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SUN, JAN 13, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult\$4,489.00
Loose\$626.00
Maintenance80.00
Total:\$5,195.00

Cemetery\$15.00
Christmas Flowers\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary\$235.00
Initial Offering\$210.00
Children & Family\$25.00



ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult\$3,102.00
Loose13.45
Children/Young Adults35.55
Parish Improvements408.00
Energy\$302.00
Total:\$3,961.00

Christmas Flowers\$10.00
Initial Offering\$56.00
Accent\$20.00



ST. JOHN

Adult\$2,626.00
Loose Collection266.00
Maintenance98.00
Total:\$2,990.00

Immaculate Conception\$10.00
Christmas Flowers\$5.00
Christmas\$55.00
Solemnity of Mary\$332.00
Initial Offering\$34.00
Accent\$5.00
Children & Family\$10.00

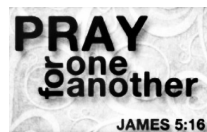


ST. RITA

Adult\$3,665.00
Loose Collection457.00
Maintenance65.00
Total:\$4,187.00

Immaculate Conception\$5.00
Christmas\$20.00
Holy Name Christmas Gift\$750.00
Solemnity of Mary\$70.00
Initial Offering\$10.00

**Thank you to St. Rita Christian Mothers
for presenting Fr. Bob with a donation
of \$10,000 for the St. Rita parish
endowment fund.**



Please remember
KIM MARI, the
newest addition
to our prayer list.

SUN, JAN 20, 2019

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ORDINARY TIMES
Extraordinary God

I Corinthians 12:4-11 MASTER OF A TRADE

A jack of all trades is master of none, the saying goes. If you can do a lot of things, you probably do not do any of them well. Some talented people possess many gifts, but it does not take long to figure out their shortcomings as well.

Most of us are happy if we can do one thing well - whether it is a class at school, a task at work, parenting at home, or playing a sport. The problem is, none of us can survive doing one thing well. We need one another. We need

other people who do other things well. We need specialists in auto mechanics, computer repair, teaching, and cooking to get us through the day. If you do one thing well - decorating church, for example - you help out a lot of other people who do not know how.

Paul tells the Corinthians that the Spirit is manifest in many ways. "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." These manifestations include wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, and other mighty deeds. In a parish they surface at worship, education, service, and even social activities that build the community.

You may not think your gift can do much good, but it probably can. The Spirit gives gifts away "for some benefit." This new year, you can put yours to work so that others may come to know the many gifts and wisdom of God.

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YEAR-END
GIVING
STATEMENTS

CHANGE OF PLAN...

Due to the pending increase in postage, Lou Ann will be at the DeVivo Centre THIS SUN and NEXT SUN, from 10:30-11:30 for you to pick up your year-end giving statement then.

If you prefer to pick it up at the office during the week instead, please call us at 628-6840 to let us know.

Thanks for helping us be good stewards of our parishes' resources.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

TUE: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28,

WED: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

THU: Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

FRI: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

SAT: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21

SUN: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; I Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH

This weekend, we experience the first public miracle of Jesus during the Marriage feast at Cana. Because we are so familiar with this particular Gospel passage, oftentimes the radical nature of Jesus turning water into wine has completely lost us as the modern reader. But we must challenge ourselves to look at these readings with fresh eyes, ever being aware that the Holy Spirit is still breathing life into them.

In our first reading, Isaiah the prophet is promising that “...the Lord delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you (Isaiah 62:4-5).”

Through Jesus Christ, the promise of a bridegroom becoming one with his bride (the Church) is fulfilled. This can be seen most beautifully in John’s account of the Marriage feast, where Jesus presents Himself not only as a guest at a wedding, but as our very spouse, weaving a beautiful tapestry of the Old and New Testament together.

During the Wedding at Cana, Mary presents what would have been a very serious problem to her Son:

“They have no wine (John 2:3).” Wine traditionally is the heart of every banquet. The lack of wine indicates potential humiliation for the people. You have to love Mary’s faith! She knows very well that her Son has the ability to do something about this situation, and she does not hesitate to go to him out of charity for the family.

