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SUN, APR 14, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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SUN, APR 21, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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St. Aloysius will be reported in the next bulletin.

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Dame Cathedral, may be done through
www.SupportNotreDame.org. There will
NOT be a special collection taken in
our diocese.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Easter Flowers\$168.00

MON: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

TUE: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15 WED: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

THU: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

FRI: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

SAT: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

SUN: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14;

In 21:1-19 [1-14]



ACTS 5:12-16 CHRIST'S OFFER OF LIFE AND HEALING

If you kept a good Lent this year, you have experienced death and rebirth in your spiritual life. If you celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation before Easter this year, you have acknowledged your sin and experienced forgiveness. You have been healed.

One of the first signs of the resurrection was healing. After Jesus rose from the dead, his apostles inherited many of his gifts. They preached powerful sermons, forgave sins, healed the sick. Faith was strong. God's Spirit was stronger.

Now that this year's Easter has come, the healing power of God's Holy Spirit will be at work within you. At the Easter Vigil you renewed your baptismal promises. You recommitted yourself to Christ. Now in the Easter season, Christ will recommit himself to you. You bask for fifty days in the glow of glory.

Perhaps you have experienced doubt. On Ash Wednesday you admitted the sickness of your sin and sought the medicine of Lent. Perhaps now you wonder if the new you will stick or will it relapse?

The full grace of this season is yours to receive. The risen Christ stands in glory above the tomb. He offers new life and healing.

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Boundless Compassion book study has been extended for one last session on THU, MAY 2 in St. Rita's Bucci Hall from 1:30-3pm.

Molli's Bible study on FRIs after 8:30am Mass at St. Al continues in the social hall. No time is too late to start looking into God's Word!

The Church Idlewild Picnic is scheduled for SAT, JUN 22, THIS SUN, APR 28 is the deadline to turn in your reservation forms.

St. Al's needs caring volunteers to clean the baby section of their cemetery. (located at the bottom

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

of the new section of the cemetery, along the tree line, across from Courtesy Oil). Branches need picked up, grass needs raked, and pulled from between some graves. Please call the Brady Centre at 277-4236 to volunteer.

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



Mini Retreat, SAT, MAY 18, 2-4pm. Place to be determined.

St. Rita Christian Mothers will have a May Crowning, Mother's Day Luncheon and meeting on FRI, MAY 3 at 6pm in Bucci Hall. They will also attend the 4pm Mass at St. Rita on SAT, MAY 4 as a group.

First Holy Communion rehearsal will be THIS SAT, MAY 4, beginning at 10am at IC.

Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Catholic Community Children's Choir will hold its final rehearsal of this season on SAT, MAY 4 at 1 I am in IC's Sciberras Hall. The Choir will also sing for First Communion on SUN, MAY 5 at the noon Mass at IC. Children in grades 3-6 may join the choir. In addition, 7-8th graders and senior high students may join as cantors and leaders of song.

St. Rita Christian Mothers welcomes donations to help defray food costs for the upcoming Festival. Cash, or checks payable to St. Rita and marked "Food Fair Donation" can be dropped in the collection basket or given directly to Rita Pratt.

IC/St. John ladies will be making pirohi on TUE, MAY 7 after 8am Mass, in St. John's Moravek Hall, and cabbage rolls on TUE, MAY 14. Extra hands are always welcome. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of ingredients, you may put it in an envelope marked "IC Festival" and put it in the collection basket, or mail/take it to the DeVivo Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JULIUS on the 13th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on APR 24.

FYI...If your schedule doesn't allow you to make our regular Mass times, Regional Masses are celebrated on SUN evenings at 5:30 at SS Cyril and Methodius in Fairchance, and 7:00 at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

The IC Festival will be held FRI/SAT, JUN 14/15 at the IC - YES the IC Festival building. What a great way to continue the 150th anniversary celebration! Thanks in advance for the help from St. John parishioners! CLEARANCES ARE A MUST. If you need help with the details, just call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

St. Aloysius' Calendar Party is set for SUN, OCT 13, beginning at 1pm. Work on the event is already in process so if you'd like to help, or if you have a donation for the Chinese auction, please call the Brady Centre office at 277-4236 and let them know.



