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**Bishop Malesic's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for local storm victims will be taken up at St. Aloysius THIS weekend.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.** Due to an early print deadline, offertory amounts from NOV 10-11 collections will be reported next week.

**Stewardship in the Scriptures always relates to the management of something that does not belong to us.** Even our talents and special abilities belong to God. We own nothing that was not first given to us. God has entrusted us with aptitudes and abilities, and as good stewards, we must use them for His glory.

This is true not only of musical, artistic, athletic, academic, business, and persuasive talents, but also of spiritual gifts. Faithful stewardship of natural talents and spiritual gifts requires that we use them to glorify God and edify others. Our purpose is not to please ourselves, but to serve others.

Another aspect of good stewardship is that we learn to concentrate on the things we can do well and not worry about the things we cannot do.

Our calling is to be trustworthy with what we have been given, and not to envy or covet another person's abilities or ministry. Our abilities come from God, and He has equipped us to fulfill the purpose for which He has called us. Each of us has an arena of influence, whether large or small, and a specific ministry that the Lord has placed in our care. Regardless of what we have been given, every steward is tested by the same standard: faithfulness.

It is not the size of our ministry that counts, but what we do with what we have been entrusted.



## **Daniel 7:13-14 THE SOURCE OF SECURITY**

Every day we seek security. We fasten the safety belts in our cars. We set alarms to prevent theft. We help watch our neighbors' homes. We take care of our health. We take what measures we can to help us feel secure.

There are few guarantees. Tragedy can befall even those who take precautions. The things of this world can provide supports for safety. But none of them can make us totally secure.

Security ultimately comes from God alone. The power of God is stronger than any theft, accident, or injury. It rules over illness and

death. The power that created us will recreate us in love.

Jesus, our savior, had a favorite image for himself. He called himself the Son of Man. He took that expression from the Book of Daniel, where the prophet envisioned one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. He receives dominion, glory, and kingship. All nations served him. His dominion extended over all lands and times.

In borrowing that image, Jesus gave his disciples a message of hope. He himself would lose security, suffering torment and death. But he himself would reign over all.

The church year ends with a vision of hope for each of us who seeks security: the coming of the Son of Man.

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## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

MON: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

TUE: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

WED: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

THU: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

FRI: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

SAT: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

SUN: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

In a troubled marriage?

Go to <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org>.

Let us pray fervently that we will help others encounter anew Christ, our King, bringing the Gospel to the margins of society, that all might bear witness to Him before others.

## **FINANCIAL CORNER**

**ORDINARY INCOME VS. ORDINARY EXPENSES  
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018**



IC	St Rita	St John	St. Aloysius
\$27,832.91	\$21,877.63	\$13,744.47	\$16,178.18
(\$32,050.26)	(\$30,842.14)	(\$17,622.63)	(\$17,843.46)
(\$4,217.35)	(\$8,964.51)	(\$3,878.16)	(\$1,665.28)

St. Aloysius expenses include utilities and the Dunbar house.

# What's Happening at home

St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on MON, NOV 26, TUE, NOV 27 and WED, NOV 28 at 8:30am in Bucci Hall to make pizzelles for their cookie sale. Please bring a pizzelle iron if you have one.

Monetary donations to help offset costs are also being accepted. Checks payable to St. Rita may be put in the collection basket or given directly to Rita Pratt.

**Order Now!** The deadline to order cabbage rolls (\$3.50 each or frozen pirohi (\$10/dozen) from St. John's Pre-Order Slovak Food Sale is MON, NOV 26. Orders can be placed by calling Liz at 628-7259.

Pick-up SAT, DEC 8 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 9-11am.

Tom Severin's Bible study group will meet WED, NOV 28 in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.

Our Lady, Queen of the Yough's Children's Choir will rehearse SAT, DEC 1, in IC's Sciberras Hall, at 11am.

Children in grades 3-6 are eligible to join. In addition, 7-8th graders and senior high students may join as cantors and song leaders.



St. Rita Christian Mothers will attend 4pm Mass at St. Rita as a group on SAT, DEC 1. NO meeting in DEC.

**St. Al's Cash Bash is NEXT SAT, DEC 1. Doors open at 6pm. First drawing will be at 6:30pm. Donations of pop and bottled water to help offset the cost are still welcomed.**

IC Holy Name Pancake, Buckwheat and Sausage Breakfast will be held on SUN, DEC 2 in Sciberras Hall, 7:30-11:30am. \$5.50 adults; \$3/ children 9 and under.



