

OCT 19-20, 2019



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## ST. ALOYSIUS CALENDAR PARTY



**To our visitors...** If you are just passing through, we are glad you chose to worship with us. If you are seeking a new church home, please know there is always room in our pews and a place in our hearts for you.

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MON-THU 8:30am-noon / 1-4pm  
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## SAT-SUN, OCT 12-13, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult.....	\$4,232.00
Loose.....	340.00
Maintenance.....	60.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$4,632.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$45.00
All Saints .....	\$10.00
Accent.....	\$4.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$18.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$794.83



### ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult.....	\$4,287.00
Loose.....	159.50
Children/Young Adults .....	27.50
Parish Improvements.....	485.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$4,959.00</b>
Mission Co-Op .....	400.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$20.00



### ST. JOHN

Adult.....	\$2,999.00
Loose.....	137.00
Maintenance.....	105.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$3,241.00</b>
Assumption.....	\$6.00
Accent.....	\$43.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$8.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$746.00



### ST. RITA

Adult.....	\$3,366.00
Loose.....	292.00
Maintenance.....	137.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$3,795.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$9.00
Seminary/Clergy.....	\$10.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$1,161.00

**THE MISSION CO-OP OFFERING**  
will be collected at all Masses  
**NEXT weekend.** You may use the  
envelope in this week's bulletin  
for that purpose.

**Ushers, please be prepared for**  
this second collection.



### Exodus 17:8-13 RAISING HANDS IN PRAYER

When people find it hard to pray, they seek ways to improve. Sometimes a simple change can bring great benefits to our prayer.

Most people derive benefit from prayer if they get into the right routine. For example, the celebration of the Eucharist always follows the same outline. The predictability of the structure allows people to enter into the prayer. Some young people express frustration about the repetitive nature of the mass, and that is understandable. But it takes time with the repetition to let the mystery of the mass sink into one's spirit. Once it does, the repetition provides a framework out of which people can pray.

Prayer at home can be improved through routine as well. Many people find it helpful to pick a certain time of day when they will go to pray. Others find a certain place they can use - whether it is a room or a particular chair. The selection of time and place provides the structure in which prayer can happen.

Posture can also help prayer. Some people kneel. Others sit. Early Christians stood for prayer and lifted their hands aloft. The priest still uses this posture when he prays at mass.

It is similar to the posture taken by Moses when Amalek waged war against Israel. As long as Moses' hands were outstretched, Israel had the better of the fight.

If we are fighting at prayer, a minor adjustment in place, time, or posture might help.

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Their mission is to serve the poor, missionaries, and sponsors by proclaiming the gospel through acts of faith, love, and charity and to sanctify missionaries through friendship with the Lord, observance of poverty, and obedience to the Holy Catholic Church.

**This year's Mission Co-Op offering will benefit the ministry of A SIMPLE**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

TUE: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

WED: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

THU: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

FRI: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

SAT: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

SUN: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

# What's Happening at home

**St. Rita Holy Name will have a pancake, buckwheat and sausage breakfast THIS SUN, OCT 20 in Bucci Hall, from 7am-noon.** Try their famous buckwheat sandwich! Adults \$6 and \$2 for children under 12.

**Conn-Area students will present a Living Rosary on MON, OCT 21 at IC at 10am, to continue the church's 150th anniversary celebration.**



Everyone is invited.

**The St. Aloysius Altar Rosary Society will meet on MON, OCT 21 at 6:30pm in the social hall.** Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd MON. Refreshments will be served. All women of the parish are welcome.

**RCIA Inquiry sessions continue THUs in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.**

**Molli's Bible study on the Gospel of John continues at St. Al on FRIs after 8:30am Mass.**

**St. John's Fundraising Committee will be making pirohi on TUEs, OCT 22 and 29 at 8:30am in Moravek Hall for their upcoming sale.** Any help is greatly appreciated, whether it be volunteering your time or making a monetary donation to help defray food costs. Cash or checks (payable to St. John and marked St. John Fundraising donation) may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre.

**Tom Severin's Bible study on Job will continue on WED, OCT 23 in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.**

**Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Catholic Community Children's Choir will rehearse at 11am on SAT, OCT 26, in IC's choir loft. The choir also will sing for the 6pm SAT, OCT 26, Mass at IC.** Children in grades 3-6 in all 4 parishes are eligible for membership. In addition, junior and senior high students are invited to serve as leaders and cantors for the Children's Choir.

**St. John's 125th Anniversary Silent Festival ENDS NEXT SUN, OCT 27.** You may drop your donation/pledge in the collection basket, or at the DeVivo Centre. Pledges made by OCT 27 may be paid through DEC 31.



