Piccioni, baptized AUG 24 at IC.



Nar-Anon will meet on WED, SEP 4 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

The Secular Disalced Carmelite Community of Uniontown invites new members to an open meeting on SUN, SEP 8, at the Saint John the Evangelist Parish Center in Uniontown, at 2pm. For more information please contact Laurie Coldren at 626-8811 or Molli Vassar at 439-3142.

St. George Maronite Church of U'town invites you to their Annual Rosary Walk on SUN, SEP 15, beginning at 2pm in their Garden of Prayer. Please call St. George Church at 437-5589 with any questions.

St. Pius in Mt. Pleasant is hosting an All You Can Eat Omelet Breakfast on SUN, SEP 22, 8am-noon. Adults \$7, Children (3-12) \$3, under 3 free. Tickets will be sold at the door.

St. Vincent DePaul in Uniontown is looking for a Food Pantry Coordinator. 25 hours/week, MON-FRI. Send message of interest with a resume to director@svduniontown.org

St. John Preschool (Scottdale) will be hosting a Rummage Sale on SAT, OCT 12 from 8am to 2pm. Call 887-6321 with any questions.



SOUND THE ALARM
Save a Life

On SAT, SEP 14, 10am-2pm
Red Cross and community volunteers
will be going door-to-door
in Connellsville
to install free smoke alarms.



American Red Cross

To volunteer, please contact
Rebecca Gaidrich at 834-6510 or
Rebecca.Gaidrich2@redcross.org



Faith Formation

Just in case you missed it before, lost the details, the time snuck up on you, whatever your situation is...here's all the vital info again!

It's hard to believe that our catechetical year is ready to start. We've been very busy getting ready. Please pray that all of our catechists, leaders, and volunteers stay focused on Jesus and His Church through our ministry to others. You can't give away what you don't have! We must all first BE disciples in order to MAKE disciples. Please also pray that all the families and youth involved in our faith formation programs strive to put Jesus Christ at the center of their lives. In the busyness of life, HE is our FIRST priority!

HERE IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER:

WED, SEP 4: YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF EVENT . All Youth grades 6-12. 6-8pm in the former CAPS building. We will continue to break out into Junior High/Senior High groups. **COME HUNGRY** and bring (or wear) tennis shoes! Those who bring a friend will be eligible for a prize. You do NOT need to be Catholic or a member of one of our parishes to attend. We will also meet on **Wednesday, September 18** at the same time and place. Registration forms can be found on our website, or at the parish office. You may also sign up that first night!

SAT, SEP 7/SUN, SEP 8: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be available beginning this weekend at the following Masses: 4pm Saint Rita's, 9:30am Immaculate Conception, 11:30am Saint John's. Children's Liturgy of the Word is primarily for children at the Preschool-Grade 3 level. If anyone is interested in leading Children's Liturgy at Saint Aloysius, please call the office.

WED, SEP 11: FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH for all families and children grades PreK-5 at Geibel Catholic from 5:45-8:00pm. Our theme for the year is "Following Jesus." We will have **FOUR** family sessions this year, so **PLEASE** make this a priority for your family. The other **FOUR** sessions will be for youth K-5 **ONLY**. Please plan to attend **BOTH** the family **AND** youth sessions regularly.

Youth Group and Adults will serve as Volunteers. Please consider signing up! Registration forms are online, at the parish office and at the entrance of all churches. You may also sign up that first night!

THU, SEP 12: RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS) begins for all inquiring about the Catholic faith **AT THE DEVIVO CENTRE (NOTE VENUE CHANGE)** from 6:30-8:00pm. Sessions will continue every Thursday evening. If you would like to become Catholic, or are simply interested in learning more about your Catholic faith, **COME AND SEE**. We also offer RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). If you have a child over the age of 7 that is in need of Sacraments, please call the office.

