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SAT-SUN, AUG 10-11, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	\$4,546.00
Loose	450.00
Maintenance	106.00
Total:	\$5,102.00
Cemetery	\$459.00
Assumption	\$12.00



ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	\$3,524.00
Loose	91.75
Children/Young Adults	14.00
Parish Improvements	455.25
Total:	\$4,085.00
Accent	\$4.00



ST. JOHN

Adult	\$2,426.30
Loose	182.00
Maintenance	60.00
Total:	2,668.30



ST. RITA

Adult	\$3,897.00
Loose	495.00
Maintenance	163.00
Total:	\$4,555.00
Cemetery	\$521.00
Assumption	\$25.00
Accent	\$10.00



There will be a collection at all Masses
NEXT weekend for the Catholic University
of America and Catholic schools
in our diocese.

*Please use your envelope
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Hebrews 12:1-4 MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Set your goals high. Thinking about them will bring you joy. But do not despair if they are hard to meet. Reaching your goals is always a struggle.

In Christian life, obstacles hamper our goals. But most of us are not facing the obstacles of the early Church. Those Christians were persecuted for their faith. Some of them were tempted to abandon Christ. In their struggle against sin, some of them resisted to the point of shedding blood. That has not happened to most of us.

Still, sin tempts us in many ways. Many young people, for example, set high goals for themselves:

not to abuse drugs, not to foster racism, not to have sex outside of marriage, not to commit acts of violence, not to drink and drive. But those goals are hard to reach. Temptation appears every day.

The Letter to the Hebrews says we can build up our endurance by reflecting on the perseverance of others. They shed the sins that kept them from their goals. "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

He endured the cross, "in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart." Set your goals high. And meet them with Christ.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

TUE: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

WED: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

THU: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

FRI: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

SAT: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

SUN: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



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

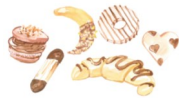
- ◆ Your family moves into or out of one of our parishes
- ◆ Your address changes
- ◆ Your phone number changes/you drop your landline
- ◆ Singles marry and spouse is not recorded
- ◆ An adult child moves away
- ◆ There is a baby or other addition to your family
- ◆ You separate or divorce
- ◆ A member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

What's Happening at home

Volunteers are needed in Bucci Hall on WED, AUG 21 at 9am to make knots for the St. Rita Christian Mothers' Italian Day Sale. All help is appreciated.

IC's 150th Anniversary Committee will meet on TUE, AUG 27 at 6:30pm in Sciberras Hall to finalize details for their Anniversary Mass/Dinner set for SEP 8.

Anyone willing to donate cookies for IC's 150th Anniversary Dinner is asked to call Betsy at 603-3872. Please bring your cookie donations to IC on FRI, SEP 6 at 6pm. Thanks in advance for all your help!



St. Rita Christian Mothers will hold an Italian Day Sale on FRI, SEP 6 in Bucci Hall, from 11am-5:30pm. Featured will be 3 Italian dinners, pizza, a bake sale and more. Take-outs will be available.

Bishop Malesic will celebrate IC's 5pm Anniversary Mass on SUN, SEP 8.



Following Mass you are invited to a special Anniversary Dinner at the Fountain Mills Event Center (formerly the Scottsdale Fireman's Hall), in Scottsdale, beginning at 6:30pm with hors d'oeuvres. A free shuttle from the church to the dinner will be available after Mass.

Please reserve dinner tickets BY SUN, AUG 25 by calling Christa @ 880-9666 or Becca @ 787-7875. Cost for adults is \$25, and \$10 for children under 10. A cash bar will also be available.

Tom Severin's Bible study on the book of Job will resume on WED, SEP 11. It will be held WED's in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.

Special IC 150th Anniversary items will be available for purchase after weekend Masses at IC this weekend and next only.

To kick off their 125th Anniversary Celebration, St. John will be having a Chicken Dinner on SUN, SEP 29, 12:30pm until sold out. Menu includes 1/2 a baked chicken, potato, vegetable and salad, roll and butter, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$10, \$5 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. A basket raffle and 50/50 drawing will also be held. Parishioners wishing to donate baskets are to call Carol at 628-9415 or Stephanie or Toni at 628-8878. Baskets can be dropped off at St. John's Moravek Hall on SAT, SEP 28 from 10am-noon.



"COME AND SEE". In the Gospel of John, some bystanders are beginning to hear about Jesus and they want to know more about him. They ask him "Rabbi, where are you staying"? In those days teachers like Jesus moved about, teaching and staying in various homes, and so these seekers wanted to get as close to him as they could, so that they could learn about him and what he taught in the most intimate way possible. Instead of just telling the information, he INVITES them to "Come and See."

