

JUN 29-30, 2019



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

### BRADY CENTRE

459 Ranch Road  
Dunbar, PA 15431

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

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**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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This week's featured advertiser is JANNEY..

Our Faith Community consists of the Parish Families of Immaculate Conception, Connellsville (1869), Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Dunbar (1874), Saint John the Evangelist, Connellsville (1895), and Saint Rita of Cascia, Connellsville (1915).



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## SAT-SUN, JUN 22-23, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult .....	\$4,328.00
Loose .....	695.00
Maintenance .....	65.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$5,088.00</b>

Cemetery .....	\$146.00
Accent .....	\$5.00
Retired Religious .....	\$5.00
Peter's Pence .....	\$3.40



### ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult .....	\$3,102.00
Loose .....	128.00
Children .....	16.00
Parish Improvements .....	11.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$3,257.00</b>



### ST. JOHN

Adult .....	\$2,830.00
Loose Collection .....	583.00
Maintenance .....	15.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$3,428.00</b>

Cemetery .....	\$167.00
Ascension .....	\$20.00
Accent .....	\$12.75



### ST. RITA

Adult .....	\$4,753.00
Loose .....	256.25
Maintenance .....	5.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$5,014.25</b>

Cemetery .....	\$124.00
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**The PETER'S PENCE offering will be collected at all Masses THIS weekend.**

This offering helps fund the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency relief assistance for people suffering from war, oppression and natural disasters. It also helps the diocese meet its obligation to contribute to the support of the operational expenses of the Holy See.



### 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 OWNING CHRIST

Most people save stuff. We are packrats. We save clothes that have not fit for years. We save computer files we may never look at again. When we run out of closets at home, we rent additional space to store things.

Once in a while we have a garage sale to thin down our possessions. But we rarely hear of anyone getting rid of everything in order to start over again.

When Elisha agreed to follow Elijah as his attendant, he left his livelihood as a farmer. He broke up the yoke he steered for plowing and used it to fuel a fire. He slaughtered his oxen and used the fire

to boil their flesh. He served the flesh to his people to eat. Elisha left nothing behind.

To be a follower of Christ, we must be prepared to travel light. Our possessions may distract us from keeping Christ as the center of our being. We may also be distracted by too many interests, too many commitments, too much food, or too much play. When Elisha decided to follow Elijah, he broke up, burned up, and cooked up everything he owned. When we decide to follow Christ, we will leave some things behind.

It will not feel right at first. It is hard to let go of the things of our past. We are packrats. But the future is glorious if Christ is all we own.

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*God's best blessings  
as you begin your  
First Pastorate,  
Fr. Dan.*

*You are loved and  
will be missed!*

**Please join us for a reception to honor  
FR. DAN ULISHNEY and to thank him  
for his ministry among us.**

**THIS SUN, JUN 30, at 2pm  
in Bucci Hall**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

TUE: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

WED: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

THU: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8;

FRI: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

SAT: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

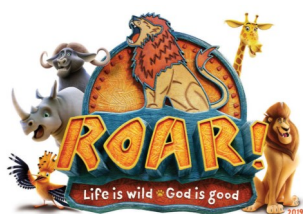
SUN: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20  
[10:1-9]

# What's Happening at home

St. Rita Christian Mothers will NOT meet on First FRI, JUL 5, and will NOT attend the 4pm Mass on SAT, JUL 6. They WILL attend the 4pm Mass, as a group, on SAT, JUL 13, the last day of the Fair, in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

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. For reservations, please call Mary at 628-6832 by WED, JUL 10.

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



Join us for VBS  
**"ROAR: LIFE IS WILD. GOD IS GOOD"**  
**JUL 22-26 at Geibel, 6-8pm.**

Registration is FREE! Children who have just completed grades PreK-5 are welcome to participate. 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!!

St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on MON, JUL 1 and TUE, JUL 2 beginning at 8:30am in Bucci Hall, to prepare sausage, peppers and onions for the Street Fair.

Help is also needed on MON, JUL 8 beginning at 8:30am to organize supplies in the hall for Fair set-up.

Volunteers are needed during Fair times. Please call Paul Mongell at 626-2249 if you can help in any way. If you can help in the kitchen or with food, please call Rita Pratt at 628-2249. (Food volunteers should arrive at 4:45 each evening.)

Donations of baked goods are needed for the Bake Sale, and cakes are needed for the Cake Wheel Stand. Please bring them to Bucci Hall on WED, JUL 10 from 8:30am-noon, or drop them off before 5pm any day of the 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.

Anyone wishing to donate a themed raffle basket, items or monetary donations for a raffle basket should call Patty Merendino at 628-4051. Items must be new. You may drop your basket off at Bucci Hall on MON/TUE, JUL 8/9 from 5-7pm.