Congratulations to
MIKE & YAMDEE COLLINS,
whose marriage was validated on
April 15 at IC.

What is MYSTAGOGY? This term refers to the period after Easter Sunday and often until Pentecost in the

RCIA. For our new Catholic friends now known as neophytes, it is a time to reflect on their journey and to discern and discover ways in which they can be used to build up the Body of Christ. We as a parish community have a specific and indispensable role to play here. We are to be inviting and enthusiastic about encouraging them to explore and join us in

any organization or ministry we may be involved in, so that they can perhaps become involved. We have the contact information for each of them. Please speak a word of welcome if you recognize them.





Hank Adair, Victoria Altimus, Arlene Argiro, Scott Aronhalt, John Auer, Maureen

& Stephen Austen, Beatrice Babura, Peter Babyak, Ada Bageant, Janice Bailey, Al Balow, Heather Bardin, Meghan Bayer, Scott Bell, Maya Bennett, Marissa Bercik, Reanne Berger, Seth Beveridge, Scott Bigley, Anise Black, Betty Blacka, Jeffery Blystone, Gail Boucher, Devin Braddock, Patty Broderick, Mary Bredesen, Brian, Michael Brienza, Quinn Bukovac, Divinia Calinao, Bob Camilli, Jamey Camp, Margaret Carbonara, Kay Caringola, Andrew Carr, Grace & Larry Carroll, Cecil Casini, Anthony Cecchini, Toni Cellurale-Kuhlman, Mallory Chaikcic, Patty Check, Anthony Colatch, David Coldren, Rita Cole, Heather Collins, lack Conko, Steve Conko, Cindy Costello-Ford, Angelo Crocetti, Gloria Cross, Ron & Donna Cross, Robert Cumberland, Pat DeCara, Frank Decker, Debbie Del Sordo, Aidan De-Marco, Lavonne Dillinger, Paul Dillon, Albert Disson, Joyce Doppelheuer, Agnes Dowling, Sandy Drury, Mike Dunaway, Cathi Dunn, Alberta Dusha, Melody Dynes, Ronald Egnot, John Emanuel, Charlotte Eutsey, Ron Farina, Michael Farris, Michelle Farris, Joan Fattori, Sandra Fletcher, Frankhouser & Hager Families, Cameron Frame, Sr., John Frick, Jason Friguglietti, Nicholas Gaborko, Christopher Galik, Robert Gallo, Sr., Jean Gallo-Ciscon, Machaela Garlowich, Greg Garred, Sr., Timmy Gibbs, Barry Glotfelty, Tanya Gray, Allie Guilian, Garrin Haggerty, Paul Hammaker, Jim

Haney, Connie Hatter, Betty Healey, Nancy Heinbaugh, Paul Helinsky, Charles Helms, Sr., Frederick Helms, Alexia Herchko, Bill Herman, Angela Hill, John Hohmann, Steve Holup, Arlene & Jay Honeycutt, Dennis Hough, Ruthie Hough, Herk & Connie Hubbard, Barry S. Huey, Dominic Ianello, Dolores laquinta, Brittany Johnson, Darlene & Donnie Johnston, Kevin Jones, Karen, Joseph Kasunic, Rich Kazmierczak, Chase Kemp, Larry Kennison, Larry Kent, Lora Keslar, Joann Kieta, Carol King, Lorraine Kinnick, Alcuin & LaRena Kirsch, Zachary Knabenshue, Judie Kosisko, Kathy Kovac, Trish Koval, John Kuzyck, Bernadine Lafko, Susan Lake, Kevin Lape, Sean Lewandowski, Michaelene Lint, Michael Litman, Anita Grasso Lizza, Maryann Lloyd, Justin Loncala, William & Adina Long, Alvera & Michael Long, Savannah Longanecker, Ruth Lonigro, Shannon Lown, Jeffrey Madarish, Koochie Maiese, Noah Manges, James Marnell, Roger Marshall, Christine Martin, Daniel Martin, Marie Martin, Ted Martin, Theresa Martin, Michael, Kim Mari, Carol Martray, Bret Martucci, Ann Matthews, Betty Mazurik, Robert Mazurik, Jean McCormick, Janet McCune, Dave McMullan, Jeanne Meagher, Hunter Meese, Justin Miller, Kayia Miller, Sarabeth Miner, Terri Molinaro, Kay Molnar, Diane Monaco, Cathi Mongell, Fotenie Mongell, Adam Morgan, Kimberly Morrell, Edward Mulhorn, Tom Mullen, Carmella Mullins, Betty Nagy, Ron Nagy, Irene Nakles, Anna Newton, Fred Niemits, Eugene Onusko, John Orazi, Sr., Mike Ozorowski, John Pessamato III, Jonathan

