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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
TUE: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
WED: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
THU: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
FRI: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
SAT: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
SUN: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE. Due to an early print deadline for Independence Day, the collection report for JUN 29-30 will be in next week's bulletin.

UNDERSTANDING STEWARDSHIP CHANGES EVERYTHING. The reality is that many people today, including many Christians, don't understand the true meaning of stewardship. And that's a tragedy. Why? It's the first assignment God gave the human race in Genesis 1:28. That's when God told Adam and Eve to "have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth".

Stewardship is managing God's blessings in God's way for God's glory. See, the Bible tells us in Psalm 24:1 that He owns it all: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof". And if He's the owner, that means we're not. Instead, we're His stewards - His managers. God commands us to be stewards over everything He blesses us with. *Everything. That means our time, talents, treasure, relationships, jobs and, yes, stuff.* It's all God's, and He trusts us with it.

Did you catch that? We get to manage all of the *Creator's* stuff. How awesome is that? It's both an honor and a serious responsibility! When we get that in our spirit, well, it changes things. It changes our perspective on our family budgets, our daily decisions, even our purpose in life. When we understand true, biblical stewardship, the trajectories of our lives change with every decision we make.

We begin to build a legacy of stewardship in our families. We treat our spouses and kids differently. We approach our work with a new sense of purpose. We become grateful for everything we have. We live within our means. We have more money to give. And we have hope for the future.

I'm here to tell you that I want to reclaim the word *stewardship* in the church today. But it's up to all of us to make sure every believer understands God's role as owner and our role as stewards. When we get to heaven and have to give an account of how we managed God's resources (1 Corinthians 4:2), I hope God will reply to all of us, **"Well done, good and faithful servant."** (Chris Brown @ Chris Brown On Air)



Galatians 6:14-18 SCAR TISSUE

"Would you like to see my scar?" We hear this question from some people who've had surgery, scraped the road from their motorcycle, or suffered a wound in war. Sometimes they are more anxious to show it than we are to see it.

The reverse happens too. We would like to see a scar, but the person - for private reasons - chooses not to show it.

We all carry scars. Some are physical and quite visible. Others are well concealed. Some scars are emotional. They make themselves known even when we wish they did not. And some of our scars make us who we are. They are signs of our resilience, of the ill-intent of enemies, of moments of foolishness, or times of unimaginable bravery. For some of us, our biography is the story of our scars.

St. Paul tells the Galatians, "I bear the marks of Jesus on my body." Paul had his share of physical and emotional pain, and he carried scars. They were not signs of hurt and pain, not signs of foolishness or bravery, not signs of illness or treachery. They were signs of Jesus. Because of Jesus, Paul endured all things. His scars told less about the tenacity of Paul, and more about the faithfulness of Christ.

Where are your scars? What and whom do they represent? Do you conceal them? Or do you ask, "Would you like to see my scar?"

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What's Happening at home

St. Rita Christian Mothers will attend the 4pm Mass, as a group, on SAT, JUL 13. Afterward they will process to the festival grounds with the Statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which will be displayed for the entire last night of the Fair. All are invited to participate in this beautiful tradition.



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.

St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on MON, JUL 8 beginning at 8:30am in Bucci Hall, to help organize supplies in the hall for Fair set-up.

Volunteers are needed during Fair times. Please call Paul Mongell at 626-0946 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

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

Registration is FREE! Children who have just completed grades PreK-grade 5 are welcome. You do NOT need to be Catholic, or a member of one of our 4 parishes! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At VBS Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. 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!!

Youth who have just completed grades 6-12 can earn service hours as volunteers. Adult volunteers are also needed. If you are over 18, you MUST have all your clearances.



St. John's 125th Anniversary Committee will meet TUE, JUL 30 in Moravek Hall at 6:30pm.

The parishioners of St. John will be participating in a **125TH ANNIVERSARY SILENT FESTIVAL** to raise funds to be used to defray costs for the activities during their year-long celebration.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1895



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SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

Parishioners should have received a letter explaining the details of this fundraising event. If you have NOT received your letter, please call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

Hopefully parishioners will come forward to give of their time and talent to serve on the anniversary committee.

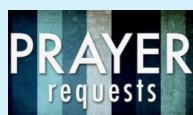
SOME EASY IDEAS FOR BEING INTENTIONALLY GOD-FOCUSED IF YOU TRAVEL THIS SUMMER

- Bring holy water. Bless your family and car before starting.
- Start the trip with a prayer for safety and end it with one of thanksgiving.
- Pray a rosary while traveling.
- Listen to inspirational CD's.
- Find the nearest Church where you are staying; stop in for a visit. Plan ahead for where you will go to Sunday Mass and consider making time for Daily Mass...both at your destination and en route.
- Have the kids take turns doing the daily Mass readings.
- Bring inspirational reading such as the lives of the saints or a good Catholic book you just haven't had time to read.