Christian Mothers of Our Lady of the Yough Advent/ Christmas party for all 4 parishes at Pechin Firehouse on SUN, DEC 2. Please bring an unwrapped baby item to be given to Alternatives.Yes.

The Giving Tree is in the gathering area of St. Al's. Please return all gifts by DEC 10 so that they can be delivered by St. Anne's deadline. Gifts received after that deadline cannot be delivered.

IC Holy Name meeting on MON, DEC 3 in Sciberras Hall at 7pm. All men are welcome.

Volunteers from St. John will make cabbage rolls on FRI, DEC 7 at 8:30am in Moravek Hall, for their upcoming food sale. Any help is greatly appreciated, whether it be volunteering time, or making a monetary donation to help defray food costs. Cash or checks payable to St. John with "food sale" as the memo may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the DeVivo parish office.

St. Rita Christian Mothers Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on SAT, DEC 8, beginning at 9am in Bucci Hall.



## 5 SIMPLE STEPS TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR ADVENT



♦ **PREPARE ROOM AT THE INN.** Your heart is where Christ wishes to dwell and Advent is the perfect time to make room in it for His presence. If your heart is filled with unforgiveness, it has no room for Christ. Begin Advent by an Examination of Conscience where you ask your Heavenly Father to reveal to you any unforgiveness that exists in your heart. Remember that as God has forgiven you, you are also asked to forgive others.

♦ **CLEAN OUT THE COBWEBS.** Next it is important to clean out the vestiges of cobwebs that may be lurking in the dark corners of your heart. This means that you should make a point of getting to Confession during Advent. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of preparing your heart for Jesus; this is because the priest acts in the person of Christ in helping you identify the cobwebs that you may not be seeing on your own - typically those ones that have been hanging on for so long they no longer get your attention.

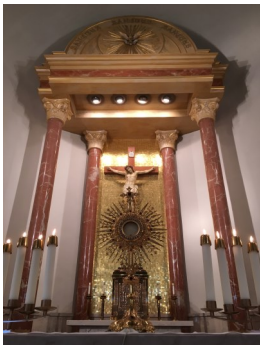
♦ **HANG NEW CURTAINS.** The room of your heart is ready: unforgiveness and cobwebs have been cleared out. Now it is time to hang new curtains! Many of us fall into a rut in our daily lives and forget how to

live in joy. You are preparing for Christ's indwelling and He abides best in those who have delight in their hearts. So throw out the old curtains of fear and despair and exhaustion and hang new curtains of hope and joy and anticipation.

♦ **GET OUT THE FINE CHINA AND SET THE TABLE.** Company is on its way! We aren't doubtfully thinking that maybe He's going to drop by and thus we're making only superficial efforts to get ready. We are certain in our belief of His arrival and every cell in our body joyfully shouts, "He's on His way!" This is the time we get the fine china out of the cupboard - our attitude is one of enthusiastic expectation. Our hearts pound in anticipation of His presence. Our fine china goes well with our new curtains!

♦ **OPEN THE FRONT DOOR.** All the work is finished and we are ready. So in preparing our hearts for Christ this Advent, the last step after all the prep work is to simply "be." In this state of "being" we don't question how time slipped through our fingers; we don't worry if there was more we should have done. We've been good and faithful servants and are ready for Christ.

From Cheryl Dickow,  
president of Bezael Books,  
a Catholic Publishing Company



**Our parish Eucharistic day with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament began again this week.** Thank you to those who have helped organize, and those who have volunteered to spend a half-hour with Jesus! **He will enrich you for this sacrifice.**

There are many wonderful things going on in our parish community, and this time with Jesus in prayer is what keeps it going. There is also so much in our lives and our world that needs prayer.

**I therefore invite and encourage anyone who is able to stop by and spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord while he is exposed on Wednesdays, from 8:30-4:30.**

Recently, Pope Francis said that "Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord: One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence." Yet, he lamented, "I believe,

if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least."

**When we spend time with Jesus in this way, our lives are transformed.** I can attest to this personally but also through the many people who have told me what it has done in their lives. From Him is the wellspring of life, grace, peace, wisdom, and the holiness that we need and also the inspiration for priestly, religious, and matrimonial vocations. And so, I implore more people to take advantage of this rich opportunity!

