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THE CROSS,
ON WHICH
HUNG THE
SAVIOR OF
THE WORLD.**



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Philippians 2:6-11 EXTREME LIFE

On Palm Sunday we experience the greatness and the poverty of the human spirit. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds acclaimed him as the Son of David. But as he stood trial before Pilate, the same crowds called for his crucifixion.

On Palm Sunday, near the end of Lent, we have come in touch with

the greatness and poverty of our own lives. Throughout this season we have reflected on our sin, but we have also experienced God's grace in communion, community, and scripture.

On Palm Sunday, we also hear about the greatness and poverty of Jesus. Jesus was in the form of God, but he took on human form. He had all greatness as God, but he did not cling to it.

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians says, "Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Jesus humbled himself to become like us and to experience what we experience - even death. "Because of this,

God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

Sometimes in a single day we experience unfettered joy and inconsolable grief. A child is born, but someone dies. We receive mercy from a stranger, but we fail to love our neighbor. The extremes of human life are vast. But Christ came to us embracing both extremes and all that is in the middle. All, all of human life he redeems and makes his own.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

TUE: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WED: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

THU: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-2 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

FRI: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

SAT: a) Gn 1:1-2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

SUN: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to an early print deadline, the collection report for APR 6-7 and the DLA progress report will be in a future bulletin.

THE GOOD FRI COLLECTION is taken for the support of services and facilities of the Church in the Holy Land. Monies from this collection are also used for the education and social service support of our Christian brothers and sister in the Holy Land who are in desperate need of extra help. There is an envelope in your packet for this collection.

The national relic pilgrimage of St. Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be at Our Lady of Grace, Greensburg, on WED, APR 17.

The day begins at 9am with an opening procession and a Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic. The schedule includes confessions, 10 am-noon and 1-7pm; rosary, 11am; midday prayer, noon; Way of the Cross, 2pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm; Holy Hour for Vocations, 5:30pm; solemn vespers, 7:30pm; and closing prayer and blessing by Bishop Malesic, 8:30pm. For info go to kofc.org/vianney.



What's Happening at home

Tom Severin's Bible study continues WED, APR 17, 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.

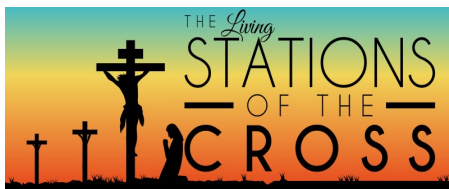
Molli's Bible study on FRIs after 8:30am Mass at St. Al continues in the social hall.

St. Rita Holy Name will meet in Bucci Hall SUN, APR 14 after 8am Mass. New members are always welcome. Coffee and donuts will be served.

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

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

Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Catholic Community Children's Choir will NOT rehearse SAT, APR 20 because of the Easter holiday. The Choir will sing with the IC Adult Choir for IC's 9:30am Easter SUN Mass.



Living Stations will be presented THIS SUN, APR 14, at IC, at 7pm. This very moving praying of the Stations is accompanied by a live portrayal by youth and adults from our entire Catholic community, in honor of IC's 150th anniversary. (This will also mark our own Fr. Dan's dramatic debut, which you won't want to miss!)

Blessing of the Baskets will take place SAT, APR 20 at noon at At. John.



St. Al's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on SAT, APR 20, beginning at 1pm. Meet in the social hall.



The Novena to St. Anthony begins 9 TUEs before his feast day (JUN 13), which this year would be APR 16.

However, since that is TUE of Holy Week, there will be no public recitation of the novena. Anyone who wishes to keep the 9 weeks may begin privately at home. Group recitation of the novena will begin on APR 23 at 6:30pm with the rosary, novena prayers, veneration of the relic of St. Anthony, and a Eucharist Benediction if a priest is available.

St Anthony of Padua, pray for us!

Holy Thursday



HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE. It has been a long-standing tradition in our Catholic faith to "watch and pray" with our Lord (Mt 26:40) on Holy Thursday evening, by visiting several churches to pray in front of a beautifully decorated altar of repose.

If you'd like to continue this beautiful tradition, simply meet outside IC's social hall about 20 minutes after the Mass of the Lord's Supper is finished and we'll carpool from there.

We'll plan to wrap-up around midnight, but if someone has to leave earlier, they may do so.

Fr. Dan

SPECIAL ITEMS FOR SALE AT OUR CHURCHES

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 Christian Mothers will sell their nut, apricot, and poppyseed rolls for \$10 each plus cinnamon rolls for \$4.50/half dozen THIS weekend - SAT, noon 'til after 6pm Mass; SUN, 8:30 'til after 9:30am Mass.

