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To our visitors... If you are just passing through, we are glad you chose to worship with us. If you are seeking a new church home, please know there is always room in our pews and a place in our hearts for you.

DEVIVO CENTRE

116 South 2nd Street
Connellsville, PA 15425

724.628.6840 (f) 724.628.0838

MON-THU 8:30am-noon / 1-4pm
FRI 8:30am-1pm

BRADY CENTRE

459 Ranch Road
Dunbar, PA 15431

724.277.4236 (f) 724.277.8954

MON, TUE, THU, FRI 9am-3pm

SATs 5:15-5:45pm at IC

Confession

and by appointment

We work with the Holy Trinity Conference of Saint Vincent DePaul to help our neighbors in need. You may call them at 724.562.3341.

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SUN, MAY 12, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	\$5,535.00
Loose	629.00
Maintenance	115.00
Total:	\$6,279.00

Cemetery	\$31.00
Lent	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Communications Media	\$2.00

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	\$3,078.25
Loose	165.75
Children/Young Adults	22.00
Parish Improvements	411.00
Total:	\$3,677.00

Accent	\$4.00
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ST. JOHN

Adult	\$3,115.00
Loose Collection	260.00
Maintenance	116.00
Total:	\$3,491.00

Cemetery	\$55.00
Holy Thursday	\$2.00
Easter	\$8.00
Ascension	\$5.00

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ST. RITA

Adult	\$4,155.00
Loose Collection	402.00
Maintenance	75.00
Total:	\$4,632.00

Holy Thursday	\$50.00
Easter	\$205.00
St. Anthony	\$36.00

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN
collection will be taken at all Masses
THIS weekend. Half the proceeds
stay in the diocese to support
local communications efforts.
The other half supports projects
world-wide.

DLA current to 5/13/19

IC	\$47,390 of \$38,133 = 124%
SA	\$29,136 of \$26,715 = 109%
SJ	\$19,541 of \$18,319 = 107%
SR	\$35,865 of \$34,301 = 105%



Acts 14:21-27

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Everyone needs a little encouragement now and then. When you are hired or chosen for some special work, you feel excited about the new responsibility. In time, though, the work becomes challenging. You doubt your ability to continue. The vision of success fades.

Possibly, everything is all right. When enthusiasm wears down and hard work steps up, it is normal to wonder about success. In this situation, perhaps all someone needs is a little encouragement.

At one point in their missionary journey, the apostles Paul and Barnabas retraced their steps. They

went back to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch. They met again with the disciples they had formed, and the apostles exhorted the new believers to remain firm in their faith. Hardships are not just normal. Hardships are necessary, they say.

To help out, Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for each community. They also gathered the community to pray and fast at the time these elders were appointed. With organization, prayer, and sacrifice, Paul and Barnabas strengthened the disciples.

If you have helped someone in the past, this may be a good time to offer additional encouragement. Ask how it is going. Provide direction if you can. Pray. Fast. Give encouragement to those whose strength may be weakening. It is necessary to undergo hardships to enter the reign of God.

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RONI SALSA, OF BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES, a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us on the weekend of **JUN 1-2**, 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. The goal of this mission is to aid needy families in the Holy Land and the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help these people, and will give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the Holy Land to help you in your personal devotion. For more info please visit www.bcfmission.com or www.landofpeace.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

TUE: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

WED: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

THU: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

FRI: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

SAT: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

SUN: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23;
Jn 14:23-29

What's Happening at home

St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on **MON, MAY 20** and **THU, MAY 23**, 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.

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.

The Idlewild Day was cancelled due to lack of interest.



If you've signed up to go on the "Jesus" tripfull payment is due by **JUN 1**.

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.

NAME _____

CHURCH _____ ENVELOPE # _____

EMAIL _____



IC'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY



FRI, JUN 14, 4-10pm

Fr. Dennis Bogusz will be playing polkas from 5-8pm

SAT, JUN 15, noon-9pm

Music by Abacus Jones, 5-8pm

Ethnic food, gift baskets, bingo, kids' games, cake wheel & more

FUN FOR ALL AGES

For more info call 880-5885



Both parish offices will be closed for Memorial Day, **MON, MAY 27**, and also for Ascension Thursday, **MAY 30**. All info for the **JUN 1-2** bulletin is due no later than **WED, MAY 22**.