Jesus’ response to Mary may very well be one of the most mistranslated verses because of the significance. The best English translation is, “Oh woman what is this **to you and to me?**” Most will translate it as, “How does your concern affect **me?**” In the Vulgate it is written, “*Quid mihi et tibi est, mulier,*” or very literally, “what **to me and to you** woman.” This is translated from the Greek, using the pronouns “*emoi*” and “*soi*”, meaning, to me and to you.

This more accurate translation is essential for us to understand as Catholic Christians, because when we use the more accurate translation, we see Mary and Jesus in a much more intimate relationship, sharing a common concern or mission. Rather than thinking Jesus is saying “Why are you bringing this up to me woman- you are bothering me!” we can now fully recognize and come to appreciate Jesus **and** Mary’s proper role as bridegroom and bride.

The word “woman” is also extremely misunderstood to the modern reader. Rather than a derogatory reference, the term was used out of significant respect and honor. We can see here already that Christ is espousing himself with his believers, sharing in a common mission with those who are willing to go to Him.

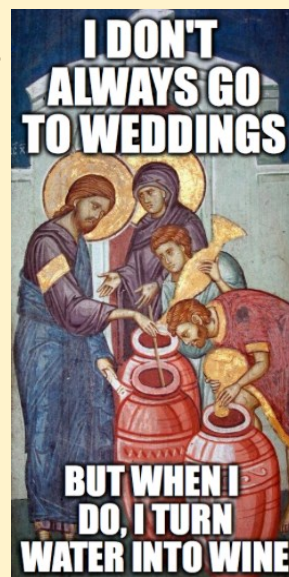
Probably the most significant passage that points us back to Isaiah’s

promise of a bridegroom occurs when Jesus performs his miracle. Symbolically, the water represents the Old Law. The wine represents the good news, the gospel. The jars represent the “purification” of the Jews. These jars were therefore filled with the water of the Law of Moses, or Jewish legalism. Jesus transforms or purifies this water into the wine of the new law, manifesting Himself.

The context of Jesus physically being at a wedding also helps us understand that the New Covenant is symbolized precisely by the nuptials between God and mankind through the person of

Jesus Christ! The Word, moved by love, came down from heaven to celebrate His nuptials with humanity! Cana presents here, in symbolic form, the celebration of “a bridegroom rejoicing in his bride (Isaiah 62:5).

As we enter ourselves into this weekend’s liturgy, let us ever be mindful that we the Church are the bride of Christ. Let us challenge ourselves to be a bride who never loses her love and admiration for her bridegroom; a bride who is in wonder and awe, having seen that God is truly faithful to his promises.



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

What's Happening at home

your ideas to make this event a great addition to the 150th anniversary year of celebrations.

Coffee/donuts after Mass at St. John are canceled until renovation of the social hall floor is complete.

Light of the Cross Bible Study will relocate to St. Rita's Bucci Hall until St. John's floor renovation is done.

We are definitely in need of more help with the following ministries and specific times. Please prayerfully consider where you can serve.

- ♦ Eucharistic Ministers for SAT 6pm Mass at IC and SUN 11:30am Mass at St. John.
- ♦ Leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the SAT 4pm Mass at St. Rita.
- ♦ Additional Eucharistic Ministers at St. Aloysius.
- ♦ A Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound who could regularly take communion to an elderly shut-in near the Bullskin Township Fire Hall.
- ♦ A Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound who could regularly take communion to a shut-in near East Park.

Any questions, just call Sr. Donna at the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.



We'll be watching THE LEGO MOVIE at Saint Aloysius on WED, JAN 23 at 6:30pm. All are welcome. Bring a friend! Popcorn and drinks provided, but bring your own blankets and pillows.

Make your reservations NOW for IC's Anniversary trip to see "JESUS" on SAT, AUG 10, 2019 at the Sight and Sound Theatres in Lancaster, PA - a \$25 deposit payable to IC holds your spot! Call Guy Rose at 880-5885 or Patty Rose at 880-4919 with any questions.

Cost of \$150 includes bus, show and dinner. Envelopes marked "Jesus" may be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre parish office. Balance of payment is due by JUN 1.

St. Al children's offertory envelopes are still available in the social hall.

