

JANUARY 23-24, 2021

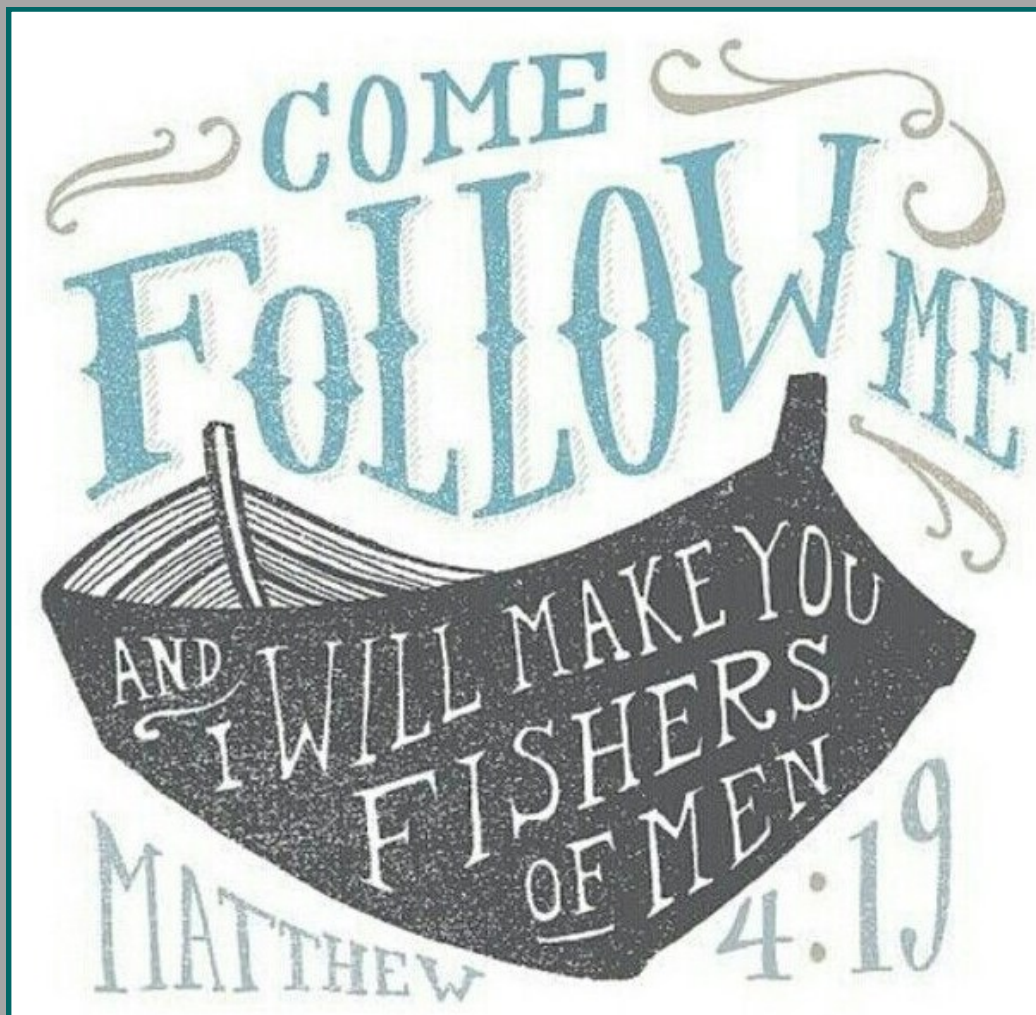
# YOUGH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CONNELLSVILLE & DUNBAR

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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### JANUARY 23-24, 2021

#### ENTRANCE HYMN: SING A NEW SONG

**Refrain** *Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
Let your songs be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.*

**Verse 1** *Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
And let your trumpet sound. Refrain*

**Verse 2** *Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
Your Savior now has come.  
He had turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song. Refrain*

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#### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
We adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's bidding.



Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

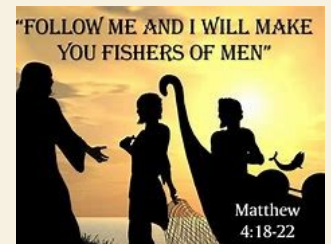
#### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia*

#### GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.



#### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

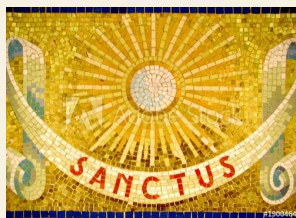
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS:

Please respond: *Lord, hear our prayer.*



#### SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

#### LAMB OF GOD

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

#### COMMUNION HYMN: LORD, YOU HAVE COME

**Verse 1** *Lord, you have come to the seashore,  
Neither searching for the rich nor the wise,  
Desiring only that I should follow.*

**Refrain** *O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,  
Gently smiling, you have spoken my name;  
All I longed for I have found by the water,  
At your side, I will seek other shores.*

**Verse 2** *Lord, see my goods, my possessions;  
In my boat you find no power, no wealth.  
Will you accept, then, my nets and labor?*

**Refrain**

**Verse 3** *Lord, take my hands and direct them.  
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,  
Returning love for the love you gave me. Refrain*

**Verse 4** *Lord, as I drift on the waters,  
Be the resting place of my restless heart,  
My life's companion, my friend and refuge.*

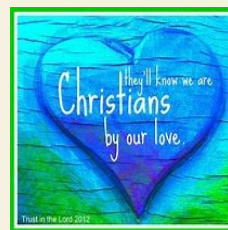
**Refrain**

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#### RECESSIONAL HYMN: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

**Verse 1** *We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.*

**Refrain** *And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*



**Verse 2** *We will walk with each other, we will walk  
hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk  
And together we'll spread the news that God  
is in our land.*

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Thank you for sharing in our Eucharistic Celebration!  
Be blessed.



Providing for the safety and welfare of the faithful has necessitated many modifications to our ritual practices.



To reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus, it is not permitted this year to "sign" the faithful with ashes in the customary fashion. Rather, on Ash Wednesday the tradition of being marked with ashes will take place in a different fashion, through a Sprinkling with Ashes.

Sprinkling with Ashes is a custom observed in many countries throughout the world. The minister, using their thumb and index finger, secures a pinch of ashes from the vessel containing the ashes. Without using words, the minister then sprinkles these ashes on the heads of the recipients.

Through this ancient practice we witness to our intention to undertake penitential practices during these Lenten days. We join with the whole Church throughout the world in acknowledging our need for continuing conversion. We express our hope and firm conviction that through Christ's victory over sin and death our tears shall one day be turned to rejoicing.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFERS VIRTUAL COUNSELING

Social-distancing can take a toll. So can just waiting in line to get into a store. It's not unusual to feel angry, frustrated or confused. For some, the pandemic restrictions can magnify anxiety, depression, grief, interpersonal conflict, and a wide variety of other issues. Catholic Charities provides virtual counseling to help address those issues and more. Taking care of your own emotional well-being is very important, to you and to those you love. You don't need to face these feelings alone.

Call 837-1840 or email counseling  
@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



**TUE & THU Masses will be held at ST RITA if the Connellsville School District has a delay or cancellation for winter weather.**

Watch the news on TV or listen to your favorite radio station if the weather is bad.

**If you have to shovel your sidewalks, weekday Mass will be at St. Rita.**

#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Go to [youghcatholic.org/stream](http://youghcatholic.org/stream) for the live-streaming of St. John's 11:30am SUN Mass.**

<b>SAT, JAN 23</b>	<b>VIGIL/ST. VINCENT, DEACON &amp; MARTYR, ST. MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN</b>
4:00pm	IC Pro Populo
5:00pm	SA Charlene Augustine (Office Staff)
6:00pm	SR The Gossger & McEntee Family (Kathy & Dick Oglevee)
<b>SUN, JAN 24</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	SR Joe & Eleanor Habina (Pat & Ruth Kozel)
9:00am	SA Mildred Tabaj (John & Ruth)
9:30am	IC Carol Milby (Patti Torrani)
11:30am	SJ Josephine & Sam Miller, Sr. (JoAnne Boone, Sam, Jr. & Larry Miller)
<b>MON, JAN 25</b>	<b>CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE</b>
8:00am	SR Salvatore Cagnina (Gerri & Joe Panzella)
8:30am	SR Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	SA John Miller (Regina Hughes)
<b>TUE, JAN 26</b>	<b>STS. TIMOTHY &amp; TITUS, BISHOPS</b>
8:00am	SJ George & Margaret Grimm (Barcine Graft & Family)
8:30am	SA The Bruckner Family (Warne & Dolores Rankin)
<b>WED, JAN 27</b>	<b>ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN &amp; RELIGIOUS FOUNDER</b>
8:00am	SR Mary Fetko (Lorraine Furnier)
8:30am	SR Adoration until 4:30pm
<b>THU, JAN 28</b>	<b>ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>
8:00am	IC Michael & Anna Mary Canada (Daughters & Family)
8:00am	SA Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	SA Antoinette Toni Cellurale Kuhlman (Betty Dunaway)
<b>FRI, JAN 29</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	SR Mary Knouse & Harry Nedley (Grace Corona)
8:15am	SA Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	SA John W. (Jack) Taylor, Jr. (Wife & Sons)
<b>SAT, JAN 30</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>
4:00pm	IC Connie Hatter (Margaret Younkin)
5:00pm	SA Mina Gambone (Jim & Patty Gambone & Family)
6:00pm	SR Jennie Ambrisco (Susan Falvo, Kathleen Falvo-Foley, Mary, Bill & Laurie Trout)
<b>SUN, JAN 31</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	SR Juanita Stasia (Ron & Julie Shroyer)
9:00am	SA Pro Populo
9:30am	IC Flora McGuinness (Children)
11:30am	SJ Rita Cole (Veronica Lesniowski, John & Carol Triscik & John True)