**We would like to have each spot filled with at least 2 (ideally 3) adorers. In addition to our regulars, we also need 'substitute adorers' for advance or immediate notice. Can you spend this time with Jesus? Will you?**

"There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration." - Pope Saint John XXIII

*Fr. Dan*



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Annunciata #260 will**

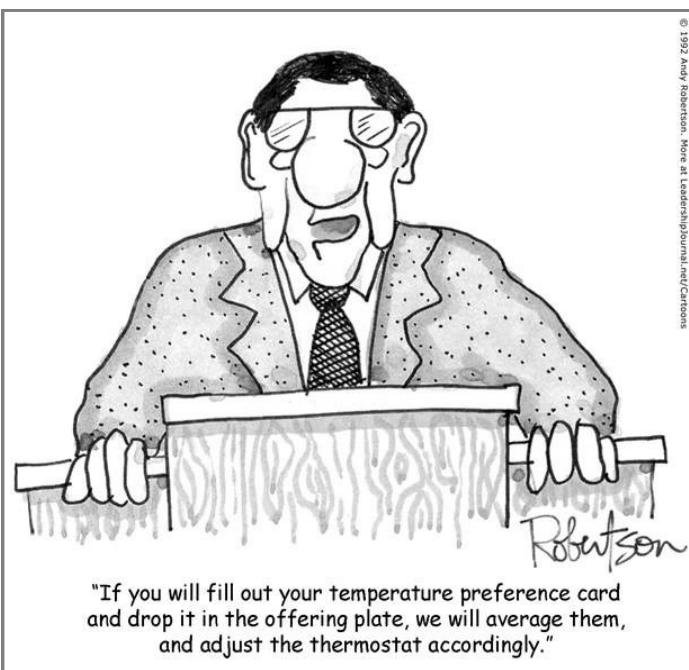
**meet on TUE, NOV 27 at 6pm in St. Rita's Bucci Hall.**

**Nar-Anon, WED, NOV 28 at St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.**

**Grief Support meeting for those who have lost loved ones to addiction will be held TUE, DEC 4, in St. John's Moravek Hall, 6-8pm.**

**Catholic Daughters Christmas Party will be TUE, DEC 11 at Leo's Pub and Grill, Mt. Pleasant, at 6pm. Cost is \$20, plus please bring a \$2 wrapped gift for a game. You may call 880-6744 to make reservations.**

**There are still a few Enjoy discount/ coupon books available at the DeVivo and Brady Centre parish offices for \$30. A great Christmas gift to use all year long!**



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### **SPECIAL ITEMS FOR SALE NOW FOR IC'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

All items are available after 6pm and 9:30am Masses and at the DeVivo Centre office.

Checks are payable to IC, "anniversary fund" as the memo

- ♦ **Tickets for NIGHT AT THE RACES** being held SAT, JAN 19, \$10 cost includes 1 horse + 4 admission tickets.



- ♦ **Keepsake 1-of-a-kind Glass Christmas Ornaments - \$20** (for \$2.50 you may also buy a hanging stand)

- ♦ **Boxed set of 20 commemorative Christmas Cards - \$25**

(may be bought individually for \$2)

- ♦ **Mugs - \$10**
- ♦ **Pens - \$2**





## THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH



Have you ever experienced a season in your life when you truly felt that you “had it all?” Everything is going right. You are healthy. You are accomplishing goals and climbing to the top. You are thriving and finding purpose in your profession. Financially, you are comfortable. Your home life is fulfilling and your relationships/friendships are bringing you joy. In these moments, chances are you aren’t really thinking about your reliance on God. You most likely aren’t contemplating the many graces that God is giving you. Sure, you may thank God for your many blessings, but it comes as a fleeting thought as you go about your day. You don’t spend a lot of time thinking, “Wow, God is really truly blessing me right now in this moment!” Rather than fully relying on God, you believe the lie that you are in complete control of your life.

Then something happens. You get sick. Work becomes stressful and unfulfilling. An unexpected expense drains your savings. You have a fight with your spouse. Your friends are too busy to be there for you.

The situations that you are experiencing are completely out of your control. In these moments, the temptation is to immediately blame God. Why is God punishing me? Why did God allow this terrible thing to happen? Why doesn’t God care about me?