Parishioners may once again request altar flowers for weekend Masses or to accompany their Mass intentions. (Flowers delivered on a weekday may not be fresh enough to use the following weekend.) Cost is \$45 or \$60/arrangement, scheduled through the DeVivo Centre office. Flowers are not scheduled during Lent/Advent, or on Mothers/Fathers Day.

Extra monthly tickets are available at St. Aloysius by calling the Brady Centre office at 277-4236.

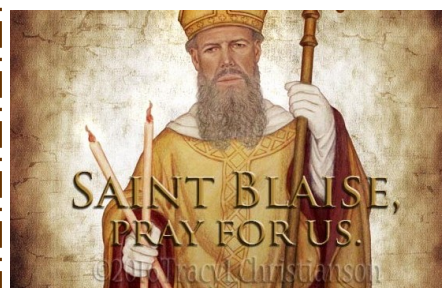
CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT!



We celebrate that truth in a special way on the FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (SAT, FEB 2). In honor of the feast, there will be a special Mass at 9am at IC.

It's a great, tangible way to engage and teach our children about our faith traditions!

Mass will begin with the traditional **blessing of candles** and a **candle-light procession** , similar to the Great Easter Vigil. Because Candlemas (it's other name, 'candle' + Mass) falls on a SAT this year, we hope that many will join our celebration. Next time you're at IC, see if you can find the window that depicts the Presentation!



On February 3, the Feast of St. Blaise, the newly blessed candles are used to bless throats.

This is because St. Blaise saved a young boy who was choking on a fish bone.

In keeping with this tradition, there will be a general blessing of throats at the end of all weekend Masses on FEB 2 and 3.



NO Nar-Anon, WED, JAN 23.

St. Pius All You Can Eat Omelet Breakfast on SUN, JAN 27, 8am-noon.

Adults/\$7, children 3-12/\$3, under 3/free. Tickets sold at the door.

On WED, JUN 12 St. Paul (G'burg) is taking a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica and St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

The motor coach departs from St. Paul's parking lot at 6am and returns at 11:30pm. Cost of \$120 includes motor coach, taxes, dinner and admissions. Mass at the Basilica at noon, and lunch is on your own at the Basilica Café.

Deposit of \$50 is due by SUN, FEB 10.

Checks are payable to Scholastica Travel, Inc. Mail to Sharon Higberger, 15 Northmont Street, G'burg 15601. For more info call Sharon at 724-989-6034.

The Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship invites homeschool families from the diocese to an evening of prayer, faith, spirituality and fellowship with Bishop Malesic on WED, FEB 20 at St. Bruno.

Mass 6pm, followed by a potluck reception. To register, visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/EFHF.

A note from St. Vincent DePaul... With the beginning of the new year, it seems natural to reflect on many things from the past. However, this will be a reflection on one specific situation – the flood of 2016.



Remember the flood of August 2016? Well, in September of 2017 we wrote in this bulletin that we hoped to wrap up our flood relief efforts soon. But it was not until September of **2018** that our conference finally wrote its last check from our flood relief account.

You deserve to know something about SVdP's involvement during those interesting two years. After all, many of you contributed to our relief fund. And many others contributed to the Greater Connellsville Flood Relief Fund.

Some of our SVdP members were involved right from the beginning. Vincentians volunteered to deliver food provided by Salvation Army, to work with Community Ministries contacting flood survivors and assess needs, to assist Red Cross with damage assessments, and to attend organizational meetings that developed long-range plans to help those survivors. Gradually a working plan was developed, thanks in no small part to Community Ministries, the Fayette County Emergency Management team, and the national United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). These three organizations and some wonderful local volunteers brought order to the chaos. Two of our members sat on the board of the Flood Relief Committee (FRC), which met weekly for most of the two years.

The story is too long to tell here, but gradually our SVdP role evolved to where we were able to assist with what are termed "unmet needs", i.e. those needs that fell outside the scope of the FRC bylaws. And there were plenty. And that's where your donations went. Every cent went toward flood relief, as did all donations to the Greater Connellsville Flood Relief Fund, despite rumors to the contrary that you might have heard. And it is all accounted for with verifiable paper trails.

One last note: people with considerable national disaster relief experience were amazed at how well Connellsville's relief efforts were organized, and how effective we (and you) were in helping those in need.