Please pray for the repose of the souls of EMIDIO CROCETTI, SR., FRANCES BENFORD, ELEANOR NICHOLSON, MARY ANNE MEHALICK, JERRY CAPO and JOSEPH CIARROCCHI (grandfather of Natalie Renzi), who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

# What's Happening

St. Al's Altar Rosary members are selling "ULTIMATE MICROFIBER MIRACLE CLOTHS" before and after the Masses or by calling Betty Dunaway 277-4265 or Regina Hughes 317-8740. Cloths are 13" x 15" packaged 2 for \$10. Great for spring cleaning and every day use!

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Greensburg Diocese, will host a PRAYER FOR LIFE DAY on FRI, JAN 29, at Christ Our Good Shepherd Center, in Greensburg. The day will begin at 11:30am with the Rosary for priests. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop-Elect Kulick at noon, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled at the conclusion of Mass until closing prayer and Benediction at 4pm. No reservations are needed, and you may attend at any time during the day. For more info, call Millie at 537-2064.

Visitation Parish in Mt. Pleasant will hold a Take-Out Only Donut (Pankusky) Sale from 2-4pm on MONs, FEB 1/8 in their community center. Donuts will be made fresh on those days.

Pre-orders must be placed by TUE, JAN 26 by calling 547-1911.

Donuts will be pre-packaged for quick pick-up. Cost is \$1.50 each. All CDC guidelines will be followed.

IC will hold a TAKE-OUT-ONLY FISH DINNER on Ash WED, FEB 17, from 11am-6pm, or until food runs out.



Menu will include baked or fried fish, mac 'n' cheese, coleslaw, roll and cake. Cost is \$10.

Geibel still has financial scholarships available for grades 7-11 for the 2nd semester of the 2020-21 school year. Please call the school at 628-5600 for more info, or apply online at [www.geibelcatholic.org](http://www.geibelcatholic.org).

The Ordination and Installation Mass for BISHOP-ELECT LARRY J. KULICK, JCL, as the 6th Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be celebrated THU, FEB 11 at 2pm at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. In an abundance of caution and in order to prioritize the health and safety of the faith community, attendance will be extremely limited and by invitation only.



Others are invited to virtually participate in the celebration which will be available for viewing on the diocesan website, [dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org), the diocesan Facebook page and YouTube channel. The Mass will also be broadcast on EWTN, live at 2pm. Diocesan coverage of this much-anticipated event will begin at 1pm with special coverage by the Catholic Accent.

The diocese will also live-stream Evening Prayer on the Vigil of the Mass of Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Kulick, on WED, FEB 10, at 7pm at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

For complete details please visit

[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/Pages/Bishop-elect-Larry-J-Kulick-JCL.aspx](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/Pages/Bishop-elect-Larry-J-Kulick-JCL.aspx)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:** Marsha & Barry Huey, Rose Cowan, Turner Trimbath, William Bellus, Anna Newton, Grady Humbert, Louisa Clawson, Ann Jutovic, Doug Pirl, Justin Dull, Theresa Hiles, Janet Stroncheck, and Laurene Hardy.

Homebound, sick, quarantined, or feeling disconnected?  
Go to [youghcatholic.org/stuckathome](http://youghcatholic.org/stuckathome) to find ways to strengthen your faith during this difficult time.



The Diocese of Greensburg men's conference, THE WELL, has been expanded to 2 events for 2021: a virtual seminar on SAT, MAR 20, and an in-person Men's Conference planned for SAT, SEP 25.

