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LORD LET ME WALK THAT LAST MILE IN YOUR SHOES, UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE WOOD.**

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.

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SUN, MAR 24, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult\$5,811.00
Loose301.00
Maintenance57.00
Total:\$6,169.00

Cemetery\$135.00
Accent\$12.75
Lent\$349.00
Ash Wednesday\$111.00
Home Missions\$39.00



ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult\$3,617.00
Loose152.25
Children/Young Adults11.75
Parish Improvements23.00
Total:\$3,804.00

Cath. Family Religious Ed\$20.00
Ash Wednesday\$5.00
Home Missions\$10.00



ST. JOHN

Adult\$2,808.00
Loose Collection169.00
Maintenance28.00
Total:\$3,005.00

Cemetery\$56.00
Lent\$430.00
Ash Wednesday\$28.00
Home Missions\$5.00



ST. RITA

Adult\$4,055.00
Loose Collection382.77
Maintenance30.00
Total:\$4,467.77

Cemetery\$102.00
Lent\$216.00
Ash Wednesday\$116.00
Home Missions\$23.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 31, 2019

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Through the sacrament of reconciliation we confess our sins and experience the mercy that God alone can give. Through the ministry of the church, we are reconciled to God and one another. The priest, our intermediary, expresses the forgiveness of God, represents the forgiving community, and steers the wandering ship of our souls to the safe shores of peace.

We believe that God created the earth in goodness. Sin entered the world, and God keeps us at peace through the ministry of reconciliation.

In a letter to the Corinthians, Paul says that he himself was reconciled

to God through Christ, and that he was given the ministry of reconciliation. God reconciled the world in Christ, and continued the work of reconciliation through Paul and other apostles, making them ambassadors of the forgiving Christ. On behalf of Christ, Paul pleads, "be reconciled to God."

As we become more aware of our faults this Lent, we bring our sorrow to the church through the sacrament of reconciliation. Then, forgiven by Christ, we too become ambassadors for him. We carry the message of reconciliation to all we meet.

Lent is not just about seeking forgiveness for ourselves, but also about building reconciliation wherever ties were broken. Wherever we can, let us bring the peace of Christ to all we meet at home, at work, at school, in our streets - all around the world.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

TUE: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

WED: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

THU: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

FRI: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SAT: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

SUN: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11



"Open Your Heart to HOPE", the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE shine. In our Catholic schools, the DLA helps more than 2,300

students shine! Visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE to see a video of Jesse Dermotta, who attends Queen of Angels Catholic School. She was one of the founding members of the Kindness Club, which strives to walk the path of Christ, doing unto others as they would have done unto them. To make an online donation, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL - current to 3/25/19

IC	SA	SJ	SR
DLA Goal	DLA Goal	DLA Goal	DLA Goal
\$38,133	\$26,715	\$18,319	\$34,301
Pledged	Pledged	Pledged	Pledged
\$23,425 (61%)	\$14,580 (55%)	\$9,750 (53%)	\$23,595 (69%)

If you need a DLA envelope, they are in the back of our churches, or they may be picked up at the Brady and DeVivo Centres.

What's Happening at home

St. Al's Families in Faith meeting is THIS SUN, MAR 31 after 9am Mass.

St. John's Fundraising Committee will again be selling their frozen pirohi for \$10/dozen, this SUN before Mass, 10:30-11am and after, 12:30-1pm.

IC Holy Name will meet on MON, APR 1 at 7pm in Sciberras Hall.

Our next Youth Group will be WED, APR 3 from 6-8pm in the former CAPS Building.

The Cemetery Committee is looking for volunteers for spring clean-up of our cemeteries on SAT, APR 6, beginning at 10am. ALL old decorations will be discarded that day. If you cannot be there then, it would be a tremendous help if you



personally disposed of your own decorations.

St. Al's needs someone to trim the cemetery. If interested, please call the Brady Centre office at 277-4236.

Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Catholic Community Children's Choir will rehearse SAT, Apr 6 at 11am in IC's Sciberras Hall.

IC Christian Mothers will meet on SAT, APR 6 in Sciberras Hall at 4pm. Any lady interested in Christian Mothers is welcome. After the meeting they will attend 6pm Mass as a group.

St. Rita Christian Mothers will attend 4pm Mass at St. Rita, as a group, on SAT, APR 6. There will be no meeting on FRI, APR 5, due to preparing for the Day of Recollection.

Young Adults will meet SAT, APR 6, 7-8:30pm.

Location to come.



IC Holy Name is having a Pancake, Buckwheat and Sausage Breakfast on SUN, APR 7 in Sciberras Hall, 7:30-11:30am. Adults \$5.50, kids 9/under \$3.

St. Aloysius is collecting individually wrapped candy for their Easter Egg Hunt, which is set for SAT, APR 20. Please put your candy in the basket in the church's gathering area. Event details to come.



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



Msgr. Roger Statnick will serve as 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 please call Mary at 628-6832.

Adult Tom Severin's Bible study continues WED, APR 3, in IC's Sciberras Hall from 6:30-8pm.



Boundless Compassion book study continues on THUs during Lent, in St. Rita's Bucci Hall from 1:30-3pm.

Molli Vassar's Bible study on FRIs after 8:30am Mass at St. Al continues in the social hall. Bring your Bible and a notebook. Come whenever you can. ALL are invited.

IC's 150th Anniversary Committee will have items for sale in their social hall after 9:30am Mass on APR 7 and after 6pm Mass on APR 13.

In addition to commemorative pens, mugs, Christmas ornaments and cards, there will be 1 lb. boxes of Colebrook chocolates/\$23, and specially labeled wine from Vinoski Winery: Merlot /\$25, Riesling /\$20 and Isabella/\$18. You can also order by calling Christa Puskar at 880-9666 or Becca Richter at 787-7875.

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

IC Festival and 150th Anniversary committees will meet on MON, APR 8 in Sciberras Hall at 6:30pm. Bring your ideas to help us continue with our year of celebration.

IC Christian Mothers will sell their nut, apricot, and poppyseed rolls for \$10 each plus cinnamon rolls for \$6/half dozen on Palm Sunday weekend - SAT, noon 'til after 6pm Mass; SUN, 8:30 'til after 9:30am Mass. There will also be a Chinese auction.

Volunteers are still needed for IC's Living Stations to be presented on Palm SUN evening. If

you'd like to participate, please call Joan Emmanuel at 880-5703 or Sr. Donna at the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840 ASAP.





**THE WOMAN AT THE WELL:
THIRSTING FOR TRUTH**

THE PRODIGAL SON: ENGAGEMENT THROUGH MERCY

Every time I hear the parable of the Prodigal Son, I instantly think of those people in my life who do not know the Lord. Although at times I am guilty (as we all are) of living in my *happy little Catholic bubble*, associating myself only with those in my faith community and believing that everyone thinks the way we do; the truth is **MANY** people in our local community do **NOT** have faith.

Allow us to consider those who do not identify with **ANY** religion...

Surveys show that Americans without a religious affiliation (which includes 'nothing particular', agnostic, and atheist) range around 23.8%. This 23.8% is referred to as the "nones" demographic.

This means that 1 out of 4 people you meet has NO religion.

HOWEVER, 72% of these same people **ALSO** have said that they believe in God, a higher power, or spiritual force.

Even our own Catholic brothers and sisters have fallen away.

50% of millennial baptized Catholics no longer identify as Catholics. For every person welcomed into the Catholic Church, 6.45 leave it.

22% of Americans today identify as Catholics.

39% of Catholics reported attending Church within the last 7 days.

This means that there are just about as many "nones" as there are Catholics. Furthermore, less than half of us *so-called* Catholics are actually attending Mass regularly!