We have all received this same invitation. Jesus wants us to come to know him and to enter into a PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with him through the Church.

If you've been wondering what that experience might be like, why not come to our RCIA EVENINGS OF INQUIRY which will be held THU evenings beginning SEP 12, from 6:30-8pm in IC's Sciberras Hall. The sessions are no-stress, no-pressure ways of asking questions about the Catholic Church, about God and Jesus, and about what belonging to a Church family might mean in your life.

If you would like to know more, call Mary Sampey at the 628-6840 or Molli Vassar at 366-9552.

We, along with Jesus, invite you to "COME AND SEE".

Fall training dates for new and current Altar Servers are:

THU, SEP 12	7pm	SA	SAT, SEP 21	10am	SA
MON, SEP 16	7pm	IC	TUE, SEP 24	7pm	SJ
TUE, SEP 17	7pm	SR	SAT, SEP 28	10am	IC

New servers should attend 3 trainings; current servers are asked to attend 1.



While it may be better for a new server to attend a practice at the church where they will most likely serve, it is not necessary - they may attend any 3 of the practices.

Anyone interested in becoming a server is asked to please call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.



A sincere thank you to SEVERAL generous people who offered flat screen TVs for the St. Aloysius FRI morning Bible study. One is now installed and ready for use. May God reward your kindness!

If you or your family have burials in Holy Trinity Cemetery, in the section closest to the guard rail by Route 119, please check your gravesites for any damage caused by a recent traffic accident. Call Lou Ann at the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840 to report.



Nar-Anon will meet on WED, AUG 21 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

Conn-Area Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers for this school year. If you are a certified teacher with time on your hands, why not consider having your name added to the sub list? Submit your resume to Ceal Solan at csolan@connareacatholic.org.

"The Accent On-Air," Health and Wellness, will air on WTAE-TV, Channel 4, SUNs SEP 1 and 15 at 11:30am. OR, set your DVR to watch the show on TheAccentOnline.org. The show will also air at 2:08am on SEP: 5, 7, 11, 14, 18, 20, 25 and 27. The show features Bishop Malesic talking about spiritual health, the Church battling the opioid crisis, inspiring priests and their healthy habits, building strong minds in Catholic schools, and how faith is helping a man confronted by a terminal illness.

St. George Maronite Church of U'town invites you to their Annual Rosary Walk on SUN, SEP 15, beginning at 2pm in their Garden of Prayer, with the 1st Decade of the Glorious Mysteries. The 2nd Decade will be recited at St. John Byzantine Church, and the 3rd will be at Lady of Lourdes Grotto at St. John the Evangelist. The 4th Decade will be recited at St. Therese, and the 5th will be at St. Mary. The day will conclude at St. Joseph, with a Litany to the Blessed Mother at their outdoor shrine. Participants driving from church to church are most welcome. Please call St. George Church at 437-5589 with any questions.



Guy and Patty Rose would like to thank everyone who attended the "Jesus" bus trip: especially Lou Ann for keeping records on attendees, Mark for helping with refreshments on the bus and last but not least, our little helpers Nathan and Noah Evans.



There will be a meeting **THIS SUN, AUG 18 after 9am** Mass at St. Al's for anyone who can help with their upcoming Calendar Party. The party is scheduled for SUN, OCT 13 at 1pm in their social hall, and will feature a St. Patrick's Day theme. Auction items and volunteers are needed.

You can still submit your personal ad/picture for IC's keepsake anniversary book. Forms are available at the back of IC Church and at the DeVivo Centre.

You may submit a hard copy or email directly to Stefano Printing at the address shown on the form.

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LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS...

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.



Faith Formation

It is hard to believe that our catechetical year will begin in a few short weeks. As we prepare, we are busy as a faith formation team having meetings, planning events, and praying for a fruitful year. Please pray that all of our catechists, leaders, and volunteers stay focused on Jesus and His Church through our ministry to others. You can't give away what you don't have! We must all first BE disciples in order to MAKE disciples. Please also pray that all of our families and youth involved in our various faith formation programs strive to put Jesus Christ at center of their lives. In the busyness of life, HE is our FIRST priority!

HERE IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER:

WED, SEP 4: YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF EVENT . All Youth grades 6-12. 6-8pm in the former CAPS building. We will continue to break out into Junior High/Senior High groups. COME HUNGRY and bring (or wear) tennis shoes! Those who bring a friend will be eligible for a prize. You do NOT need to be Catholic or a member of one of our parishes to attend. We will also meet on **Wednesday, September 18** at the same time and place. Registration forms can be found on our website, or at the parish office. You may also sign up that first night!