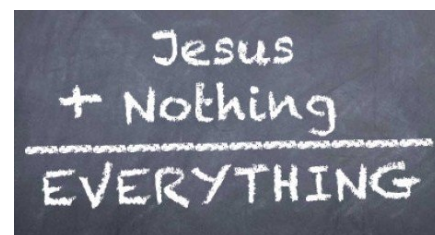
**ST RITA  
 STREET  
 FAIR**  
 THU, FRI, SAT  
 JUL 11-13  
 5:30-10pm

Both parish offices will be closed on THU/FRI, JUL 4/5 to observe the holiday.

Congratulations to  
 RON and JEAN BENNETT  
 on their marriage validation,  
 JUN 22 at St. Rita.



Congratulations to  
 ZOEY QUINN and PAYTON ALLIE,  
 daughters of Ron and Jean Bennett,  
 baptized JUN 22 at St. Rita.



Congratulations to ADALEE LYNN,  
 daughter of Justin Hustosky and  
 Stacey Domer, baptized JUN 22  
 at St. Rita.





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

In today's Gospel, we are moving "along the road" with Jesus to Jerusalem. It's going to be a long journey. After all, we are in chapter 9, and Jesus doesn't enter Jerusalem until chapter 19. In following Jesus, the issue of discipleship - or life on the Way - immediately arises.

The first disciple promises to follow Jesus wherever He goes, and Jesus replies mysteriously with the saying about foxes and birds having places to call home, but "*the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.*" The implication, of course, is that to follow Jesus is to experience life and death in the same way as He does. If someone is SO rooted in the things that have tied them down that they cannot respond to the call of the Lord, it is obviously time for them to reevaluate their priorities. We can see how this saying will relate to the next two involving family relationships. In all these cases, to follow Jesus is demonstrated to be a matter of "either /or," not "both'/and."

Jesus tells the second man to follow Him, but the man asks to leave first bury his father. In a culture where family was so important and honoring one's parents was both commanded and expected, the

man's request seems reasonable enough. But what this man is really saying is, "ME FIRST." He is postponing that call of God. Jesus, however, replies, "*Let the dead bury their own dead.*" On the one hand, you could treat this statement as a metaphor -- "*Let the (spiritually) dead take care of the (physically) dead.*" For someone who aspires to authentic living, the *only option* is to follow Jesus. But Jesus' saying can also be understood literally as an absurdity. The dead obviously can't bury their own. So if someone wants to claim, "*I'm not dead yet!*" then what do THEY do? Jesus continues, "*But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.*" THAT'S what people who are REALLY alive do. When Christ calls, it MUST be HIM first. Jesus' call MUST take precedent over the highest earthly ties.

The third person wants to follow Jesus but only after saying farewell to his family. It's a situation similar to our first reading, where Elisha is permitted such a thing before following Elijah. Jesus, however, responds differently. "*No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.*" The image evoked here is the ludicrous one of someone trying to plow a straight line while looking backwards. To attempt a modern idiom, "*No one who is driving and texting is fit to be on the road/Way.*" The decision to follow Jesus MUST be clear and decisive. Nothing must hinder it.

In each instance, Jesus has contrasted one of the most important values in His culture and demoted

it, not JUST to a secondary role, but to an irrelevant one. It's either HIS WAY or NO WAY at all. Such absolutism does not go over well in today's society where we are led to think **we can have it all**. We want the comforts of what our culture has promised to bring us happiness AND ALSO JESUS. But to follow Jesus, we must detach ourselves from everything that hinders our progress. Jesus HIMSELF was doing all of the things that He demanded of others. Jesus NEVER looked back. His face was set towards the cross. He met hostility, suffering and death in order to bring us life.

These verses jar US into asking, "*How are our lives different as followers of Jesus than what they might have been otherwise?*" Ideally, an authentic relationship with Jesus and His Church SHOULD constantly transform all of us into new ways of living. True discipleship means living first and foremost for Christ. While the implications of following Him seem daunting, we can take comfort and joy in the eternal riches He has in store for those faithful to His call.

**JESUS' CALL TO  
COMMITMENT IS CLEAR:  
HE WANTS  
ALL OR NOTHING.**

FRANCIS CHAN

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



Nar-Anon will NOT meet on WEDs, JUL 3 and JUL 10. They will resume on JUL 17.

The 10th annual Visitation Church Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will be held SUN, JUL 7, rain or shine, in the parish parking lot, 740 W. Walnut St., Mount Pleasant. Vehicle registration is 10:30am-2pm. The show concludes at 4pm Food, DJ, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Proceeds benefit the parish. For information, call 724-366-5930 or email [uspsal@cvzoom.net](mailto:uspsal@cvzoom.net).