Philburn, Tom Pierce, Frank Pilla, Daniel Piper, Doug & Joyce Pirl, Velda Plesz, Caroline P., Gemma Premus, James Price, Marisa Primozic, Scott Prinkey, Ruth Ann Puskar, Bob Raimondo, Theresa Ranker, Dexton Reed, Imogene Rega, Joe Rega, Maryann Reid, Freda Rennick, Tammy Renzi, Alexa Roadman, Jeannette Roley, Ellen Romanko, Terry Rose, Terry Ross, Ronald Rozell, Mary Margaret Ruck, Robert Ruck, Jay S., Lorelai Santangelo, Parker Scarry, Betty Schott, Theresa Schott, Gavin Schuller, Brennan Sechrist, Susie Seman, Lisa Sezawick, Ray Shamberger, Mary Ann Shandorf, Steve Shandorf, Linda Shank, Martha Sheets, Kelly Huffman Sherbondy, Gen Sherwood, John Shields, Michele Sholtas, Lester Shultz, Sr., Jeff Sigado, Erin Sigwalt, Gunnar Skrobacz, Kendal Skrobacz, Eric Smearman, Mattie Smith, Thomas Soberdash, Dennis Soisson, Mark Soisson, Marian Soldano, Sonya Spaw, Heather Spennati, Evelyn Sperry, Charles Spicola, David & Lori Stofan, John & Janet Stroncheck, Sadie Swank, James Thompson, Michael Tonarelli, Turner Trimbath, Ronnie Umble, David Voda, David Voda, Jr., Denise Voda, Ursula Vozar, Carol Ward, Doug Ward, Millie Warnick, Melvin Washington, Nancy Watson, Lois Weibl, Mila Westerman, Henry Whipkey, Marcella Wilburn, Roianne Wilson, Teri Winterhalter, Barbara Wisilosky, Beth Ann Wisniewski-Lee, Bernie Wolfe, Becky & Bob Wurst, Frank & Margaret Zadell, Sr. Mary Mark Zavatsky, Patty Zelmore, Anita Zentarsky, Richard Zientarsky, Esther Ziska, Sammy Zorichak.

Have you ever wanted to go to Rome? See St. Peter's Basilica? If you can't go to Rome, how about the next-best thing?

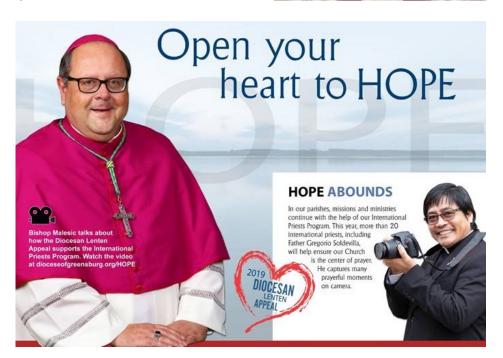
Fr. Dan will be giving a **'VIRTUAL TOUR' OF ST. PETER'S BASILICA** in the Vatican as part of the Mystagogy experience for our new Catholics. We would like to open this up to everyone.

Come be immersed in the beauty, art, history, architecture, and theology of the largest and most important Church-building in Christendom!

We'll begin with pizza at 6:30 at St. Rita's Bucci hall on Thursday, May 9.

When Fr. Dan studied in Rome he gave tours of St. Peter's Basilica for 3 years and he is excited to use technology to share that experience and his passion for the Universal Church with you!





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. 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".

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Bishop Malesic will lead an outdoor service and Eucharistic procession for Divine Mercy THIS SUN, APR 28, at 3pm in St. Clair Park, G'burg. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

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

The Ladies Guild of St. Joan of Arc, Farmington, will host a National Day of Prayer Community service THU, MAY 2 beginning at 7pm. All are welcome. Refreshments afterward.