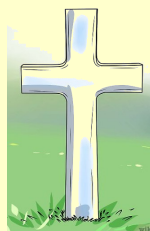
**A Mass with the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held TUE, OCT 29 at 11am at St. Rita.**

Mass will be followed by a lunch in Bucci Hall.

**Workers will be cleaning up and removing all old decorations in the St. Aloysius cemetery.** If

you'd like to remove your own, please do so by SAT, NOV 2.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the clean up.



Summer grave decorations at all Connellsville cemeteries must also be removed by SAT, NOV 2. Thanksgiving/Christmas decorations may be placed on graves in all cemeteries after NOV 16.

**IC Christian Mothers have a number of prayer blankets available.** Please call Mary at 628-1764 with any questions or to request a blanket. You may leave a message.

Door for sale - BEST OFFER  
87-3/4" tall x 35-5/8" wide  
Sale will benefit former CAPS building renovation.



**St. Rita Christian Mothers' Christmas Cookie Sale will be on SAT, DEC 7 beginning at 9am in Bucci Hall.**

Donations of Robin Hood flour, Crisco, Imperial margarine, Domino granulated and powdered sugar and nuts would be appreciated. Also, monetary donations to help defray costs are being accepted by making checks payable to St. Rita Christian Mothers, and can be dropped in the collection basket or given directly to Rita Pratt.



**There will be an additional ALTAR SERVER TRAINING on MON, OCT 28 at St. John at 7pm.** This is for any server who missed the prior sessions, or who wants a refresher.



Visitation parish in Mt. Pleasant will hold a homemade Cavatelli/Meatballs or Spaghetti/Meatballs Dinner, SUN, OCT 20, 11:30am-2:30pm in their

community center. Dinner includes salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Adults/\$12, children (4-10)/\$6, children 3 and under/Free. Tickets can be purchased at the door and takeout will be available.

Nar-Anon will meet on WED, OCT 23 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

Father Jose Maniyangat, a native of Kerala, India, and retired priest of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Fla., will celebrate a Mass for Health and Healing at St. Cecilia Parish, Grindstone, SAT, OCT 26 at 10am with a luncheon to follow. Please call the church at 785-7781 with questions.



Members of all four parishes joined together on SAT, OCT 12 to offer the Rosary as a special public commemoration of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima.

### ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE

THU, OCT 31 - Vigil  
6:00pm St. John

FRI, NOV 1  
8:00am St. Rita  
9:30am IC (Geibel)  
7:00pm St. Aloysius

The DeVivo and Brady Centres will both be closed on FRI, NOV 1 in reverence to All Saints Day.



A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Geibel will host its first GATORFEST ON SUN, OCT 20 at noon at the school.



Activities include a live alligator demonstration, DJ, food trucks, bounce houses, pumpkin painting, giveaways, school tours and the Toward the Top Race. Go to [geibelcatholic.org](http://geibelcatholic.org) for more info.

Geibel is holding its winter coat/blanket drive OCT 21 - NOV 3.

New/gently used coats, blankets and warm baby sleepers can be dropped off at Geibel from 7:30am-3pm. Items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul and Connellsville

Area Community Ministries. Contact Marian Cadwallader at 628-5600 or [mcadwallader@geibelcatholic.org](mailto:mcadwallader@geibelcatholic.org).



Thanks to everyone who planned and participated in St. Al's Dunbar Days and/or Calendar Tea, making each of these events such a success.



Profits were:

Dunbar Days: \$1,560  
Calendar Party: \$6,091

Please remember JOANNE CAMP, a new addition to our prayer list.

### ALL SOULS MASS SCHEDULE

SAT, NOV 2  
9:00am St. Aloysius  
Noon St. John  
Commemorating the recently departed members of our parishes



After my son was born, a good friend of mine created wood carvings with Scriptural verses on them for each one of my children. He simply requested that I would choose one Scripture passage each for Ava, Noel, and Andrew. The verse that I chose for my oldest daughter Ava was that of the second reading today from Saint Paul to Timothy; ***“Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the Sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”*** The reason I selected this particular verse for Ava was simple; she is the oldest and as such, is extremely stubborn AND thinks she knows it all (*the only reason I can tell you this without her killing me is that she is 8 and does not have the desire to read what Mommy writes in the bulletin!*)! Ava always has the answer, and if she doesn’t...she makes it up. She is, however, a natural born leader. She can get her way simply by nagging you...to death. She will not stop until you hear her side of an argument, and she will not *give up* arguing until you admit that she actually has a point! In other words, she is EXACTLY what Paul tells us all Christians should be; persistent. In fact, if all 3 readings from this weekend could be summed up in one word, it would be persistence!