The next Natural Family Planning CM-BBT Method Instruction is scheduled for JUL 8 beginning at 6 pm at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Participants are required to attend only ONE session. The instruction, continued support and follow-up are provided by a medically certified CM-BBT Professional. Call Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, x1658 for additional information or to register for this or an upcoming class. For more information about the CM-BBT Method, visit [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) and link into Natural Family Planning under "Services".

A Virtus session is being offered SAT, JUL 13, at St Florian, in United.

If you still need Virtus for your clearances, you may call their office at 423-4431 to register.

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat - A Ministry to Catholic Women, is holding a breakfast on SAT, JUL 27, at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Greensburg, from 9am to noon. Guest speaker will be Bonnie Engstrom, whose son's stillbirth and miraculous recovery is the miracle accepted by the Vatican for Venerable Fulton Sheen's canonization. Cost is \$20, student rate \$15. To register, call Brenda by MON, JUL 22 at 836-2094 or visit [www.magnificatgreensburg.com](http://www.magnificatgreensburg.com) to download a registration form. There is NO online registration.

St. Pius Festival, SUN, JUL 28 11am-10pm. Delicious homemade ethnic and American foods, raffles, games, bingo, Chinese auction and raffle baskets. New attractions and games in the kids area. Entertainment will include "DJ-Big Basel Productions" and "Back in Time".



Congratulations to KARYSSA GAULT and NICK MONGELL, married JUN 22 at St. Rita.



Congratulations to ABRAM ALEXANDER, son of Jeremiah and Mandie Snyder, baptized JUN 23 at IC.



We do our best to keep the parish databases current. You can help by letting us know any time your household changes. Call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840 or St. Al's Brady Centre at 277-4236 if:

- ♦ Your family moves into or out of one of our parishes
- ♦ Your address changes
- ♦ Your phone number changes or you drop your landline
- ♦ Singles marry and spouse is not recorded
- ♦ An adult child moves away
- ♦ There is a baby or other addition to your family
- ♦ You separate or divorce
- ♦ A member moves to a nursing home or other care facility



Thanks so much to everyone who has had their picture taken for our new directory.

Watch the bulletin for make-up dates in AUG if the original time-slots did not work for you.

Our directory will be incomplete without YOU!

This week's altar flowers at St. John are in honor of the 64th wedding anniversary of Ted and Retha Koval, by Family.



GEORGE BORDAS and ROSE COWAN, new additions to our prayer list.

**St. Aloysius needs Altar Servers for SUN 9am Masses, and Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for SAT 5pm Masses.** To volunteer, please call the Brady Centre at 277-4236.

JUL/AUG ministry schedules for all 4 parishes have been posted on the parish website [www.youghcatholic.org](http://www.youghcatholic.org).

If you need a hard-copy, please call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of JUANITA DELGROSSO (mother of Roxanne Mongelluzzo), ROSE (JUNE) DEStEFINO, ROBERT W. MARTRAY (father of Robert Martray), and MICHAEL YANKOVICH, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>MON, JUL 1</b>		<b>ST. JUNIPERO SERRA, PRIEST</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Anthony (Barney) Kostelnik (Stephanie & Antoinette)
8:30am	St. Al	Cecilia Neighbors (Pam & Carl Neighbors)
<b>TUE, JUL 2</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	St. John	Mickey Joseph (Jack & Judie White)
8:30am	St. Al	Anna Stefano (Clara Macko)
<b>WED, JUL 3</b>		<b>ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Paul J. & Sophia Goberni (Joe Goberni)
	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
<b>THU, JUL 4</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Ed Hardy (Sheryl & Jim Nagy)
9:00am	IC	Robert Skowronek (Greg & Lisa)
<b>FRI, JUL 5</b>		<b>STS. ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST &amp; ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Angelo & Antoinette Scacchi & Family (Basil & Rita Nolan)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	John Skocik (Wife, Nancy & Sons, John & Michael)
<b>SAT, JUL 6</b>		
11:30am	St. Rita	Confession
		<b>VIGIL/ST. MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN</b>
4:00pm	St. Rita	Joanne Natale (Donald Natale & Family)
5:00pm	St. Al	Josephine Bonadio (Patrick & Lexi)
6:00pm	IC	Nancy Miller (Dolores Hominsky)
<b>SUN, JUL 7</b>		<b>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Pro Populo
9:00am	St. Al	Sylvester & Melvina Rendine (Terry, Kristin & Christopher)
9:30am	IC	Rita Ross (Kathy, Tina & Michael)
11:30am	St. John	George Kosisko, Jr. (Daughter, Mary Jane Speeney)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUL 6				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUL 7			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	K Callahan K Callahan	C Tabaj O Tabaj	N Spotto S Spotto	G Joseph E Armstrong	M Speeney N Mongell	I House S House	I Zerecheck S Dennison
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	G Lembo J Lembo R Pratt	P Herron A Trimbath S Smith	P Daniels I McKenna A Shroyer	L Lauffer G Bohinski B Bielecki	T Dull K Martray T Nedrow	P Akers S Reagan M DeFazio	E Smith L Martin B Knizner
CROSS BEARERS	H Specht	J Trimbath	O Spotto	C Joseph	F Vinoverski	M House	L Tomasko
LECTORS	M Merendino	J Dunaway	L Grinko	T Shal	D DeCara	R Lazor	T Szepesi
ROSARY		Volunteer			Carol 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!