The virtual seminar is free to anyone who wishes to attend, and will be available on the Diocese's website and Facebook page. The event theme is "Jesus is Knocking, Open the Door!" and will run from 9-11:30am. It will feature 2 dynamic speakers: Mike Aquilina of Bridgeville, and Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Vincent Seminary. Interested men are asked to register so they are able to receive detailed info. Registration can be found at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL).

Men who registered for the 2020 conference and wish to remain registered for the 2021 in-person event do not need to take any action; they are automatically registered for both events. Each will be contacted 90 days prior to confirm their attendance.

New registrants are encouraged to email [THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for more info.

Men who want a refund for the 2020 registration fee are asked to email [THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or call 552-1812.



Conn-Area is selling a calendar ticket for FEB 2021, with 28 chances to win. Total of cash prizes awarded is \$10,000. Each ticket has one 3-digit number, drawn on the PA daily lottery, evening number. Cost is \$20/ticket. You may call Conn-Area at 628-5090 to purchase your ticket, or stop at the school.



**The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul is this MON, JAN 25.** The 9th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of Paul's conversion to Christ. This story is so important that Luke includes it 2 other times, and Paul tells it in his own words in the 1st

chapter of his Letter to the Galatians.

Before he became known as Paul his name was Saul. He was a tentmaker from Tarsus, who had studied to become a teacher. When Stephen, the 1st Christian martyr, was killed, Saul held the coats of those who threw the stones. Afterwards Saul set out for Damascus. He wanted to arrest any Christians who had escaped from Jerusalem after Stephen's death. Along the way, he was struck down to

the ground and blinded. He heard the voice of Jesus asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saul was in shock. He allowed himself to be led to the home of Christians in Damascus. A holy man named Ananias prayed with him and his sight was restored. Saul went to an isolated spot to reflect on his new faith. Then he returned to Damascus and began preaching the Gospel.

Everyone was astounded at the change in him. Now Saul was the one being persecuted. His friends feared for his life. They helped him escape from Damascus by lowering him over the city wall in a basket.

Saul, who began to call himself by the Roman name Paul, went out on missionary journeys. He crossed the Roman Empire 4 times to bring the Good News of Christ to the world.

**THU, JAN 28**  
**is the Feast Day of**  
**St. THOMAS AQUINAS,**  
**presbyter, religious,**  
**Dr. of the Church**  
**(c.1225-1274)**



Thomas Aquinas' classmates called him "the dumb Sicilian ox" because he was big, slow-moving and shy. They didn't realize until later that Thomas was fantastically intelligent.

Thomas' family was related to emperors. He was born in the family castle at Rocca Secca in Italy. His parents prepared him for a life of importance. Instead, humble Thomas joined the Dominicans, an order whose friars took a vow of poverty.

His family was angry that he would

be begging for his living. His 6 older brothers, who were soldiers like their father, held him captive for more than a year while his mother and sisters tried to talk him into changing his mind. During that time, Thomas calmly read and studied, and also learned a great deal of the Bible by heart. Finally his family gave in and allowed him to return to the Dominicans.

Thomas kept quiet in his university classes because he did not like to show off his intellect. However, he was so brilliant that he became a professor at the University of Paris. He was also known as a great preacher.

In those years, just about everyone talked about religion. They got into big arguments over small matters. Some people insisted that the truth

of spiritual things is different from the truth of material things, and that only spiritual truths really mattered. But Thomas said to look in a mirror. Ask yourself, where does the body stop and the soul begin? How is it possible to separate spirit and matter?

In future years the ideas of Thomas Aquinas became the way that theology was taught in much of the church.

Thomas' writings fill 20 volumes. Perhaps he was able to produce so much in the midst of a busy life because of his deep prayer life. Celebrating the Eucharist often moved him to tears.

Thomas died at age 50. Because of his writings, Thomas has been honored with the title "Angelic Doctor" (which here means "teacher").

**Pray THE ANGELUS PRAYER with us WEDs at noon on the Yough Catholic Community Facebook page.**

**This FRI, JAN 29, is the annual MARCH FOR LIFE.** The protection of all of those who participate in the annual March, as well as the many law-enforcement personnel and others who work tirelessly each year to ensure a safe and peaceful event, is a top priority of the March for Life. In light of the fact that we are in the midst of a pandemic, and in view of the heightened pressures that law-enforcement officers and others are currently facing in and around the Capitol, this year's March will look different.