Thank you and God bless all who were able to give financially and prayerfully to this worthy cause,

Paul Whipkey

FINANCIAL CORNER

ORDINARY INCOME VS. ORDINARY EXPENSES
FOR DECEMBER 2018



IC	St Rita	St John	St. Aloysius
\$41,171.60	\$31,244.66	\$20,611.32	\$22,447.00
(34,914.85)	(25,061.27)	(17,890.51)	(20,559.98)
\$6,256.75	\$6,183.39	\$2,720.81	\$1,887.02

All churches in the black for the month - how wonderful!



the repose of the souls of JON MICHAEL BOSLEY (cousin of Jill Piasecki), TONY CATALDI, BETTY MAY DANIELS (mother of Tom Daniels), MSGR. J. EDWARD MCCULLOUGH and JOHN TAYLOR, JR., who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

TUE & THU Masses will be held at ST. RITA if the Connellsville School District has a delay or cancellation for winter weather. Watch the morning news or listen to your favorite radio station when the weather is bad!



Congratulations to
GIANNA CECILIA RENEE, daughter of
Tristan and Nicole Petraglia,
baptized JAN 13 at IC.

**FEB Ministry schedules are on
www.youghcatholic.org.
Contact Chris Sparks at 628-7510
or crsparks1@zoominternet.net
with any questions, or if you
cannot serve when scheduled.**

ST. AL MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
SAT, JAN 26 - 5PM		
ALTAR SERVER C Tabaj O Tabaj W Trimbath	LECTOR S Lincoln	EX MINISTER J Goodwin T Nedrow M Vinoverski
SUN, JAN 27 - 9AM		
ALTAR SERVER J Hustosky J Hustosky F Vinoverski	LECTOR J Grover	EX MINISTER T Dull J Laurion A Trimbath
ROSARY SCHEDULE		
SAT, JAN 26 J Connell	SUN, JAN 27 B Klotz	

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, JAN 21		ST. AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR
8:00am	St. Rita	Elizabeth & Victor Wisilosky, Sr. (John & Marseda Wisilosky)
8:30am	St. Al	Cecilia Kessler (Theresa & Joseph Ranker)
TUE, JAN 22		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. John	John Onusko (Lorraine Onusko)
8:30am	St. Al	Frank Lengjak (Nephew, Joseph E. Kozak)
WED, JAN 23		STS. VINCENT, DEACON/MARTYR & MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN
8:00am	St. Rita	Dominec Costabile (Joe & Rose Kosisko)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, JAN 24		ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP/DR. OF THE CHURCH
8:00am	IC	John Canada (Geibel Class of 1967)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	James Brown, Sr. (Samuel C. Brooks & Family)
FRI, JAN 25		CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE
8:00am	St. Rita	Salvatore Cagnina (Wife, Sandra)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Rose E. Novak (Virginia Bell)
SAT, JAN 26		VIGIL/STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS
4:00pm	St. Rita	Joseph & Angeline Canada (Daughter, Rosella Kerns & Family)
5:00pm	St. Al	Bruckner Family (Dolores & Warne Rankin)
6:00pm	IC	Antonio & Philomena Ruvo, Annie & Angelo Nudo & August Pecnelly (Salvatore & Esther Ruvo)
SUN, JAN 27		3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Thomas Esperesi, Jr. (Mother, Joan White)
9:00am	St. Al	Pro Populo
9:30am	IC	Orval Glenn Galentine, III (Mom & Dad)
11:30am	St. John	Agnes Keller (Jordan Family)

Altar flowers at IC this weekend are in memory of Bernice Misconin, from Family.