### FINANCIAL REALITIES...THE DISCUSSION

**CONTINUES:** For the past several weeks I have devoted considerable space in the column addressing issues related to our finances. I **KNOW** that this is a topic which nearly all Catholics **LOATHE**. Truth be told I loathe it **MYSELF**; however as a **PASTOR** it is not something I can choose to ignore because I find it **UNCOMFORTABLE**. As somewhat of a **WIMP** I **DO** tend to take the easier way out by writing about it much more frequently than speaking about it "from the pulpit" (as I obviously **NEVER** speak **FROM** the pulpit this phrase is shorthand for addressing a subject at Mass). Although, to be honest, it is not **MERELY** my wimpish desire to take the easy way out; I truly believe that the homily at Mass is **NOT** the proper venue to hammer home week after week the **OBLIGATION** of parishioners to support their parish. That being said, though, since **BOTH** Sacred Scripture **AND** the teachings of the Church **IMPOSE** said obligation on the faithful it is certainly **NOT** out of line for said obligation to **OCCASIONALLY** be the subject of the preacher's discourse, most especially when the readings of the day positively **INVITE** such discourse. (The operative word in the previous sentence being *occasionally*; parishioners have **EVERY RIGHT** to be proverbially "up in arms" if

ALL they ever hear from the pulpit is talk about the **ALMIGHTY DOLLAR**!) Thus I shan't apologise for having spoken at Mass about our financial realities as I trust that any **HONEST** person will admit that I have done so relatively rarely.

Thus far, in these past weeks, I have addressed the issue narrowly, from the vantage point of our parishes *individually*. Now I must address it *corporately*, that is, from the vantage point of our four parishes as one **COMMUNITY**. And it is here that I feel the most torn. Various individuals - both members of various Finance Councils and parishioners in the pew - have remarked that from a purely **BUSINESS** point of view it is **UTTERLY FOOLISH** to try to keep all these parishes/churches (the issue remains even if we were to be combined into **ONE** parish, say Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Parish) afloat. **FINANCIALLY** we would be **MUCH BETTER** off by closing one or two, consolidating, and conserving our resources. I can in **NO WAY** dispute that! Such thinking is **ABSOLUTELY** correct. From a purely **BUSINESS** viewpoint.

However, I feel that as Pastor I am charged with approaching the issue as something more than **JUST** a business reality; there is the **PASTORAL** dimension as well. And for me personally **THAT** is the crux of the issue; how do I **BALANCE MY** obligation to faithfully steward

**YOUR** treasure **WITH OUR** (yours and mine) desire to preserve the four **WONDERFUL** parishes still extant in our community? I know I am vulnerable to the legitimate criticism of those who say "Just close some of the churches and be done with it." For various reasons, not the least being my love of the history of this community, I have been **VERY** reluctant to "bite the bullet." (And as a first class **WIMP** I have to be honest and say that another reason is that I don't want to deal with the **HATE** that I know will be directed my way if/when a church/churches is/are closed.)

Perhaps the community would have been better served had a stronger person been sent here to Pastor the community. Many priests have more-or-less chided me with the question "Why haven't you closed any of those churches? Are you **STUPID**?" I have no doubt that had Bishop Brandt sent a different priest to Connellsville on 8 March 2012 the situation would be **VERY** different; without doubt there would **NOT** be three churches in Connellsville. Maybe not even two. That's the **LOGICAL** thing. In the eyes of many I have **FOOLISHLY** bent over backwards to keep **THREE** parishes **ALIVE**.

To be continued next week ...

**COVER PHOTO:** The Fayette County Courthouse on a beautiful early summer day. Over the past fortnight or so I have spent **A LOT** of time in the Recorder of Deeds office (and some others) researching the earliest history of the Catholic community in Connellsville. I am intending to write the *definitive* history of those beginnings for the Immaculate Conception Sesquicentennial Book. And without prematurely spilling the beans I think I am overturning the conventional history!