CEMETERY NEWS: It's grass cutting season again and we are asking for your help. Below is a list of the cost per cutting in each of our cemeteries, showing monthly expense. You will see that it takes a lot of money to keep our cemeteries looking nice. So we ask that you be as generous as you can with our cemetery envelope that is in your monthly packet. *Thank you, Lou Ann*



St. John	\$550 x 4 = \$2,200
St. Rita	\$800 x 4 = \$3,200
Mt. Carmel	\$85 x 4 = \$340
St. Joseph-new	\$800 x 4 = \$3,200
St. Joseph-old	\$275 x 4 = \$1,100

Holy Trinity	\$350 x 4 = \$1,400
Sacred Heart	\$100 x 4 = \$400
St. Emory-new	\$75 x 4 = \$300
St. Emory-old	\$35 x 4 = \$140

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".

We're over 200 responses now - THANKS!

You've got 2 more weeks to help us with this project to keep YOUR contact information current.

Two weeks ago, my oldest daughter Ava received her First Holy Communion. From the moment she entered 2nd grade, I was preparing for this day. I even purchased her dress last October; so yeah, I was pretty stoked.

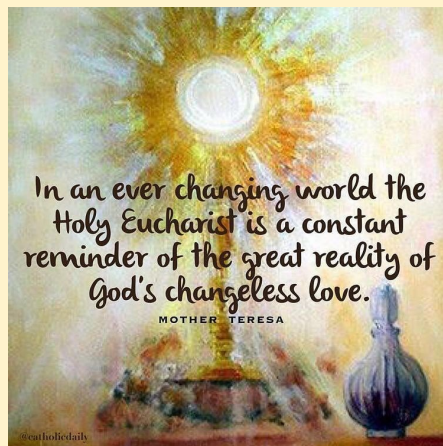
The day was absolutely perfect. Thanks to some amazing people who came early to set up and run the show for me, I was able to enjoy every moment (THANK YOU Lisa Andursky, Debbie Mastowski, Nikki Holonich, and of course my bestie Patrick Calinao). Ava looked beautiful. Her family and friends were there to support her. Loved ones were taking her picture like the paparazzi. Everyone took care of my other children during Mass so that I could sit right next to my girl and soak up her excitement and anticipation. We had a wonderful party afterwards and celebrated until 10 o'clock that night. Ava was showered with love, presents, and attention.

The next Saturday we planned to go to 5 o'clock Mass at Saint Aloysius. Ava didn't wear a fancy dress. The only family there was our crazy bunch of 5. No one asked to take her picture. There was no party. She received no presents. No one paid Ava any mind; we were simply going to Mass "as usual."

Immediately when we got to Mass and knelt down, Ava and Andrew had to use the restroom (because the restroom is somehow Fancier at Church than at home). An impressive 10 seconds after returning from the restroom with Ava and Andrew, Noel proclaimed that she was DYING of THIRST. I went BACK to the bathroom with Noel. While this was all taking place, I was asked to be an Extraordinary Minister right before Mass. When I returned to our pew, I began to promptly explain to Andrew that Mommy would be RIGHT on the

altar during Communion time, and NO he can't follow me up there, and YES Mommy would be RIGHT BACK. During Mass, Andrew realized that Noel had gotten a drink (and if you didn't already know, the terrible affliction of DYING of THIRST is CONTAGIOUS), so he began to ask for a drink and fuss in the pew. At this point I was unable to hear ANYTHING Father Dan was saying during the Homily because I was extremely annoyed and frustrated (Sorry Father, I'm sure your Homily was excellent. It's not you, it's ME).

When it was time for Communion, Ava got up and received communion perfectly. I was even able to offer her the Precious Blood. Andrew and Noel received a blessing and LOOKED LIKE little angels (even though I knew the truth)! During the Mother's Day blessing, I prayed that I may have more patience with my children and give them a "pass" for how they acted that evening. As we were getting into the car, Ava said to me: "Mommy, I can't stop smiling after Communion. I just feel SO HAPPY! I feel like singing!"