Meals on Wheels in Fayette County provides nearly 300 meals each day, and is in serious and immediate need of volunteers to deliver specifically in the Connellsville City area. These are established routes and we can compensate \$.50/ mile. We will train anyone interested. You can deliver 5 days a week, one day a week or once a month, whatever fits your schedule. If you can help fill this need, please call Patti, the Director of the Connellsville Area Senior Center, at 626-1515 x201 or email her at plpdir@cvzoom.net.

Natural Family Planning CM-BBT instruction will be MON, MAY 13 at 6pm in the Catholic Charities office, G'burg. Call Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 837-1840, x1658 to register. For more info about the CM-BBT method, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and link into Natural Family Planning under "Services".



An Anointing Mass will be held at IC, as part of their 150th Anniversary, on MON, APR 29 at 11am.

A light lunch will follow in the social hall.



Congratulations to KIM & CHRIS CROUSE, whose marriage was validated April 16 at St. John.

Ministry schedules for all 4 parishes are found at www.youghcatholic.org.

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS



MON, APR 8:00am 8:30am	St. Rita St. Al	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin/Dr. of the Church Jacob Anthony Shelkey (Family) Sophia Vaslavsky (Jackie Gambone)				
I I:00am	IC	Mass with Anointing of the Sick				
TUE, APR 30		St. Pius V, Pope				
8:00am	St. John	Ruby Heckman (Daughter, Retha Koval)				
8:30am	St. Al	Genevieve Logan (M/M Robert Grover)				
6:30pm	St. Rita	St. Anthony Novena				
WED, MAY I		St. Joseph the Worker				
8:00am	St. Rita St. Rita	Barbara Masciarelli (Leonard & Bertha Ruper) Adoration until 4:30pm				
THU, MAY	2	St. Athanasius, Bishop/Dr. of the Church				
8:00am	IC	Deceased Members of the Norma Frazier Family (Norma Frazier)				
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions				
8:30am	St. Al	Terri (Nelis) Fowler (Dolores & Warne Rankin)				
FRI, MAY	3	SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES				
8:00am	St. Rita	Joseph & Stephen Konetsco (Mary Louise Konetsco)				
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet				
8:30am	St. Al	Rose Novak (Billie Vaslavsky & Vincent Audric)				
SAT, MAY	4	EASTER WEEKDAY				
11:30am	St. John	Confession VIGIL				
4:00pm	St. Rita	Michael & Philomena Cavaliere (Jim & Rita Pratt)				
5:00pm	St. Al	Pro Populo				
6:00pm	IC	John G. Tlumack, Jr. (John, Sharon & John-Luke Tlumack)				
SUN, MAY	5	Third Sunday of Easter				
8:00am	St. Rita	Phillip Appolonia (Ted & Phyllis Koval)				
9:00am	St. Al	Anna Stefano (Ronald Pujia)				
9:30am	IC	John P. O'Brien & Amelia J. O'Brien (J.D. O'Brien)				
11:30am	St. John	John Relovsky, Sr. (Patty & Bob Lewandowski)				
12:00pm	IC	First Communion (for the Communicants)				

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 4			MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 5				
	St. Rita-4pm	St. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	St. Rita-8am	St. Al-9am	IC-9:30am	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
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Extraordinary	G Lembo	J Goodwin	D Calinao	B Bielecki	J Grover	J Miller	J Kosinski
MINISTERS	J Lembo	M Venoverski	J Geary	C Porter	T Grover	J Baluch	A Shroyer
	N Lembo	T Nedrow	P Calinao	L Lauffer	K Martray	C Baluch	B Knizner
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LECTORS	M Dunaway	S Lincoln	R Goron	P Stefano	B Martin	L Galiardi	C Petrasun
Rosary		Volunteer			C Johnston		



HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! (Easter Recap): Holy Week and the paschal Triduum were once again FANTABULOUS here in the lewel of the Yough. The festivities were made even grander by the inclusion of the newest member of our family, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Parish. Which means that I need to rephrase my opening sentence to read "Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum were FANTABULOUS here in the Connellsville-Dunbar Metroplex!" A great big, humongous THANK YOU - topped with an extra-large dollop of whipped cream, fresh-picked cherries, and rainbow-coloured chocolateflavoured sprinkles! - to all those who helped make the festivities splendiferous. It is risky to start naming names as inevitably I won't cast a net wide enough to encompass every last person who played a role, but what can I say, I am an

It goes without saying that Fathers Daniel and Julius who labour with me in the Lord's verdant vineyard along the Yough deserve commendation for putting up with my various and sundry idiosyncrasies. Their road to sainthood will be all the easier for having had to work with someone as difficult as *moi*!

inveterate risk taker! So here goes

nothing ...