If we have not learned God’s faithfulness in the normal affairs of life, we are not likely to suddenly learn the calm assurance of faith when assailed by life’s greatest tests and trials. Rather than blaming God and asking, “Why is this happening to me?” we should take difficulties as an opportunity to ask, “What is this teaching me?” While God does not create evil or desire for us to be miserable, He very often uses our troubles to teach us to fully rely on HIM. He calls us to repent of our sinful habits, self-reliance, and prideful desires until we can truly say, “All that I am and all that I have is God’s. He is in me and I am in Him, and that’s all that matters.”

### **WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME? WHAT IS THIS TEACHING ME?**

What is God stripping away from your life? What do you trust in more than the Lord? God will break your dependence upon anything other than Himself no matter how long it takes or how difficult the process may be. If He has to, God will make you learn this lesson of reliance the hard way, which seems to be the ONLY way most of us learn to depend on God.

Whether you like it or not, He is committed to bringing you to a place of wholeness and spiritual maturity - conforming you to the likeness of His Son - so that He can work through you and bring others to wholeness and spiritual maturity through your testimony.

GOD WILL PULL YOU THROUGH  
TRIALS, NOT AROUND THEM. WE  
NEED THOSE TRIALS TO CLEANSE US  
OF IMPURITIES.

Maybe you are facing a time of brokenness and it feels as though the emotional pain is more than you can bear. Or perhaps you are dealing with a series of disappointments that have completely undermined your sense of security. Instead of becoming fearful, ask the Lord to reveal what He is teaching you.

Whenever you experience brokenness, God’s grace can sustain and mature you. He will show you how to relinquish your reliance on earthly forms of security and teach you how to rest in His wonderful provision and love. In that way, you grow in the likeness of Christ and are prepared for future service. If you trust in God and learn from Him through your trial, He will reveal Himself to you and work through you in wonderful ways.

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



**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!

We are now scheduling 2019 Masses for the Connellsville parishes, and will honor requests on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. A Mass Intention Request Form must be received to schedule a Mass - PLEASE, NO PHONE REQUESTS. Completed forms and stipends (\$10/Mass) may be dropped in the collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre parish office. 2 Masses/family/year are allowed: 2 weekday, or 1 weekday + 1 weekend.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of VERA LUBICH and GEORGE PUSKAR, 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, NOV 26</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Joseph & Eleanor Habina (Pat & Ruth Kozel)
8:30am	St. Rita	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Diletta Orlando (Debbie, Joe & Crissy Costello)
<b>TUE, NOV 27</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	St. John	Thomas & Rose Maglanes (Gloria & Vincent Weaver)
8:30am	St. Al	Tom Bell (Louise Tristani)
<b>WED, NOV 28</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	M/M Eugene Galiardi (Andrea, Linda & Cynthia)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
7:00pm	IC	Confirmation
<b>THU, NOV 29</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	IC	Michael E. Canada (Bob & Jennifer Miller, Daughter)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Anna Giobbi (Matthew, Holly & Krista Nicol)
<b>FRI, NOV 30</b>		<b>ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	John J. Alt & Elizabeth Menster Family (Estate of Catherine Alt)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Joe & Eleanor Habina (Baker Family)
<b>SAT, DEC 1</b>		
11:30am	ST. AL	CONFESSION
		VIGIL
4:00pm	St. Rita	Pete Mariotti (Rose Mariotti & Children)
5:00pm	St. Al	Florence Cope (Richard & Rita Sidow)
6:00pm	IC	Rosemary Wallace (Tom & Roseann Wallace)
<b>SUN, DEC 2</b>		<b>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Juanita, Millie & Nick Stasia (Nick, Cathy & Bob)
9:00am	St. Al	Dolores Klotz (Michael & Helen Klotz & Family)
9:30am	IC	Clara Severi (Laura Swallopp & Earl Halfhill)
11:30am	St. John	Pro Populo

Altar flowers at St. Rita are in memory of Carmine, Sr., Anna K. and Anthony A. Molinaro, given by Family.