**THE RALLY WILL TAKE PLACE VIRTUALLY, AND ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO STAY HOME AND JOIN THE MARCH VIRTUALLY.**

Only a small group of pro-life leaders from across the country are invited to march in Washington, DC this year.

They will represent pro-life Americans everywhere, who, each in their own unique ways, work to make abortion unthinkable, and build a culture where every human life is valued and protected.

March for Life organizers are profoundly grateful for the countless women, men and families who sacrificed to come out in such great numbers each year as a witness for life - and look forward to being together in person next year. As for this year, they look forward to being together virtually.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

For more info, visit [info@marchforlife.org](mailto:info@marchforlife.org)



## SAT-SUN, JAN 16-17, 2021

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult.....	\$3,331.00
Loose.....	413.00
Maintenance.....	30.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$3,774.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$70.00
Christmas .....	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$10.00
Initial Offering .....	\$110.00



#### ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult.....	\$4,137.00
Loose.....	34.00
Children/Young Adults .....	4.00
Parish Improvements.....	77.00
Energy .....	62.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,314.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$70.00
Accent.....	\$148.00



#### ST. JOHN

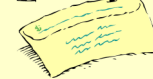
Adult.....	\$2,106.00
Loose.....	105.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,211.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$10.00
Initial Offering .....	\$10.00



#### ST. RITA

Adult.....	3,606.00
Loose.....	361.00
Maintenance.....	21.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$3,988.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$52.00
Christmas .....	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$10.00
Initial Offering .....	\$41.00
Accent.....	\$1.00

#### Offering Envelopes



If you've still not received your JAN-FEB church envelopes, you should have them soon. There were unavoidable delivery issues. Until you get them, please use a plain envelope for your collection, marked clearly with your name and church.

Thank you for your patience.



## 3RD SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

### JAN 24, 2021

#### 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

#### WAITING FOR THE END

St. Paul was wrong about one thing. He thought the world was coming to an end quickly. It's nearly 2,000 years later, and we're still waiting.

But he was right about this: A good Christian lives as if the end were coming soon. We should live every day as if it were our last, ready to greet Christ when he comes again. After all, we don't really know when that might be.

Paul's advice sounds a little odd: If you're married, act like you're not. If you're crying, don't. If you're rejoicing, stop. On the surface it doesn't

make much sense. But Paul's point is that we should have other concerns. "The world in its present form is passing away." So don't put all your time, effort, and emotions into it. Think about the things of the next world. Do the things that will please God.

In truth, most of us act as though we'll live forever. We buy and hoard. We roam from one emotional relationship to another. Paul would have us settle our hearts on other things. Make the world more livable for someone else.

As we wait for the end, we take the world in stride. So what if the weather is bad, the car won't start, or the kid next door dyed his hair green? The world in its present form is passing away.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

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

TUE: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

WED: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

THU: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

FRI: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

SAT: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

SUN: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**"We Believe in the Communion of Saints."** The Communion of Saints is a doctrine that was included in the Apostles Creed and was readily used sometime around the year 100. It is based on St. Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians. In chapter 12, St. Paul compares Christians to a single body where each member contributes to the good of all, and shares in the welfare of all. When St. Paul used the word "saints" in his writing, he was speaking of believers in Christ, both living and dead. Remember, that through our baptism, we pass "from death to life; death no longer has dominion over us". When our earthly body dies, we pass into eternal life. In Catholic terminology, the Communion of Saints is said to comprise the Church Militant (those undergoing purification in Purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (those already in heaven). What is most beautiful about this doctrine is the belief that those who are in heaven are in the presence of God. They constantly intercede with the Father for us. We think nothing about asking our close friends and relatives to pray for us. The saints in heaven are our friends and relatives as well. They are part of the Body of Christ whose prayers help us here on earth. St. Dominic said, "Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life." The Church also encourages us to imitate the holiness of the saints because they imitate the holiness of Christ. First among saints is our Blessed Mother. She is the quintessential model for us all, and never ceases to intercede on our behalf with her Son.

**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.

### DeVivo Centre

116 South 2nd Street  
Connellsville, PA 15425

724.628.6840 (f) 724.628.0838

MON-THU 8:30am-noon/1-4pm  
FRI 8:30am-1pm

### Brady Centre

459 Ranch Road  
Dunbar, PA 15431

724.277.4236 (f) 724.277.8954

MON, TUE, THU, FRI 9am-3pm

## Confession

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