In that moment, Ava gave me the most precious gift I could have ever received! She reminded me that the very SAME JESUS that came to her during her perfect fairy tale First Holy Communion was present the VERY next weekend during our hot mess Mass! Jesus doesn't care

about a princess dress or fresh manicure; and he certainly doesn't show up any less for us when we are struggling! In fact, it is those VERY times that we are struggling with our very REAL LIFE issues that we need Jesus the most! What an amazing and incredible gift. We don't need to BE anything special for Jesus; HE JUST SHOWS UP! He wants to feed us spiritually EVERY single week so that we can be nourished and strengthened by His presence. He loves us THAT MUCH.

Who wouldn't want this gift for their child? As difficult as Mass is sometimes, we already sacrifice SO MUCH for our children. We travel to games (often in the rain) on the weekend for a tournament. We take them to a classmate's birthday party on our one day off. We sit through dance class every Friday with our coffee in hand. If we can do ALL of THAT, we can CERTAINLY sacrifice our sanity for one hour in order for our child to receive the most precious and awesome gift EVER of Jesus Christ fully present in the Eucharist!! We also can receive that same Jesus ourselves so that HE can help us CONTINUE to be the hard working, over extended and stressed out parents that we sometimes are! THAT is why we come to Mass! When we believe the "lie" that only the First Holy Communion matters, we miss out on SO much for ourselves and family!

Parents, you are amazing. Keep doing what you are doing. Keep bringing your children to Mass. Wear a brown paper sack, or a beautiful white gown. No one will throw you a party, but Jesus will be there just the same; ready and willing to fill your life with inexplicable joy.

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



St. Pius and Visitation parishes are hosting a Choir and Cantor concert **THIS SUN, MAY 19 at 7pm** at St. Pius.

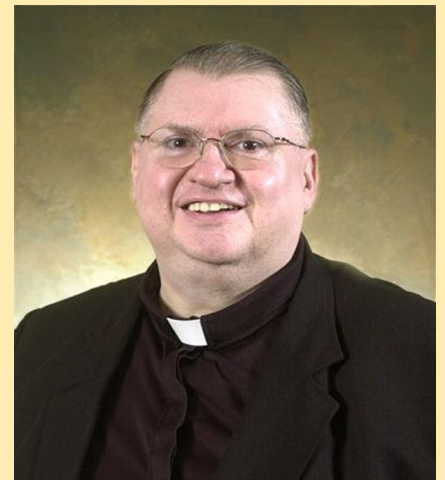
Nar-Anon will meet on **WED, MAY 22** in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

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.

Natural Family Planning CM-BBT instruction will be **SAT, JUN 8 at 10am** in the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Call Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 837-1840, x1658 for additional info or to register for this or an upcoming class. Please call at least one week prior to the instruction date to preregister. For more info about Natural Family Planning and the CM-BBT method, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and link into Natural Family Planning under "Services."



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 info contact Ceal Solan at 628-5090 or email at csolan@connareacatholic.org.



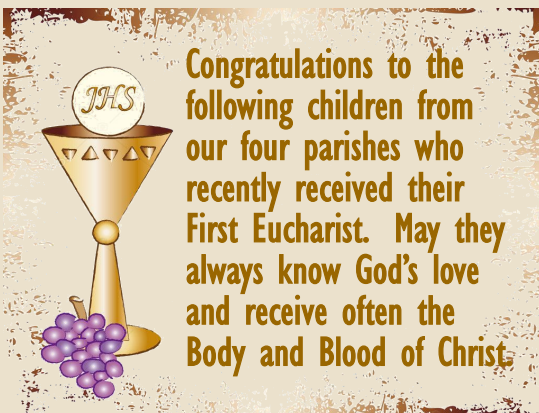
St. Pius and Visitation parishes in Mt. Pleasant invite you to join them in the **40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF REV. DENNIS A. BOGUSZ** on **SAT, MAY 25,** with Mass at 6pm at St. Pius.

A reception will follow in the St. Pius social hall.

RSVP by **MON, MAY 20.**



Please remember **MELISSA BEUCHER, PAULINE DZIURZYNSKI** and **JOE MAIESE**, the newest additions to our prayer list.