SAT, SEP 14: 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT. 10am-3pm in Saint Rita's Social Hall. All 8th graders are required to attend a retreat in preparation for their upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation. You **MUST** register online for this retreat at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/confirmation. If this date does not work for you, other retreat dates/locations are being offered this fall. *When you go to the website mentioned above, you can register for whichever retreat you want.* It is **YOUR** responsibility as a candidate to sign up for our retreat or another retreat in our diocese prior to Confirmation on December 5.

SUN, SEP 15: 2ND GRADE PARENT/CHILD MEETING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Please plan to attend 9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception as a family. We will meet after Mass in Immaculate Conception Social Hall until 12pm. At least one parent is required to attend with their child.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

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



the repose of the souls
of **JEFFREY BROWN, JOHN
TRESSLER, and EDWARD
VINOSKI**, who died recently.

May their souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in eternal peace.



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



LABOR DAY

The Brady and
DeVivo Centres
will be closed
on **MON, SEP 2**
in recognition
of Labor Day.

SEP ministry schedules
are now online at
www.youghcatholic.org

If you can't serve when scheduled,
please call Chris Sparks
at 628-7510 or email him at
crsparks1@zoominternet.net.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, SEP 2

WEEKDAY

8:30am St. Al Catherine D. Lizza (Husband, Bedy)
9:00am St. Rita Joe & Eleanor Habina (Pat & Ruth Kozel)

TUE, SEP 3

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00am St. John Madelyn Kostelnik (Stephanie & Antoinette)
8:30am St. Al Richard H. Galand (Jen Mallow)

WED, SEP 4

WEEKDAY

8:00am St. Rita Paul Mongell, Sr. (Mongell Family)
8:30am St. Rita Adoration until 4:30pm

THU, SEP 5

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

8:00am IC Dorothy Hampshire (Sons & Daughters)
8:00am St. Al Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am St. Al Esther Watson (Don & Mary Jane D'Amico)

FRI, SEP 6

WEEKDAY

8:00am St. Rita Theresa & Martin Lengvarsky (David & Michele Lengvarsky)
8:15am St. Al Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am St. Al Bob Nicholson (Christa Askin)

SAT, SEP 7

11:30am St. Al Confession
VIGIL
4:00pm St. Rita John Corona (Wife, Grace)
5:00pm St. Al The Misconin Family (Family)
6:00pm IC Michael & Anna Mary Canada (Jennifer & Bob Miller)

SUN, SEP 8

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am St. Rita Eugene V. Cavalier (Family)
9:00am St. Al Mary Ellen Watson (Susan Watson & Rebecca)
9:30am IC Pro Populo
11:30am St. John Bert Heyz (Mary Shubert)
5:00pm IC Living & Deceased Members of Immaculate Conception Parish

Altar flowers at IC this weekend are in memory of Carol Milby,
given by Don and Karen Mahokey.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEP 7

| | SR-4PM | ST. AL-5PM | IC-6PM |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| ACOLYTES/ SERVERS | E Bohinski S Harbaugh | C Baldwin C Baldwin | S Pleva L Kalivoda |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | T Bohinski G Bohinski R Pratt | K Andolino S Lincoln M Vinoverski | J Geary D Calinao E Aquino |
| CROSS BEARERS | J Domer | W Trimbath | E Pleva |
| LECTORS | B Sheehan | J Dunaway | R Goron |
| ROSARY | | Volunteer | |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEP 8

| ST. RITA-8AM | ST. AL-9AM | IC-9:30AM | ST. JOHN-11:30AM |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| G Joseph E Armstrong | M Speeney A Mongell | D Piasecki A Piasecki | I Burd L Hampshire |
| L Sparks D Gephart L Kozel | J Wallace J Grover J Laurion | J Baluch C Baluch M DeFazio | B Knizner J Speeney L Martin |
| R Lewandowski | F Vinoverski | L Tomasko | N Gaudiello |
| J Malone | B Martin | C Petrasun | M Martin |
| | C 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!