- Don't leave your prayer routine at home. Spend quiet time with Jesus.
- Check out local shrines.
- Listen to local Catholic radio.
- Marvel at God's creation as you enjoy the scenery.



Vacation is a break from daily routine. By intentionally including God, there can be no better rest.



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Nar-Anon will NOT meet on WED JUL 10.

The next Natural Family Planning CM-BBT Method Instruction will be MON, JUL 8 beginning at 6pm at the Catholic Charities in G'burg.

Participants are required to attend only ONE session. Instruction, continued support and follow-up are provided by CM-BBT professionals. Call Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, x1658 for more info or to register for classes.

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 G'burg Chapter of Magnificat - A Ministry to Catholic Women, will hold a breakfast on SAT, JUL 27, at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, G'burg, from 9am to noon.

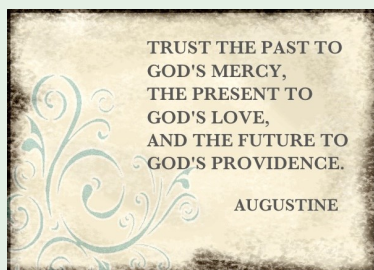
Cost is \$20/ students \$15. To register call Brenda by MON, JUL 22 at 836-2094, or visit their website at www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form. There is NO online registration.

St. Pius is holding their summer festival on 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 includes "DJ-Big Basel Productions" and "Back in Time".



Regional Masses are celebrated on SUNs at 5:30pm at Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Fairchance and 7pm at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in G'burg.



Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does.

Isaiah shares with us a deeply intimate image of God caring for us "as a mother comforts her child." The prophet describes us not as the usual "children of God," but as "babies." We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother.

St. Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can "make troubles" for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION. It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing."



DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH

Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshiping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.



"I know Jesus is always in the tabernacle, Pastor Al, but most of all I love knowing He's always in here."



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7

So often in the midst of trials, we ask "why me?". God doesn't promise that we won't have trials or transitions or times where we don't understand, but He **DOES** promise that in every situation we have access to a peace that passes our understanding and will guard our hearts and minds in the process of waiting on Him.

So, this week ask the Lord, "God will you give me your peace in this situation?" Just watch and see what the Lord does!

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.

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, JUL 8		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Philip A. Mongell (Fotenie Mongell & Family)
8:30am	St. Al	Lou Durbin (Sandra Lincoln)
TUE, JUL 9		ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST & COMPANION, MARTYRS
8:00am	St. John	Carmine, Sr., Anna & Anthony Molinaro (Robert & Barbara Karp)
8:30am	St. Al	Deceased Members of the IC Class of 1958 (Mary Ann Buberniak)
WED, JUL 10		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	John Corona (Wife, Grace)
	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, JUL 11		ST. BENEDICT, ABBOTT
8:00am	IC	Audrey Hominsky (William Hominsky & Family)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Dorothy Metros (Nephew, Joseph E. Kozak)
FRI, JUL 12		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Irene Napoleon (Daughter, Janet Hepler)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Leola Broderick (Nancy Blake)
SAT, JUL 13		ST. HENRY
11:00am	IC	Wedding of Maribella Spino & Tucker Bocan VIGIL
4:00pm	St. Rita	Frances & Dominic Maiese, Pete & Janet Valentine & Thomas & Kathleen Montel (Louis Maiese)
5:00pm	St. Al	Deceased Members of the Casey Girls (The Casey Girls)
6:00pm	IC	Anthony, Jr. (Dutch) & Marcia Bartholomai (Steve, Beth, Alexis & Laila Geary)
SUN, JUL 14		15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Eric Kuczma (Linda & Chris Sparks)
9:00am	St. Al	Sturge Hughes (Wife, Regina & Jeff & Ryan Butela)
9:30am	IC	Pro Populo
11:30am	St. John	Tom Riley (Lil Martin)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUL 13				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUL 14			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	E Bohinski S Harbaugh	C Baldwin C Baldwin	L Geary Z Zimmerman	T Barrett M Waggett	A Mongell N Mongell	J Bielstein E Snyder	D Piasecki A Piasecki
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CROSS BEARERS	M Martray	W Trimbath	A Geary	R Lewandowski	R Barron	B Bielstein	R Gaudiello
LECTORS	M Dunaway	T Nedrow	D Mulligan	R Kozel	D Pierce	C Hartz	R Marciante
ROSARY		P Herron			E & D Gmitter		



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GOOD NEWS

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

FINANCIAL REALITIES...THE DISCUSSION CONTINUES, PT 2:

I ended last week by stating that "In the eyes of many I have **FOOLISHLY** bent over backwards to keep **THREE** parishes **ALIVE**." Of course there I was speaking strictly of the parishes within the city limits of Connells-ville; the truth is I am now "bending over backwards" to keep **FOUR** parishes alive. **MADNESS!** At least from a purely **BUSINESS** perspective. Realising that many parishioners are perfectly fine with the idea of closing churches. As long as it isn't **THEIR** church getting the ax! Which, of course, is a natural human reaction and I can't fault people for **FEELING** that way. At least **INITIALLY**. However, if we are going to survive as a strong community into the future we **MUST** put aside narrowly-focused parochialism and work together for the **GREATER GOOD**. (Not to mention the **GLORY OF GOD**, which is the one and **ONLY** reason we exist in the first place!)