Congratulations to the following children from our four parishes who recently received their First Eucharist. May they always know God's love and receive often the Body and Blood of Christ.

Joey Adams
Maura Baldwin
Luke Bandemer
Sophie Bandemer
Connor Basinger
Michaela Buchheit
Addysen Check
Jasper Galley
Allison Hamborsky
Lucian Heckman
Slade Hiles

Helen Hudock
Tommy Johnson
Natalia Lukowsky
Alexa Morgan
Halle Parfitt
Payton Petrone
Addison Richter
Eli Rittenhouse
Mason Ross
Ethan Sabatula
Ava Sampey

Ramsey Sebek
Sophia Seighman
Lydia Shandorf
Gianna Shelkey
Sawyer Shipley
Mia Speeney
Max Stash
Robert Trimbath, III
Graham Zavatchan
Sophia Zuccaro

In a Christian household in St. Paul's day, the only place a slave could stand legally as an equal with a master was at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways people

lived their Christian lives. It is the same today. The Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.



the repose of the
souls of MARYBETH
LEE (sister of Cindy
D'Amico) and
DOROTHY MARENGO, who died
recently. May their souls and the
souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest
in eternal peace.



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

**Fr. Dan will be away so there will NOT
be an evening Mass on the Holy Day.**

**JUN ministry schedules can be found
on the parish website at
www.youghcatholic.org.**

**Please contact Chris Sparks
at 628-7510 or
crsparks1@zoominternet.net
if you cannot serve when scheduled.**

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, MAY 20		ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST
8:00am	St. Rita	Alfred & Loretta Shroyer (Family)
8:30am	St. Al	Bob Bybel (The Keith Hager Family)
TUE, MAY 21		ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
8:00am	St. John	Peshko Family (Daughter, Marie Lowman)
8:30am	St. Al	Sturge Hughes (Wife, Regina)
6:30pm	St. Rita	St. Anthony Novena
WED, MAY 22		ST. RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS
8:00am	St. Rita	Agnes Fitzgerald (Mary Margaret & Eleanor)
	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, MAY 23		EASTER WEEKDAY
8:00am	IC	Judith, Terry, Pat, Tim & Ed O'Brien (J.D. O'Brien)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Joan Kozak (Nephew, Joseph E. Kozak)
FRI, MAY 24		EASTER WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	John & Margaret Balena (Richard & Mary Balena)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Prof. John Skocik (Joseph & Myra Harim, Sr.)
SAT, MAY 25		VIGIL/ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST/DR. OF THE CHURCH, ST. GREGORY VII, POPE, ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, VIRGIN
4:00pm	St. Rita	Donald S. Smith (Family)
5:00pm	St. Al	Pro Populo
6:00pm	IC	Deceased Members of IC Christian Mothers (IC Christian Mothers)
SUN, MAY 26		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am	St. Rita	Carmine, Sr., Anna & Anthony Molinaro (Robert & Barbara Karp)
9:00am	St. Al	Dorothy & Mary Farris (Leonard)
9:30am	IC	George & Dolores Leary (The Tiberio Family)
11:30am	St. John	Francis Joseph Babura (Wife, Beatrice & Families)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 25				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 26			
	ST. RITA-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	L Geary Z Zimmerman	C Baldwin C Baldwin	S Spotto N Spotto	D Long J Long	A Mongell N Mongell	A Zavatchan E Snyder	D Piasecki A Piasecki
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	A Hann R Pratt G McDermott	S Lincoln P Herron Volunteer	D Calinao A Shroyer E Aquino	L Kozel B Bielecki D Gephart	K Martray T Dull J Wallace	B Molitor I McKenna J Miller	J Kosinski L Martin D Siecinski
CROSS BEARERS	H Specht	J Trimbath	O Spotto	A Long	F Vinoverski	B Zavatchan	C Becker
LECTORS	M Merendino	T Nedrow	B Sheehan	R Kozel	G Heller	J Malone	M Martin
ROSARY		J Connell			B Klotz		



RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR

SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

OF THE SPIRIT'S STIRRINGS IN THE
CONNELLSVILLE- DUNBAR METROPLEXI

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL: As you will read elsewhere in this bulletin all **FOUR** parishes have not only reached their DLA target but have significantly **EXCEEDED** it. Praise be Jesus! My heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who generously contributed to the work of their parish **AND** the Diocese. Without **YOU**, without **YOUR** support the Church would not be able to continue the Easter mission of proclaiming the Good News.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Last week the April financial report appeared in the bulletin. The great news is that **THREE** parishes were in the **BLACK** last month. The not-so-great news is that one parish was in the **RED**. Let's shoot for **NO** red this month of May! I know we can do it!