**PERSISTENCE:** The quality that allows someone to continue doing something or trying to do something even though it is difficult or opposed by other people.

Paul tells us, “be persistent whether it is convenient OR inconvenient.” What a challenge! Unfortunately,

many of us are not as willful as Miss Ava Sampey, and lack the ability to truly be persistent. When faced with any adversity, too often we give up! Being persistent is difficult for many reasons. For one, most of us, including myself, are chronic people pleasers. We simply want everyone to get along. There have been so many times when I feel very passionate about something, but cannot express it to my friends and family because I do not want to offend them! Fortunately, as of late the Holy Spirit HAS given me the ability to be persistent when it comes to the truth of who Jesus Christ is and calls us to be. Although MANY times it is EXTREMELY inconvenient for me to do so, I can honestly say I do NOT care who I offend when speaking about the love of Jesus Christ! I fully realize this is NOT MY work, but the work of the Holy Spirit living and speaking through me. So how can WE in the Our Lady Queen of the Yough Community continue to develop persistence as followers of Jesus?

#### HOW TO DEVELOP PERSISTENCE AS DISCIPLES:

1. We must have a definite purpose: What is our purpose as disciples? To bring others to Jesus Christ! When we talk about purpose, another word comes to mind: *desire*. Our purpose must be backed up by a burning desire for its fulfillment. We simply cannot stop being a witness because it is “too hard.” Our hearts must literally be on fire for the Lord!

2. We must have a definite plan expressed in continuous action. What is our plan? It can be seen in our vision: *“To lead all whose lives we touch into a living relationship with the person of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, service and fellowship.”* What is continuous

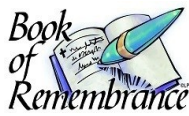
about it? Well, you may have noticed that we are extremely persistent and intentional in repeating our vision over and over AND over again, until ALL are utterly sick of hearing it and will hopefully GO DO IT!

3. We must have a mind closed tightly against negative and discouraging influences. There will always be “naysayers.” People love to have something to complain or gossip about. Either they just don’t “get it,” or they are not ready to accept the fact that we MUST have a living relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. However, WE must remain steadfast and KNOW that our plan is in line with God’s will! If we are following the will of God, we must stop allowing negative forces to affect the work.
4. We must have a friendly alliance with one or more persons who will encourage us to follow through with both plan and purpose. There are so many days we ALL just want to give up. No one is listening. No one cares. At times I feel as though some would be extremely content with simply being “pew warmers,” so why even bother? But our community is meant to also inspire us, and I have found great inspiration in countless numbers of parishioners who live for Jesus Christ and firmly believe in the work we are doing here in the Jewel!

If only ALL of us could have a little more “Ava” inside of us! Think of what we could accomplish! I want to challenge you to be persistent for Christ. Never stop desiring to bring others to Him! May the Holy Spirit start a fire in our soul that will never be extinguished.

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

The BOOK OF THE DECEASED has been placed at the back of each of our churches, for you to sign names of family members and friends who have died. Please sign as many names as you wish.



A Dedication Recital for IC's new 3-manual Walker organ will be presented on SUN NOV 17 at 3pm, as part of the parish's 150th Anniversary celebration. The Dedication Recital will be presented by J. Christopher Pardini, director of music and liturgy and organist at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. A reception with light refreshments will follow in Sciberras Hall.



the repose of the souls of ANTHONY COLATCH, JR., and CAROL MARTRAY (mother of Sheri Tomechko), who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>MON, OCT 21</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Patricia Broderick & Carol Broderick Kekela (Bob Broderick & Family)
8:30am	St. Al	Tom Bell (Laureen Malachin & Mike)
<b>TUE, OCT 22</b>		<b>ST. JOHN PAUL II, POPE</b>
8:00am	St. John	Donald C. Haney & John Haney (Virginia & Jim)
8:30am	St. Al	George Trimbath (Wife, Carol)
<b>WED, OCT 23</b>		<b>ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Steve Holup (Ladies of Charity)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
<b>THU, OCT 24</b>		<b>ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP</b>
<b>NO MASS DUE TO CLERGY CONVOCATION</b>		
<b>FRI, OCT 25</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
<b>NO MASS DUE TO CLERGY CONVOCATION</b>		
<b>SAT, OCT 26</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
1:30pm	St. Al	Wedding of Nikki Stoner & Ian Rose
		<b>VIGIL</b>
4:00pm	St. Rita	Micheline (Maggie) Natale (Frank & Margaret Nobile)
5:00pm	St. Al	Stephen Mullaney (Mom, Jim & Baba)
6:00pm	IC	Edward Pieczynski (Alan Pieczynski)
<b>SUN, OCT 27</b>		<b>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Carol Lubic (Son, Fr. Bob)
9:00am	St. Al	Gilbert Dunaway (Janice)
9:30am	IC	Charles R. Dowling (Wife, Diane Dowling, Children, Kristie Dowling Zavatchan & Sean Dowling & Families)
11:30am	St. John	Pro Populo