There will also be a Chinese auction.

NAME _____

CHURCH _____

ENVELOPE # _____

EMAIL _____

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.

If you don't have email, please complete the form and write "NONE".

Father Bob and Connellsville Mayor Greg Lincoln will be teaming up to help raise money for a great cause! The duo will challenge Director of Evangelization Mary Sampey and Armstrong Cable's Rick Fike to a Lip Sync Challenge at the Pleasant Valley Country Club on Friday, April 26th from 7-9pm. Armstrong will also be filming for the event.

All proceeds will go toward the ANGELA PHILLIPS MEMORIAL FUND, which has recently been created in memory of Mary Sampey's sister Angela who passed away in December 2016. Every penny the fund receives this year will go to Connellsville Community Ministries, to benefit the Porter Theatre in Connellsville.

There is no cover charge or tickets needed. 50/50 and basket raffles will be sold. Come enjoy the beautiful banquet room, appetizers and drinks as you watch the fun! The Connellsville Police Department will also be joining in on the festivities!

You may even form your own lip sync team for \$25 (please contact Mary if you are interested). Karaoke will also be available! Angela's daughters will be competing as well!

If you would like to donate to THE ANGELA PHILLIPS MEMORIAL FUND, you may do so by putting your donation in the collection basket or bringing your donation to the office. Checks may be made payable to the Community Foundation of Fayette County with the ANGELA PHILLIPS MEMORIAL FUND on the memo line. We hope to see you April 26th! *Thank you for your support.*



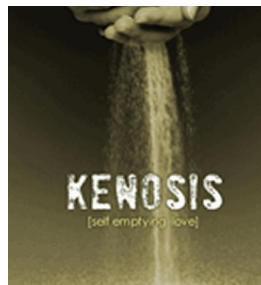
THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH

"Rather, he (Christ Jesus) emptied himself, taking on the form of a slave."

These are the words of Paul in our second reading today. Theologians refer to this concept of self-emptying as the "kenosis"; the emptying of one's own will and becoming entirely receptive to God and His perfect will. But this can be confusing, because even though it says that Christ was entirely receptive to God's will, (not relying in any way on his own will); it also refers to him as a slave. Is this to say that Christ is only following the perfect will of God out of an obligation? Of course not! Paul even calls himself a slave for Christ in many of his Epistles. What Paul is talking about here is the fact that Christ took on a **voluntary** slavery.

Each of us, just like Jesus, is free to give ourselves in total Christian abandonment to our Lord.

We must die to ourselves, grow in humility and abandonment, and get past ourselves!! It is only after we are not prideful that we can become ourselves completely. But how do we do that? How do we get over ourselves? One of the most helpful ways for me personally is to search for the broken parts of myself; because the truth of the matter is, our broken parts are our **BEST PARTS**. This may sound counter-productive, but it is only **WHEN** we realize that we are broken, only when we have lost everything; that we can find ourselves and truly be fulfilled.



When we consider the suffering of our Savior, and the merits of his Passion, we recognize just how fully HE gave himself over, day by day, moment by moment, to the process of self-emptying and self-surrender. Consider this: Jesus couldn't even carry the weight of His own cross! He was pushed and shoved by people

who were impatient, and IN that impatience, he learned humility. In all manner of things, Jesus learned to let go. Every act of letting go is, after all, an act of self-diminishment. Every act of letting go is an act of dying.

Even though we do not like to talk about death, the reality is that we are called all through our lives to die. Our Baptism is a dying into Christ. Growing up is learning that we cannot do everything that we want. It is a dying to self. Responding to the will of God often means that we do not go where we want to go, or do the works we planned on doing; it means accepting many turns in the path. And every such moment of self-surrender is an act of dying, a spiritual infirmity borne in trust that God is good for his word, and the providence of God will bring good things out of our sufferings, out of our letting go. Letting go is an act of trust, after all, and trust is all that God requires.

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



Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week marks a special week of grace for those in the RCIA.

The things that they are about to celebrate will contain mystery, majesty, and memories that will never happen for them again.

They have learned from us, they have watched us,

they have worked with us and prayed with us, and now they are ready to celebrate with us the Supreme Mystery of the Eucharist. They will be washed in the waters of baptism, sealed with the chrism of Confirmation, and fed by the Body of Christ. As they bring the Light of Christ with them into the darkened Church, let us celebrate their presence among us. Let us rejoice with them, the newly born in Christ!