Fifty years ago the area now encompassed by Our Lady, Queen of the Yough boasted **NINE** churches; in addition to the four extant churches there were Saint Emory and Holy Trinity in the city, Sacred Heart in Dawson, Saint Vincent de Paul in Leisenring, and Saint Polycarp in West Leisenring. In one sense those were our **GLORY YEARS**. But it would be a mistake to simply look back and lament what is no more. Rather I believe the Lord is challenging us to look **FORWARD** and actively work together to create a **NEW** age of glory. I - for one - have **NO DOUBT** this can be achieved. It will, though, require **ALL** of us - **MYSELF INCLUDED** - to forego the desire to

hang on to a past that is - and will be - **NO MORE**.

Now I am going to ask, no **BEG**, you to pay **VERY CLOSE AT-TENTION** to what I am going to write next. To make sure that you **DO NOT** miss it I am going to write it in all caps **AND** bold print. Get it? I am trying to alert you to the **IMPORTANCE** of what I am about to say! To wit,

NOTHING ABOVE SHOULD BE INTERPRET-ED AS YOUR PASTOR ANNOUNCING THAT THE CLOSURE OF A CHURCH OR CHURCH-ES IS IMMINENT. I KNOW HOW PEOPLE LIKE TO READ INTO MY WORDS. I AM SURE THAT THERE WILL BE THOSE PER-SONS WHO WILL READ THE ABOVE, DROP THEIR BULLETIN, AND START RUNNING AROUND LIKE CHICKEN LITTLE SCREAMING TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE "MY CHURCH IS CLOSING! MY CHURCH IS CLOSING!" THEN THERE WILL BE THE MORE NEFARIOUS SOULS WHO WILL GLEEFULLY GO ABOUT TORMENTING THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WITH THE TAUNT "YOUR CHURCH IS CLOSING! YOUR CHURCH IS CLOSING!" AS GOD IS MY WITNESS I HAVE SAID NO SUCH THING!

Now please stop here and slowly **RE-READ** the above bold print paragraph.

OK, now go back and for a third time **VERY CAREFULLY** read the above bold print paragraph. Then repeat - as **OFTEN AS IS NEC-ESSARY** - until you rid yourself of any delusions that I am on the verge of closing a church or churches in our community. Thank you.

To be continued ...

GOOD BYE 1.0! After three and a half years Fr. Dan Ulishney has left the nest and flown off to begin his new - and more challenging! - life as a Pastor. Words cannot properly express my gratitude to him for the **TRUE BLESSING** he has been to both this community and to me

PERSONALLY. His attention to detail was a **PERFECT** complement to my scatter-brained **ADHD** approach to life! More seriously, he is especially gifted with pastoral sensi-tivity for the sick and those suffering in any way. Time and time again I have heard from parishioners what a **COMFORT** he was to them in their time of need. He will be truly missed. May **ALL** of us remember to keep him in prayer as the next phase of his priesthood begins.

WELCOME 2.0! After his time spent with us last summer I made clear to the Bishop that when the time came for Fr. Dan 1.0 to "leave the nest" I would be **THRILLED** to welcome Fr. Dan 2.0 back in his stead. The Bishop looked at me with the same look my mother would give me when she would say "And I want a million dollars!" So imagine my surprise when he told me that I was getting my wish! Please pray for him as he begins his pastoral ministry among us. And pray for **ME**; it is a **BIG RESPONSIBILITY** mentoring a baby priest!

COVER PHOTO: Once again, due to the kindness of some **WONDERFUL** people I am blessed to enjoy some **R & R** at Deep Creek with my friend Jon, and at least for part of the time, his wife and three chil-dren (including my goddaughter Sadie Rose). But as **ALWAYS** happens in this age of hyper-connectedness, I am spending a great deal of time "at work"! In addition to having to write **TWO** Rambles and Raves columns I am busily transcribing and trying to make sense of all the historical data I photo-graphed at the courthouse and at Historic Saint Peter Church in Brownsville as I prepare to author the sesquicentennial history of Im-maculate Conception. I am finding that many corrections to what has been written in the past will be necessary; I am **INVIGORATED** by this challenge to set straight the record of the earliest days of Ca-tholicism in the Jewel of the Yough!