SAT, SEP 7/SUN, SEP 8: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be available beginning this weekend at the following Masses: 4pm Saint Rita's, 9:30am Immaculate Conception, 11:30am Saint John's. Children's Liturgy of the Word is primarily for children at the Preschool-Grade 3 level. If anyone is interested in leading Children's Liturgy at Saint Aloysius, please call the office.

WED, SEP 11: FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH for all families and children grades PreK-5 at Geibel Catholic from 5:45-8:00pm. Our theme for the year is "Following Jesus." We will have FOUR family sessions this year, so PLEASE make this a priority for your family. The other FOUR sessions will be for youth K-5 ONLY. Please plan to attend BOTH the family **AND** youth sessions regularly.

Youth Group and Adults will serve as Volunteers. Please consider signing up! Registration forms are online, at the parish office and at the entrance of all churches. You may also sign up that first night!

THU, SEP 12: RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS) begins for all inquiring about the Catholic faith in Immaculate Conception Social Hall from 6:30-8:00pm. Sessions will continue every Thursday evening. If you would like to become Catholic, or are simply interested in learning more about your Catholic faith, COME AND SEE. We also offer RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). If you have a child over the age of 7 that is in need of Sacraments, please call the office.

SAT, SEP 14: 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT. 10am-3pm in Saint Rita's Social Hall. All 8th graders are required to attend a retreat in preparation for their upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation. You MUST register online for this retreat at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/confirmation. If this date does not work for you, other retreat dates/locations are being offered this fall. *When you go to the website mentioned above, you can register for whichever retreat you want.* It is YOUR responsibility as a candidate to sign up for our retreat or another retreat in our diocese prior to Confirmation on December 5.

SUN, SEP 15: 2ND GRADE PARENT/CHILD MEETING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Please plan to attend 9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception as a family. We will meet after Mass in Immaculate Conception Social Hall until 12pm. At least one parent is required to attend with their child.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

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

The parishioners of St. John are participating in a 125th Anniversary Silent Festival to raise funds to help defray costs for activities in their upcoming year-long celebration. Letters have been sent explaining the details of this fundraiser. If you have not received yours, please call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840. The closing date for payment of all gifts and pledges is **SUN, OCT 23.**



Please remember JACKIE SHRUM, a new addition to our prayer list.



We have 4 pews from the St. Rita Convent Chapel for sale. Proceeds will go towards renovation of the school building. 2 are 62" inches long and 2 are 77". If interested, call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

MINISTERS: Please call/email Chris Sparks with any dates you are UNable to serve in SEP/OCT. 628-7510 or crsparks1@zoominternet.net

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, AUG 19		ST. JOHN EUDES, PRIEST
8:00am	St. Rita	Agnes Fitzgerald (Margie Guess)
8:30am	St. Al	Joe & Eleanor Habina (Richard & Rita Sidow)
TUE, AUG 20		ST. BERNARD, ABBOT/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8:00am	St. John	Joseph & Ann Simko (Joseph & Janet Simko)
8:30am	St. Al	Genevieve Logan (Larry & Marcie Loyal & Family)
WED, AUG 21		ST. PIUS X, POPE
8:00am	St. Rita	Philomena Cunningham (Anna Mary Canada & Jennifer Miller)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, AUG 22		QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00am	IC	M/M Frank Hominsky (The Hominsky Family)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	James DeMarco (Armand & Gerry Ferrara)
FRI, AUG 23		ST. ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN
8:00am	St. Rita	Patricia Duggan (Husband, Bart & Family)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Ed Hardy (The Langor Family)
SAT, AUG 24		VIGIL/ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
4:00pm	St. Rita	Mickey Grego (Patrick & Heather Lowe)
5:00pm	St. Al	Harry & Dorothy Lizza (Dennis & Rita Martin)
6:00pm	IC	Peter Casini (Bill & Betty Bellus)
SUN, AUG 25		21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Pro Populo
9:00am	St. Al	Gerald & Amelia Gambone (Children & Grandchildren)
9:30am	IC	George & Marie Bartholomai (Daughter Rosemarie Collins)
11:30am	St. John	Helen R. Kosinski (Joe & Pam Kosinski)

If you wish to buy altar flowers to accompany your Mass intention or to honor other special occasions, call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840. Cost is \$45 or \$60.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUG 24				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUG 25			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	K Daniels S Harbaugh	E Bohinski J Trimbath	S Spotto N Spotto	G Joseph E Armstrong	A Mongell N Mongell	G Zavatchan M Pascoe	B Petrone S Dennison
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CROSS BEARERS	J Domer	W Trimbath	O Spotto	C Joseph	F Vinoverski	A Zavatchan	D Firestone
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RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR

SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

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

PRIEST ROTATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

I mentioned several weeks ago that Fr. Dan had proposed altering our Mass rotation to allow each priest a free* Saturday evening every third week. That change has already gone into effect. (I didn't waste any time as I wanted to be able to attend my goddaughter's brother's 3rd birthday party and spend time with the family - best friends I rarely get to see - on Saturday 27 July.)