IC, ST. JOHN, ST. RITA MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
	ACOLYTE	EX MINISTER	CROSS BEARER	LECTOR
JAN 26 SR-4pm	K Callahan K Callahan	K Grenaldo M Sabatula D Grenaldo	J Domer	M Dunaway
IC-6pm	P Scarry K Lizza	E Aquino M Pieczynski J Geary	A Geary	R Goron
JAN 27 SR-8am	T Barrett E Armstrong	L Lauffer D Gephart L Kozel	D Barrett	P Stefano
IC-9:30am	G Schradel H Bechtold	I McKenna E Loyal B Molitor	B Bielstein	S DeSimone
SJ-11:30am	I Zerecheck A Bandemer	J Kosinski B Knizner P Daniels	N Gaudiello	T Severin



RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR

SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

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

ORDER OUT OF CHAOS: Sacred Writ begins with these verses: *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters* (Genesis 1:1-2). In other words, the story of salvation (which, at its most fundamental level, is what the bible IS) begins with God bringing ORDER out of CHAOS. But merely two chapters later God's order is thrown back into chaos as Adam and Eve disobey God's command (read: they SIN). Sin **IS** chaos.

Well, my brothers and sisters, there has been a lot of SIN (read: chaos) in Our Lady Queen of the Yough ever since the incorporation of Saint Aloysius of Gonzaga Parish this past summer and then the addition of Fr. Julius to our leadership team in November. Before everyone gets their knickers in a knot allow me to explain. Prior to those changes we had FIVE Masses divided between TWO priests, and I had developed a general rotation (which, of course, often had to be adjusted): a priest would do the 4, 9:30, and 11:30 one weekend and the following he would do 6 and 8. This (at least in theory) ensured that the priests would regularly see all the usual Mass-goers and the usual Mass-goers would regular see each priest.

Now, however, we have TOTAL **CHAOS**. There have been times when a particular priest was at the same Mass for weeks in a row.

And, if that priest was ME the poor people in the pews were really forced to do penance. (Although they DID earn time off purgatory as a result of their **EXTREME** suffering!) It isn't only the people who are affected by this chaos. Both Fr. Dan and I have lamented the fact we can sometimes go weeks and weeks without the opportunity to see particular people/ congregations.

FINALLY the Spirit of God moved upon the face of MY waters and showed me a way out of the darkness and formless void. Thus now there will be SOME semblance of order to the scheduling of priests. The GENERAL rotation will group Masses together as follows, with the same priest that particular grouping for the weekend:

- 1) Immaculate Conception (6pm and 9:30am)
- 2) Saint Rita Masses (4pm and 8am)
- 3) Saint Aloysius and Saint John (5pm, 9am, 11:30am)

I must add the caveat that this isn't SET IN STONE. There will be adjustments due to other commitments (weddings, baptisms, vacations) or circumstances (family/friends of a priest are visiting and want to attend a particular Mass with *their* priest). In fact, this very weekend has already violated my carefully crafted schema. I had the the opportunity to spend some time in Deep Creek with one of my best friends whom I only get to see a few times a year. So naturally I JUMPED at the opportunity. (And perhaps JUMPED into the lake in another polar bear plunge!) But next weekend we will be right back on track.

One additional benefit of this new schedule is that EACH priest will have one of the MAIN Masses

every weekend. Previously (when we were just the Connellsville Catholic Community) I had grouped the most-attended Masses (4, 9:30, 11:30) and the least attended (6 and 8) together. This arrangement, on a partially subconscious level, led to me be less concerned about preaching on the weekends I had the less-attended Masses. Now I'll have to be on top of my game **EVERY** weekend!

GOOD NEWS IN DECEMBER! For about the last half-year we have been including in the bulletin a monthly financial statement comparing ordinary income vs. ordinary expenses. As anyone regularly scrutinising the figures has learned that some months a particular parish will be in the red and another month will be in the black. (More accurate MOST of the time all the parishes are in the RED.) Last month, however, for the VERY **FIRST** TIME all four parishes were in the BLACK. Undoubtedly this was due to parishioners' generosity at Christmas. (Too bad "Christmas comes but ONCE a year"!) Nonetheless I am extremely grateful to ALL who helped make December 2018 a BANNER month. May this trend continue into the New Year now begun!

COVER PHOTO: Looking at the forecast for this weekend (remember, I am writing on Tuesday and you are reading on Saturday or Sunday) a similar scene might be repeated here in the lowlands RIGHT NOW! I captured this idyllic winter scene as I was doing the committal for Immaculate Conception parishioner Nancy Miller (God rest her soul) at the cemetery next to Normalville United Methodist Church last Friday. What a difference a mere 750 feet in elevation makes!