Molli

**alleluia
Party**

**SAT, APR 20
at Waters House
immediately after Easter Vigil**

Drinks will be provided. *Anyone under 21 must be accompanied by an adult.* Parishioners are asked to bring snacks, appetizers, covered dishes and desserts to share. Please drop them off at Waters House between 6-8pm. *Fridge space IS limited.*

If cooking isn't your thing or time doesn't allow, monetary donations are also welcomed to offset costs.

To volunteer your time or indicate what dish you're bringing, please call Christa at 880-9666 or Gemma at 322-7548. *Texts are welcome.*

alleluia alleluia alleluia

All are invited to join Bishop Malesic for the annual Chrism Mass at 10am, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, on Holy Thursday.

This is a beautiful liturgy during which all of the holy oils used for the year are blessed or consecrated, and at which the priests renew their priestly commitments. As parking is limited, carpooling is recommended. Attending the Chrism Mass is something for everyone's 'Catholic bucket list'. Make this year the year!

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heart to HOPE**

HOPE ABOUNDS

In our parishes, missions and ministries continue with the help of our International Priests Program. This year, more than 20 international priests, including Father Gregorio Soldevilla, will help ensure our Church is the center of prayer. He captures many prayerful moments on camera.



Watch the video featuring
Father Gregorio Soldevilla at
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"Being a missionary priest here in the Diocese of Greensburg has been very important to me. My photography allows me to bring the beauty of God's creation into focus for everyone."

- Father Gregorio Soldevilla



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NO Nar-Anon meeting, WEDs, APR 17 and 24.

Connellsville Area Ministerial Association will again sponsor an ecumenical Good FRI worship service. hosted this year by First Baptist Church on Pittsburgh Street. The 3-hour service, which begins at noon, will focus on the 7 last words of Christ on the cross. Various local pastors will offer reflections. **Our Fr. Dan will be the first pastor to speak.** All are invited, and should feel free to come and go during interludes in the service.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Annunciata #260 will meet on TUE, APR 23 in St. Rita's Bucci Hall at 6pm. Catholic women from all parishes are welcome. For info, call 628-7553.

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

BULLETIN DATE

SUN, APR 28

INFO DUE

MON, APR 15

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

**FINAL COMMUNAL LENTEN
PENANCE SERVICE**

MON, APR 15 7pm St. Aloysius



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**GOOD FRIDAY, APR 19
ST. RITA CHURCH AT 8:30PM**

This meaningful service reflects on
Christ's passion, crucifixion and
death through the reading of lessons,
the singing of hymns
and the extinguishing of candles.
All are invited.

**VIGIL
9pm at IC**



**EASTER SUN
8am at St. Rita
9am at St. Aloysius
9:30am at IC
10am at St. Rita
11:30am at St. John**

Attention all ministers: If you
cannot serve in MAY/JUNE,
please contact Chris Sparks
ASAP at 628-7510 or
crsparks1@zoominternet.net

ST. AL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

There are sign up sheets
in the sacristy for volunteers
to fill all ministry positions
for Easter Sunday.

It is very important
that these positions be filled
so that we can celebrate
Properly with due reverence.

ST. ALOYSIUS ROSARY SCHEDULE

SUN, APR 21
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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, APR 15	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
8:00am St. Rita	Anna Palladino & Paul Palladino (Michael F. Palladino)
8:30am St. Al	Doris Hankle (Frank & Judy Capo)
TUE, APR 16	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
8:00am St. John	Pat & Audrey Patricelli (Joe & Rose Kosisko)
8:30am St. Al	Charles M. Kozak (Nephew, Joseph E. Kozak)
WED, APR 17	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
8:00am St. Rita	Barry Ranker (Geibel Class of 1966)
8:30am St. Rita	Adoration until 5:30pm
12:10pm IC	Stations of the Cross
6:00pm St. Rita	Rosella Talucci (William & Family)
THU, APR 18	HOLY THURSDAY
10:00am	Chrism Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
7:00pm IC	All Priests, Living & Deceased
FRI, APR 19	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
1:30pm IC	Good Friday Liturgy
6:00pm St. Al	Outside Stations of the Cross
SAT, APR 20	HOLY SATURDAY
12:00 pm St. John	Blessing of the Baskets EASTER VIGIL
9:00pm IC	For the Parishioners
SUN, APR 21	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
8:00am St. Rita	For the Parishioners
9:00am St. Al	For the Parishioners
9:30am IC	For the Parishioners
10:00am St. Rita	For the Parishioners
11:30am St. John	For the Parishioners

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSION ON HOLY SATURDAY.





RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR
SHOUTS THE
GOOD NEWS
OF THE SPIRIT'S STIRRINGS IN THE
CONNELLSVILLE- DUNBAR METROPLEX!