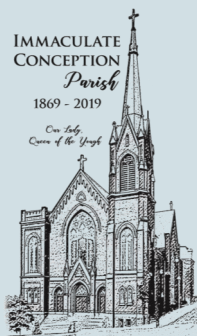
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FESTIVAL: As part of the sesquicentennial celebration this year there will **NOT** be a joint Saint John-Immaculate Conception Festival in August. Instead, IC will resurrect its traditional mid-June festival. (Next year, as they will be observing their *quasiquicentennial* - the fancy-schmancy word for the one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary - Saint John parish will resurrect *its* traditional festival. Then in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One the combined festival will return.)

Unfortunately we have **NOT** had a great response to calls for help. The committee is determined to move ahead with whatever help it can get. (I, nasty, mean, stubborn son-of-a-something, would just **CANCEL!**) As a son of the parish, whose parents were married here, whose mother was baptised here,

whose paternal grandparents were married here, whose **GREAT GRANDMOTHER** was - for goodness sake! - baptised here in **1883**, I am saddened by this lack of response. And this lack of response has extended beyond the festival to everything else associated with this momentous year. For example, when people gathered to make pirohi for the festival some weeks back there were more Saint John parishioners helping and it wasn't even for **THEIR** parish!

I am not sure what has fueled this apathy but it **IS** disappointing. I guess each parish has its own unique personality. When I came here in 2012 Saint Rita was **ALREADY** preparing for its centennial which wasn't until 2015! Perhaps the ethnic identity plays a role in motivating parishioners to actively take ownership of events. The Italian identity is still **VERY** strong at Saint Rita. The Slovak identity is likewise still strong at Saint John.

Immaculate Conception on the other hand, although founded as an Irish parish (with a strong German element emerging after its first few decades) has become much more of a "Heinz 57" conglomeration. When other ethnic communities started their own churches in the Jewel of the Yough those **ETHNIC PARISHES** (a technical term in Church law) were meant to serve the needs of a *particular* ethnicity within a certain area. Immaculate Conception thus became the **TERRITORIAL PARISH** (another technical term) that was to be the spiritual home of anyone who was **NOT** a member of those nationalities who had their own churches.



Additionally, as the territorial parish IC has absorbed the no-longer extant ethnic parishes of Saint Emory (Hungarian) and Holy Trinity (Polish) as well as the former territorial parish of Sacred Heart in Dawson.

Whatever the reason for a non-enthusiastic response to the sesquicentennial, I hope dishing out some good ol' Catholic guilt might inspire **MORE** parishioners to become involved!

COVER PHOTO: This week we feature Saint Rita decked out in its Pascal finery. Having the smallest sanctuary of our four churches it necessarily permits the least amount of decoration. That does not, however, mean that the church was "blah" for Easter! Rita Pratt and her Environment and Art team - Lisa Ware, Tish Humes, Deb LoNigro, and Gerri Panzella - **BEAUTIFULLY** transformed the worship space for the Holiest moment of the year.

For the cover shot I chose the **PRINCIPAL** Easter symbol, the Paschal Candle. The Great Vigil in the Holy Night begins with the lighting of the Paschal Candle from the New Fire. The Candle is then carried into a completely darkened church. The symbolism here *should* be obvious. Jesus called Himself the "Light of the World;" that light never shone more brightly than on that night when He rose from the dead. As the congregation lights their tapers from the Candle, the Light of Christ slowly fills the entire church.

The prayer the priest says as he lights the Paschal Candle captures perfectly the importance of this moment, the effect it is meant to have in **OUR** lives: "May the light of Christ rising in glory display the darkness of our hearts and minds." As we continue to celebrate these **GLORIOUS** Easter days, may we allow that light to burn ever more brightly in and **THROUGH** us!