**FR. DAN & FR. JULIUS WILL BE AWAY THU & FRI FOR THE CLERGY CONVOCATION.**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - OCT 26				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - OCT 27			
	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 Tabaj O Tabaj	S Zuccaro S Pleva	E Armstrong M Waggett	J Hustosky N Mongell	M Speeney M Speeney	J Bielstein I Zerecheck
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	A Hann T Bohinski R Pratt	P Herron T Nedrow S Lincoln	J Colvin E Aquino J Geary	N Stasia G Lembo J Lembo	J Goodwin T Grover J Laurion	B Molitor P Akers S Reagan	L Martin B Knizner E Smith
CROSS BEARERS	A Geary	J Trimbath	E Pleva	R Lewandowski	R Barron	L Tomasko	B Bielstein
LECTORS	M Merendino	J Grover	B Colvin	P Stefano	S DeSimone	R Lazor	M Martin
ROSARY		J Connell			B Klotz		



I spent much of my afternoon yesterday (i.e. last Monday) with two women dying from cancer. That may seem depressing to you. In fact,

it had quite the opposite effect on me. As I watched one of the women labor to breathe, my heart was filled not with sorrow or despair but of hopefulness and joy.

Let me explain before I sound cruel. Prior to going on these visits, I was enjoying some R&R at the rectory. Much of my relaxation involves browsing the internet and checking the news. Oh, the news! It can get me so easily flustered and out of sorts. What's going on in our country? What's going on in our church? What's going on in our world? And what on earth is going on with the Steelers? It all seems to be spiraling out of control. And the message repeats itself *ad nauseum* because we are willing to listen. As I was lying there contemplating these terrible times with apocalyptic thoughts, I wanted to just stay rolled up in my blanket. Then the office contacted me about visiting these two women as they lay dying – one wanted anointed and the other just a visit. I did not want to leave the rectory. I didn't even want to move. It was cold! I had a full stomach and was comfortable. But duty called and I (reluctantly) answered. As I visited with these families, I realized that my heart was being moved. As I heard about the goodness of the one lying there, their involvement in

caring for their families, and their love of the Lord, something was happening within me. I saw the love in the eyes of family members who watched as one they loved slowly slipped away from them, every moment possibly signifying passage onto the next stage of their journey, every breath possibly their last. And it hit me as I sat and held the second woman's hand. It was a powerful sense of hopefulness and joy.

I was experiencing in that moment the realization of a life well lived.

## **Our tablets, smart phones, televisions, and computer screens may be windows to the world, but those windows contain tinted glass...**

None of us ever reach perfection in this life, but there are so many people who live well and die quietly without recognition or real appreciation. These seemed to be two such women – people you will never hear about on the news. How many others around us are silently living well, loving God and neighbor, never perfectly but faithfully?

Our tablets, smart phones, televisions, and computer screens may be windows to the world, but those windows contain tinted glass that can cast a pale yellow or a murky brown coloring over everything that is out there. We only ever hear about the bad stuff.

When I walked out of my house that day, I removed the filter and saw what was really there – beautiful green grass, a crisp breeze, and a great deal of goodness in the people of Fayette County.

There have been prognosticators of doom in every age. I hear so often on the news and online that "it's never been this bad before" and I'm often tempted to believe it. But it has been this bad before: when God himself hung on the cross and only one of the apostles and a handful of women stood by him. Nothing will be as terrible as that day. And God turned that day upside-down three days later. Our greatest moment of despair became our greatest reason for hope.

I'm convinced that human existence is a paradox. In moments when the only thing we want to do is shrivel up in a ball and forget about the world, the very thing we need to do is get out there and actually encounter it. Being with people, good salt-of-the-earth light-of-the-world people, is enough to melt the tint off of any glasses we might be wearing.

So when you feel down, reach out to someone. Make a phone call, have lunch, or go for a walk. Then take off those tinted goggles and just enjoy the view.