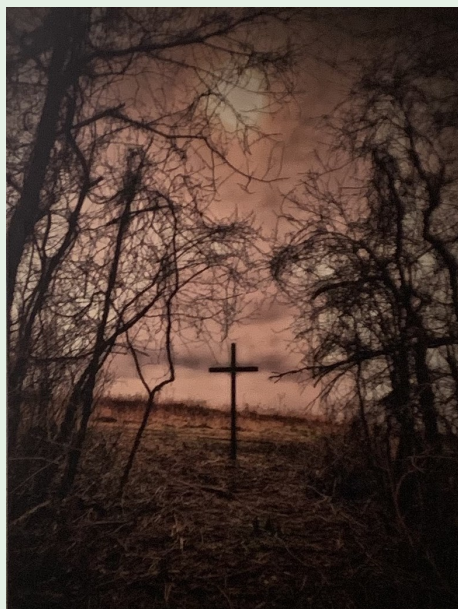
Masses will now be grouped as follows, on a three-week rotation:

1. 4pm (St. Rita)
6pm (Immaculate Conception)
8am (Saint Rita)
2. 5pm (Saint Aloysius)
9:30am (Immaculate Conception)
3. 9am (Saint Aloysius)
11:30am (Saint John)

I will try to keep to this schedule, however, there will be times when deviation is unavoidable. This will be necessary, for example, when a priest is away as happened last weekend. Fr. Dan was on his yearly retreat and thus only Fr. Julius and I were available. In the rotation it was Fr. Dan's turn to celebrate the 9 and 11:30 Masses. Fr. Julius covered the 11:30 but since I was scheduled for 8am I couldn't take the 9, so Fr. Julius and I had to switch those two Masses. The end result was that the poor people at 9:30 had to look at my ugly mug and listen to my inane words for TWO WEEKS IN A ROW. Please **pray** for them! As a consolation prize, though, I am sure that the Good Lord took some time off purgatory for their suffering!!!

*As I stated when I addressed some weeks back the possibility of making a change, "free" is a relative term; in many cases it simply frees up the priest for other duties!

SOCIAL HALLS AND "ART": After being in a place for some years one starts to look back and catalogs achievements. The fact that all three social halls in Connellsville have been updated during my tenure is one relatively SMALL accomplishment of which I am proud. However, those who have been in the social halls will note that the new beauty was quickly marred by the "Mad Artist" dwelling within me; the proverbial Mr. Hyde to my more normal - and I use that word **QUITE** loosely - Dr. Jeckyll. Even still, Saint Aloysius parishioners have asked when THEIR *feng shui* could be ruined by my attempts at art.



Well Dunbarians, wonder no more! Last Saturday, under cover of darkness, I stealthily entered Saint Aloysius church and defiled it with one of my pieces of "art." Rather than installing it in the social hall, which has limited wall space, I placed it in the stairway leading down to the hall. This pic was carefully chosen as it was taken on the parish grounds. Some will remember

it as the photo gracing the Palm Sunday bulletin.

If there are no riots over this desecration, more will follow.

GOOD BYE! WELCOME! After a LIFETIME in the florist business Saint Rita parishioner Anthony Grasso has closed up shop. For years he has been our "go-to" florist. He has also led - and will CONTINUE to lead - the Environment and Art Committee. I want to publicly acknowledge and THANK him for all his assistance during my time here. **CENT' ANNI ANTONIO!**



As we bid *adieu* to Tony we welcome Saint Rita parishioner Debbie Talucci LoNigro as our new "go-to" florist. Debbie and her husband Mike (my across-the-street-neighbour growing up) purchased DeMuth's Florist a year ago. DeMuth's is the oldest continuously-operating business in the Jewel of the Yough. I recently noticed a sign on the side of the building which states that it is the 5th oldest florist in the entire United States! **WOW!** We are glad that Debbie has agreed to fill the void Tony's departure has left. Welcome aboard!

COVER PHOTO: Speaking of flowers! Snapped this rain-bedecked wild-flower (a Virginia Dayflower my garden-queen friend Arlene in State College tells me) in my walkway this morning.