The liturgies of the most holy time of the year would certainly NOT be all they could be without a joyful noise being made unto the Lord. Thank God we got that in spades here at Our Lady Queen of the Yough! My heart bursts with gratitude for everyone involved in our music ministry. Bob Broderick, Chris Mickey, and Nick Bell deserve particular recognition

for leading the music ministries of - respectively - Immaculate Conception, Saint Rita of Cascia and Saint John the Evangelist, and Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Thanks to Rob Hudock for playing Palm Sunday and Easter at Saint Aloysius. And a special thanks to Saint Mary (Nativity) Parish parishioner George Satovich and his cantor-wife Christine for offering their talents so that we could add an extra Easter Mass (10am at Saint Rita). Christine is a "daughter" of the former Holy Trinity parish and the DAUGHTER of Saint John the Evangelist parishioner Mary Bittner. Thanks to the brass musicians - some not even Catholic - who accompanied the Immaculate Conception choir at 9:30 Mass. Thanks to the members of our various choirs who came together for the Triduum's "combined choir." Thanks to IC choir alum and Duquesne University student Jordan Kosisko who made his directing debut at the Easter morning Mass. Finally, my heartfelt appreciation to Levi Graft who stepped in at the last minute to allow the penultimate Immaculate Conception/combined choir Easter practice to go forward when it was almost cancelled because of the unexpected hospitalisation of Bob Broderick's wife (please keep Patty in your prayers)! And finally FI-NALLY my thanks to EACH AND EVERY choir member/cantor/ musician of our four parishes who joyfully shared their talents throughout Lent, Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Bright Week.

The Holy Week/Paschal Triduum liturgies are more complicated than your run-of-the-mill Sunday Mass and no matter how long one has been a priest not easy to pull-off all by one's lonesome. Therefore I am **EXTREMELY** grateful to have a FANTASTIC MC in the person of Joe Kosinski, a transplant to SW Pennsylvania from Staten Island, NY. (I can't wait for him to retire; I'll be putting him to work all the

time! He was trained VERY WELL by some big city New York Monsignor!) But it gets even BETTER. I am blessed with not one, but TWO skilled MCs! Patrick Calinao does a great job working with Joe as well as serving as main MC himself when necessary. Joe and Patrick worked together to ensure that the Triduum services were flawless. Joe emceed the Palm Sunday Masses at Saint Aloysius for me and also did Saint John's, where he "schooled" Fr. Julius in how we do the BIG CELEBRATIONS here. (I have to take responsibility for a big boo-boo on my part; I failed to properly prepare Fr. Julius for his Easter Sunday Masses and heard some disappointment at the lack of due solemnity at the Saint Rita Masses. Unlike some - perhaps MOST politicians I won't pass the buck here. ALL MY FAULT. Which is why I assigned myself to the Octave Sunday Masses at Saint Rita this weekend which, like all of Bright Week, are to mirror the Easter Sunday celebration. I want to ensure that the parish gets to have a really over-the-top Easter celebration. (Go big or go home!)

A final few shoutouts (although there are undoubtedly MANY more deserving of thanks). We had three hearing-impaired individuals go through RCIA this hear; parishioner Cindy Hanzes graciously signed the Triduum services for them (as well as pretty much everything else in the RCIA process). Altar Server alum Jake Farris, a 21 year old PSU student, **VOLUNTEERED** to serve the Vigil when he ran into Fr. Dan at Bud Murphy's on Saint Patty's Day. Another 21 year old alum, Mario Ruggieri, would have definitely served if IUP hadn't made him take a final Easter morning.

(There is **SO MUCH** more I NEED to say, but I ran out of room. So this will be continued next week!)