TWO WORLD VIEWS: Last week, quite INADVERTENTLY mind you, the 11:30 Mass at Saint John was omitted from the week's Mass schedule in the bulletin. Were I a parishioner who encountered that omission my first (and truthfully ONLY) thought would have been that a mistake had been made. I am pretty certain that such a response represents the worldview of the majority of our parishioners. However, there will always be that very small number of individuals who will IMMEDIATELY jump to the conclusion that something **NE-FARIOUS** is afoot. Forever reading the tea leaves, plumbing the depths for some sort of conspiracy theory, such persons deduce that the evil Pastor, without prior notice, cancelled the Mass. Why? OBVIOUSLY because he is **CLOSING** the church. Any argument to the contrary is shouted down with cries of "Fake News! Fake News! Fake News!"

OK, perhaps I went a *teeny tiny bit* OVERBOARD in that paragraph, but it does represent how I sometimes feel. Last week, whilst out of town (see below), I pondered the twin questions: "What is the BEST part of my 'job'? What is the WORST part of my 'job'?" To the first, the answer came quickly: "Working with people!" To the second the answer came even MORE quickly: "Working with people!"

COVER PHOTO: Next Sunday, after a year of preparation, Immaculate

Conception will celebrate the sesquicentennial of its foundation.

Our chief shepherd, Bishop Edward Malesic will be here for the anniversary Mass

at 5pm, and then join us for the festive banquet to follow. (The late hour of the Mass - we would have preferred Mass at 2 or 3pm - was unavoidable due to another commitment on the Bishop's schedule.) This is NOT merely a celebration for this one parish; it is a celebration of the beginnings of Catholicism here in the Jewel of the Yough. As such, **ALL** are cordially invited - **ENCOURAGED!** - to attend the Mass not just Immaculate Conception parishioners. Admittedly, as your Pastor, I have my own **SELFISH** motives; I don't want to be embarrassed - nor do I want this faith community to be embarrassed - in front of the Bishop, MY **BOSS!** And just in case you are unsure this Mass **WILL** fulfill your Sunday obligation, so look at it as an opportunity to sleep in that day!

As part of our sesquicentennial year a souvenir anniversary book is being produced. Our initial plan was to have this book ready for distribution at the banquet on the Eighth. Unfortunately **SOMEONE** got in his puny mind the idea that he was going to write the quote-unquote **DEFINITIVE HISTORY** of the parish. And (of course!) this undisciplined individual has been lax in bringing his "grand idea" to fruition (sadly, he has the bad habit of biting off more than he can chew). Thus the revised plan is to have the book available at the Amen Party in December which will conclude the anniversary year. The upside of this delay is that we will be able to

include a section, including photographs, of the Bishop's Mass and the banquet. I always believe in making lemonade every time life hands me lemons! (Or is it just that I like to justify my own failures with sugar-coated "upsides"?)

Last week, recognising that I needed to put the brakes on research and actually "put pen to paper," I made the last minute decision to skip town for a "working holiday." I escaped to Happy Valley for the express purpose of beginning the writing process. However, because I cannot surrender my obsession to uncover **EVERY LAST DETAIL** research continued even as I started writing. I did though, make **SOME** progress (**THANK GOD!**); by the end of a week I had devoted nearly single-mindedly to **THIS** project, I had written about thirty-five hundred words. You might wonder just how far in history those three thousand five hundred words took me? **ALL THE WAY TO 1850; NINETEEN** years **BEFORE** the actual beginning of the parish. Please **PRAY** for me as I struggle to finish this task by the time the printer needs it!

The cover features the three houses of worship occupied by the parish since @1870. The first church is visible behind the present building in an 1899 photo. (This is the only pic I have found with the steeple still in place on the original church.) It can be seen more clearly in this close-up from the 1887 aerial map of Connellsville, drawn by a balloon-bound cartographer. The second church is represented by the drawing of the church that accompanied the newspaper story of the church's dedication in 1887 as well as a photograph of ruins of the structure after the January 1892 fire which destroyed it.