<b>ST. AL MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>SAT, DEC 1 - 5PM</b>		
<b>SERVER</b> C Baldwin R Barron	<b>LECTOR</b> S Lincoln	<b>EX MINISTER</b> J Goodwin P Herron T Nedrow
<b>SUN, DEC 2 - 9AM</b>		
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> H Judy L Judy	<b>LECTOR</b> B Martin	<b>EX MINISTER</b> J Glover T Glover A Trimbath
<b>ROSARY SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>SAT, DEC 1</b> Volunteer	<b>SUN, DEC 2</b> C Johnston	

<b>IC, ST. JOHN, ST. RITA MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>				
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>EX MINISTER</b>	<b>CROSS BEARER</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>
<b>DEC 1</b> SR-4pm	K Callahan K Callahan	R Brooks R Pratt L Sparks	J Domer	V McDowell
IC-6pm	M Grimm M Sabatini	D Calinao E Aquino B Molitor	A Silbaugh	L Galiardi
<b>DEC 2</b> SR-8am	J Long D Long	D Gephart L Lauffer C Porter	T Long	E Long
IC-9:30am	H Bechtold P Scarry	J Miller J Baluch C Baluch	B Bielstein	R Kozel
SJ-11:30am	R Knizner R Gaudiello	B Knizner J Kosinski T Martin	N Gaudiello	E Knizner



# RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR  
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## GOOD NEWS

OF THE **SPIRIT'S** STIRRINGS IN THE  
CONNELLSVILLE- DUNBAR METROPLEX!

**THANKSGIVING:** This past Thursday we celebrated the uniquely American feast of Thanksgiving, a secular holiday thoroughly **DRENCHED** in and **STUFFED** with religious yumminess. However, due to an early holiday bulletin deadline I am actually writing this an entire week **PRIOR** to TurkeyThursday. Thus you are reading this **AFTER** the holiday and I am writing it **WELL BEFORE**. We are **ALL** dis-oriented here! Hopefully you will bear with me.

As It **SHOULD** for all of us, this holiday prompts me to reflect on - and give thanksgiving for - the many, many blessings with which I have been showered. This week I thought I would devote this space to sharing *some* of my "thanksgivings" with you.

First and foremost I am thankful that Christ is indeed **KING** (the Liturgical Feast we are celebrating today). Furthermore I am thankful that this all-powerful King snatched me from the clutches of atheism and took me to Himself, making me His own. And even though I am **FAR** from a perfect disciple, without his intervention in my life

I can only imagine (as in a **NIGHT-MARE**) where I would be today.

I am **INCREDIBLY** thankful for the staff I have in Connellsville. I would be totally **LOST** (and I would be dragging all yinz with me n'at!) if these fine people didn't have my back. I was further blessed halfway through this year when I inherited an equally competent staff at Saint Aloysius. And I would be remiss if I didn't express my thanks to **THEM** for accepting me (and all my strange, weird, downright **BIZARRE** ways).

Fr. Dan 1.0 has been a true blessing for nearly three years now. His attention to detail is a well-needed balance to my "fly-by-the-seat-of-my-pants" approach. Fr. Dan 2.0, for a very brief time (**TOO BRIEF** if you ask me!), was definitely a reason for me to give thanks. And now I am **EXTREMELY** thankful that the Diocese has kept its word and sent me a second Parochial Vicar in the person of Fr. Julius. I am looking forward to the blessing that **HE** will be to me and to you!

And finally I am **MORE** than thankful for **YOU**, the parishioners of the four parishes which comprise Our Lady, Queen of the Yough

Catholic Community. Without your **LOVE** for your parishes and (more importantly) your love for the **CHURCH**, and (**MOST** importantly) your love for **JESUS**, my efforts here would be utterly useless. **THANK YOU!!!!**

**COVER PHOTO:** I scrolled through my photos looking for an appropriate Christ the King image and settled upon a pic I had taken some months back at Saint Bernard's Church in Mount Lebanon. Although technically not showing Christ enthroned as King, I thought that the worshipping angels at His feet adequately implied the concept of "kingship." I then - **OF COURSE** - "played around with" (i.e. edited) the image until it suited my fancy. The original, uncropped and unedited shot **IS** nicer, but I wanted to focus on Christ. Finally, I looked up my favourite logo-making program for something a bit different.

(I ran out of stuff to say - a miracle I know! - and Karen needed more "words" to fill out the column so I wrote an unusually **WORDY** account of how I arrived at the cover photo. **NOT** that anyone would/should care!)