And yet, *"The Church exists in order to evangelize."* Pope Paul VI

What this says to me is that we simply **AREN'T DOING OUR JOB**.

So what should we be doing?

ENGAGING. We should be engaging our loved ones, our co-workers, and those in our community.

And what form does this engagement take? It is inspired by mercy.

Most of the people we run into aren't struggling with doctrinal issues of the Church. They aren't sitting around arguing the doctrine of transubstantiation, papal infallibility, or Mary's perpetual virginity. Instead, they are wondering...

Will I find love here?

Will I be accepted and welcomed?

Are they more interested in filling the pew, or getting to know me?

If we love first, **SHOWING** those whom we encounter the mercy of God, they are **MUCH** more likely to come to **KNOW** that we are authentic.

And if WE are authentic, our doctrines must be authentic.

In short, we need to welcome people at their growing edge, rather than finding ways to drive them out.

Who wants to follow a faith where the believers are always angry and hostile, or cold and distant? Imagine the appeal if the first reaction of others was, *"Look at how these Christians love all people."* This is not simply a tactic; it is at the heart of Christianity itself. Love is the force that should animate our actions, and joy is its frequent product.

The answer is not found in watering down Church teaching or adjusting it to the latest cultural trends; it's about drawing people in by showing that Christ offers meaning as opposed to indifference, joy instead of a life running away from boredom, and hope rather than the despair of injustice. Living in a way that reflects a radical commitment to love draws people in, as they look for the source of that which they often intuitively *know* is good.



As Pope Francis explains *"When the Prodigal Son returned home, his father didn't say: 'But you, listen, sit down. What did you do with the money?' No, he held a party. Then, maybe, when the son wanted to talk, he talked..."*

The church must do the same ... This is mercy."

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



This Sunday we celebrate the Second of the RCIA Scrutinies.

In the Gospel, we hear of the man born blind who wishes to be healed. When he is cured, he witnesses to those around him about the power of Jesus' touch.

When he is questioned first by his neighbors and then by the Pharisees about the deeper identity of this man and the source of his power, the man can only say that "I was blind and now I see".

For our RCIA elect and candidates, there is much of the same going on here in their lives. They have completed the time of the catechumenate, when doctrinal learning has been handed on, not in any sense finished, but begun enough for them to make an informed decision for membership in the Catholic Church. They do not yet know every single detail about the doctrines, but they know that they have been touched by the living person of Jesus Christ and through his mercy, hopefully "now they see". Please continue to keep them in your prayers. *Molli*



the repose of the souls of RUTH BENNETT (mother of Deborah Petrone), BARRY

HENSEL (brother of Todd Hensel), RICHARD RIZZA, KATHLEEN TRUMP and JOSEPH WALLACE, (brother of Ed Wallace), who died

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

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 place it in the collection basket, or bring/mail it to the DeVivo or Brady Centres.

NAME _____

CHURCH _____ ENVELOPE # _____

EMAIL _____



The Partner Parish of St. John, Scottdale and St. Joseph, Everson will host a Lenten Concert THIS SUN, MAR 31 at 7pm at St. John, 504 S.

Broadway Street, Scottdale. All are welcome to share in this musical journey as we prepare for Holy Week. A light reception will follow in the parish social hall.

Nar-Anon meeting, WED, APR 3 at St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

Connellsville Area Ministerial Association's Lenten Lunches continue TUEs, noon-1pm (except Holy Week), at Connellsville Presbyterian Church.

There is no cost for lunch, but free-will donations are appreciated.

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.

Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently registering students for the 2019/20 academic year in Greensburg. More than an

academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured weekly program for homeschoolers that includes chorus, classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. Please join us at Panera Bread-Greengate Center on SAT, APR 6, at 2pm for an informational meeting. Contact Rebecca at 217-778-7599.



Ladies of Charity, with the help of others, will be delivering hyacinths and Easter cards to home-bound parishioners from all of our 4 parishes.