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM: The Liturgical celebration that begins on Holy Thursday evening marks the PINNACLE of Catholic Christian worship. Note that in the preceding sentence I used the singular "celebration" not the plural that would be expected when speaking about the services from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. That case choice (singular instead of plural) reveals a profound truth: the Triduum services - Holy Thursday evening's *Mass of the Lord's Supper*, Good Friday's *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*, Holy Saturday night's *Great Vigil*, and Easter Sunday's *Easter Mass* are not seen as separate celebrations but facets of one great Liturgical gem, the celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately many Catholics miss out on the incredible liturgical treasures opened wide before us; they skip all the acts of this play except for the finale, Easter Morning. If you recognise YOURSELF in the this statement, I INVITE (even **CHALLENGE!**) you to take in the entire "show" this year! Make Easter more than an excuse to chow down on sweets and devour a big dinner. Make it a true celebration of the UNBELIEVABLE GIFT we have been given and UNDYING LOVE we have been shown through the Paschal Mystery by entering - as fully as your TRUE obligations permit - into the Church's liturgical commemoration of said mystery!

OUTDOOR STATIONS: Due to the diligent efforts of Dave Ballard, Saint Aloysius' maintenance man and his lovely wife, Susan, the outdoor Stations of the Cross on the Saint Aloysius grounds have been hacked out of the brush and new pictures have been added to the crosses.

Because of this on Good Friday we are going to resurrect an old Saint Al's tradition: praying the Stations on the hill, making our way to the 3 crosses at the summit. We will begin near the Padre Pio Shrine at 6pm. Remember that we will be walking UP the hill; wear appropriate footwear. Stiletto heels would NOT be apropos!

NEW "OLD" CRUCIFIX IN SAINT ALOYSIUS

SOCIAL HALL: I recently placed a new crucifix in the Saint Aloysius Social Hall. In reality it isn't new at all; it is actually a crucifix that hung in the original Saint Aloysius church building. It was given to me back in February (at my dad's 80th birthday party on 17 February to be precise) by Michael Patrick of Greensburg. Michael grew up at Immaculate Conception parish (I've known him all my life; my paternal grandparents rented off his parents from about 1955 until about a year after my grandfather's death in 1983) but his Saint Al's roots are deep. His mother, Philomena DeOre Patrick, was baptised there. His maternal grandparents, Margaret Spina and Anthony DeOre were both baptised there (in 1911 and 1908, respectively) and in 1929 married there. His maternal great grandparents Gaetano DiOrio & Filomena Sansonetta and Mary Ann Tomaro & Donato "Daniel" Spina (Italian immigrants I presume) raised their families in the parish. I am grateful to Michael for sharing this piece of our history with us!



ALLELUIA PARTY: You, your families, your friends (but not your pets; I am allergic!) are ALL cordially invited to the 8th annual ALLELUIA PARTY following the Great Vigil Holy Saturday night. As is customary the party will be hosted by me in my residence,

Waters House (formerly known as the IC Rectory). I inherited this tradition from my previous parish, Saint John the Baptist in Perryopolis. Sister Loretta, the Director of Religious Education, had convinced my predecessor to have the party in the rectory rather than the social hall. Her reasoning? People wouldn't bother to traipse up to the hall after the Vigil but would **NOT** miss the opportunity to "neb" in Father's House! Fortunately I absolutely **LOVE** to share my home with people. So PLEASE come and neb!

The main purpose of the party, of course, is NOT to neb through Father's junk collection in his rainbow-hued "crayola playhouse!" Rather, we gather to welcome our newly minted Catholics and with them to continue the glorious, **JOY-FILLED** celebration of our Lord's Resurrection begun at the Great Vigil - the most central, the most important Mass in the Church's year. (As the Resurrection is the most central, the most important event in the entire history of the cosmos, **OBVIOUSLY** the Mass which **IS** the Liturgical memorial of that event holds pride of place in the Church calendar.)

I hope to have a house FULL of Righteous, Rockin' Resurrection Revellers rightly rejoicing, relentlessly reciting with resounding relish the Apostle Paul's taunt "Death O death, where is your victory; death O death where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)! And with any luck a few brave souls will accompany me on my caffeine-and sugar-fuelled all-nighter, a tradition I have observed since my seminary days in the mid 90s. After the Paschal Fast (nothing but water from before Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper until the Great Vigil is concluded) and the adrenaline rush of the Vigil, flushed with the excitement of Christ's Easter triumph, sleeping is the **LAST** thing I want to do!