Deliveries can be made on SAT, APR 13, SUN, APR 14, or early in Holy Week. Your help would be most appreciated. To volunteer or for more info, call Theresa Jaworski at 628-4034.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

BULLETIN DATE

SUN, APR 14

SUN, APR 21

SUN, APR 28

INFO DUE

MON, APR 1

MON, APR 8

MON, APR 15

**ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF IC, ST. AL,
ST. JOHN, AND ST. RITA PARISHES.**

**If you would like to minister
at one of the Triduum Masses**

HOLY THU 7pm at IC

GOOD FRI 1:30pm at IC
Liturgy of the Word

EASTER VIGIL 9pm at IC

**please contact Chris Sparks ASAP,
preferably by email at
crsparks1@zoominternet.net
or by phone at 628-7510.**

Ministers will be selected
based on earliest request.

COMMUNAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering spiritual
things, we may carry out in both
word and deed that which is
pleasing to you.

ST. AL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT, APR 6 - 5PM

ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EX MINISTER
C Tabaj	S Lincoln	J Goodwin
O Tabaj		T Nedrow
W Trimbath		M Vinoverski

SUN, APR 7 - 9AM

ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EX MINISTER
J Hustosky	J Grover	J Laurion
J Hustosky		K Martray
R Barron		J Wallace

ROSARY SCHEDULE

SAT, APR 6
Volunteer

SUN, APR 7
C Johnston

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, APR 1

Time	Location	Intention
8:00am	St. Rita	Jean O'Donnell (Linda & Bruce Santmyer)
8:30am	St. Al	Dolores Klotz (Tony & Cel Bucci)
6:00pm	St. Al	Stations of the Cross

TUE, APR 2

Time	Location	Intention
8:00am	St. John	Sr. Mary Antonine Forbeck (Friend, Beatrice A. Babura)
8:30am	St. Al	Anna Giobbi (Pauline Sleighter)

WED, APR 3

Time	Location	Intention
8:00am	St. Rita	John Nudo (Cathy Cunningham & Mary Ann Nativio)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 5:30pm
12:10pm	IC	Stations of the Cross
6:00pm	St. Rita	Richard Carpinelli (Family)

THU, APR 4

Time	Location	Intention
8:00am	IC	Guldenschuh Family (The Theresa Foley Family)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Rose Novak (Jackie & Bob Gambone)

FRI, APR 5

Time	Location	Intention
7:10am	Geibel Chapel	Charles & Ann Riley (Katie, Kassie & Tommy Jackson)
8:00am	St. Rita	James Schiavoni (Wife, Toni Schiavoni)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Angelo & Eleanor Alesantrino (M/M Keith Basinger)
6:30pm	St. John	Stations of the Cross

SAT, APR 6

Time	Location	Intention
4:00pm	St. Rita	Kathy Herbert (M/M Michael Bell)
5:00pm	St. Al	Pat & Diletta Orlando (Family)
6:00pm	IC	Matthew & Andrew McLaughlin (Mom & Dad)

SUN, APR 7 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Time	Location	Intention
8:00am	St. Rita	Deceased Members of the Falco Family (Tom & Sue Kezmarsky)
9:00am	St. Al	60th Wedding Anniversary of Pat & Ann Trimbath (Family & Friends)
9:30am	IC	Pro Populo
11:30am	St. John	George Kovack (Susan Shaw)

IC, ST. JOHN, ST. RITA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	ACOLYTE	EX MINISTER	CROSS BEARER	LECTOR
APR 6				
SR-4pm	E Armstrong S Harbaugh	A Hann M Pieczynski G McDermott	T Long	A Davin
IC-6pm	M Speeney M Sabatini	J Geary D Calinao P Calinao	M Martray	M Lazor
APR 7				
SR-8am	T Barrett M Waggett	D Gephart R Pratt L Sparks	D Barrett	J Malone
IC-9:30am	J Sapola C Jones	E Loyal P Akers J Kosinski	D DePaul	R Kozel
SJ-11:30am	S Dennison K Yoders	E Smith J Speeney P Daniels	C Becker	R Marciante



RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR

SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

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

PALM SUNDAY: The General Introduction of the Roman Missal, 3rd Edition (GIRM), which governs the celebration of the Eucharist, begins its instruction on Palm Sunday thusly:

On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this entrance of the Lord takes place at all Masses, by means of the Procession or the Solemn Entrance before the principal Mass or the Simple Entrance before other Masses. The Solemn Entrance, but not the Procession, may be repeated before other Masses that are usually celebrated with a large gathering of people.

Cutting through the liturgical gobbledegook, this paragraph indicates that only ONE procession takes place in a parish and then only at the PRINCIPAL Mass. For the Our Lady Queen of the Yough Community the principal Masses are:

Saint Rita - 4pm

Saint Aloysius - 9am

Immaculate Conception - 9:30am

Saint John - 11:30am

The GIRM then goes on to describe where and how the Procession is to take place:

At an appropriate hour, a gathering takes place at a smaller church or other suitable place other than inside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold branches in their hands.

Wearing the red sacred vestments as for Mass, the Priest and the Deacon,

accompanied by other ministers, approach the place where the people are gathered.

At Saint Rita we gather at the Grotto, at Immaculate

Conception in front and on the side of the Waters House veranda, and at Saint John in front of the train station. (This being the first year I am responsible for Saint Aloysius, I am not yet certain where the gathering will be.)

Once everyone is gathered, the Priest begins Mass as usual, gives a brief introduction, blesses the palms, and then proclaims the Gospel passage which relates the story of Jesus' entry into the Holy City. Following the Gospel the GIRM states: *a brief homily may be given; I have always omitted this. With the Procession and the Proclamation of the Lord's Passion during the Liturgy of the Word, one BRIEF homily (given after the Passion) is enough!* Finally, the entire congregation processes to the Church:

The Procession to the church where Mass will be celebrated then sets off in the usual way. If incense is used, the thurifer [the one bearing the thurible [in which the incense is burned; also known as a censor] goes first, carrying a thurible with burning incense, then an acolyte or another minister, carrying a cross decorated with palm branches according to local custom, between two ministers with lighted candles ... Then follow the Deacon carrying the Book of the Gospels, the Priest with the ministers, and, after them, all the faithful carrying branches. As the Procession moves forward ... suitable chants in honour of Christ the King are sung by the choir and people.

The priests will be keeping to the rotation of Masses which we have

been following since the beginning of Lent, with one exception. That Passion/Palm Sunday weekend would be Father Julius' turn to take the Dunbar Masses. However since this is his first year AND Saint Aloysius' first year I didn't think it fair to put all of that on him. Therefore he and I will switch Sunday morning. He will take my place at 8am and I will take his place at 9am.

WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER! Last Sunday's Saint John Chicken Dinner was indeed a WINNER ... at least for those who got there early enough to enjoy all that delicious chicken-y goodness! The kitchen had sold every last bird by 1pm. This isn't the first time they have sold out but NEVER in the course of human events have they sold out so **EARLY**. A hearty THANK YOU to the women and men who laboured long and hard to make this event a rousing success. This is what happens when people LOVE their parish family and work together toward a common goal!

NEEDED: SAINT ALOYSIUS MINISTERS FOR TRIDUUM! As our faith community will come together for one common celebration of the Paschal Triduum, I want to be sure that our newest family member is represented. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Altar Server at Saint Aloysius and would like to serve any of the Triduum services please contact Chris Sparks at 724.628.7510 or at crsparks1@zoominternet.net. THANK YOU!

COVER PHOTO: A shot I took whilst driving around somewhat aimlessly after visiting my little nephew in Scottdale last Thursday. The loneliness of the scene seems apropos as we continue our journey through the Lenten desert.