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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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SAT-SUN, SEP 14-15, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	\$4,514.00
Loose	325.00
Maintenance	41.00
Total:	\$4,880.00
Cemetery	\$98.00
Accent	\$270.00

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	\$3,427.00
Loose	136.00
Children/Young Adults	26.00
Parish Improvements	140.00
Total:	\$3,729.00

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ST. JOHN

Adult	\$2,978.00
Loose	183.00
Maintenance	65.00
Total:	\$3,226.00
Cemetery	\$92.00
Accent	\$295.00

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ST. RITA

Adult	\$3,403.00
Loose	299.00
Maintenance	110.00
Total:	\$3,812.00
Cemetery	\$105.00
Accent	\$391.00



THE SEMINARIAN/CLERGY FORMATION COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP NEXT WEEKEND. Please prayerfully consider supporting our Seminarians, those preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, for the ongoing formation of our Clergy and for our International Priests.

You may respond using the tear-off portion of the letter that was mailed to you; by using the envelope in your packet; or online at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.



1 Timothy 2:1-8 PRAYING FOR AUTHORITY

Our list of people to pray for is pretty long. We pray for members of our family. We pray for friends. We pray for the sick. We remember the dying. We also ask God to care for the dead. We know people in financial trouble, parents with difficult children, and children with difficult parents. We even pray for our sports team to win. Whenever there is a need, we are happy to pray. We cannot always solve someone else's problem, but we can pray for them, and lend our voice to the chorus appealing for God's ear.

The First Letter to Timothy thinks such prayers are a good idea. "I ask that supplications, prayers,

petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone." So the Bible approves the idea of praying for others.

But it is a little surprising to hear what comes next. Next comes an example of whom we should pray for. It is not the sick. It is not the family. It is not even the poor. Prayers should first be offered "for kings and for all in authority." Say what? "Kings and all in authority."

There is a reason: "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity."

People in public office need our prayers more than we realize. We need them to govern so that they help us lead a tranquil, dignified life.

When you pray for the needy, remember those in public office.

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NEXT WEEKEND, a representative of the BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES will visit St Aloysius, speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries - all made of olive wood native to Israel and Bethlehem - to help the poor and needy families in the Holy Land and the Middle East.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON:	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
TUE:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
WED:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
THU:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
FRI:	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
SAT:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
SUN:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Bishop Malesic has scheduled a special collection for the weekend of OCT 5-6 for Disaster Relief/Humanitarian Support to help victims of Hurricane Dorian. Ushers, please be prepared for this second collection.

What's Happening at home

Tom Severin's Bible study on Job will meet on WED, SEP 25 in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.

IC's 150th Anniversary Committee will meet on TUE, SEP 24 at 6:30pm in Sciberras Hall.

Altar Server training continues on TUE, SEP 24 at St. John, at 7pm. The final session will be on SAT, SEP 28 at IC beginning at 10am.



The IC 150th Anniversary Classic and Antique Car and Vendor Show will be held SAT, OCT 12 in their Festival Building parking lot - cars noon-4, vendors 9am-2pm. All cars must pre-register. Call Ron at 880-1761 or John at 875-4717 for registration forms and details.

All gifts/pledges to St. John's Silent Festival are due by SUN, OCT 27.



St. John is kicking off their 125th year anniversary celebration with their chicken dinner on SUN, SEP 29, 12:30pm til sold out.

Menu includes 1/2 a baked chicken, potato, vegetable and salad, roll and butter, dessert and beverage.

Cost is \$10, \$5 for kids under 12.

Anyone wishing to donate a basket for the raffle at St. John's Chicken Dinner are asked to call Carol at 628-9415 or Stephanie/Toni at 628-8878.

Baskets should be dropped off on SAT, SEP 28 in Moravek Hall from 10am to noon.



Congratulations to HOPE RALPHEAL and FAITH BELL, twin daughters of Eric and Jean Laurent, baptized at St. Rita on SEP 14.

It's not too late to get YOUR ad in IC's special 150th Anniversary Commemorative Book. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of it! You can do a patron ad for just \$25, or something more, up to a full page for \$175. Design your own ad or have Stefano's Printing design something for you for an additional \$25. Call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840 with any questions, or email Stefano's at IC_Ads@StefanosPrinting.com

Every ad helps reduce YOUR cost to purchase this keepsake book.



Congratulations to MONICA GOLINE and GREG CAPOZZI, married at St. Rita on SEP 14.

St. Al's Calendar Party on SUN, OCT 13 at 1pm is a great time for an afternoon of adult fellowship and fun. Hostesses and their special table themes will be:

KEIRSTEN ANDOLINO - UNDER THE SEA
REGINA HUGHES - SHIPS
PAM LOWE - BIRTHDAY
MARY MARRA - PUMPKIN/FALL
TAMMY NEDROW - AFTERNOON TEA PARTY
JOY WALLACE - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Advance tickets are \$15. To reserve a seat, see/contact one of these ladies, or call Kathy Andolino at 710-7540. Seats are going fast! Doors open at 12:30pm.

If you wish to donate something for the Chinese Auction, please call Regina at 317-8740. Items should be brought in by SUN, SEP 29.

Auction chances (26 for \$10) and 50/50 chances (7 for \$5 and 20 for \$10) will be sold after Masses, the 2 weekends prior to the party - OCT 5/6 and OCT 12.



Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Catholic Community Children's Choir will begin its 8th season with a rehearsal on SAT, OCT 5 at 11am in the choir loft of IC Church.

All 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. Please note that the location for rehearsals has been changed from the IC social hall to the choir loft. For further info, call Bob Broderick, director, at 628-9114.

We're at the point with our church directory where it's time to take photos of our ministries, so if you are any of the following, this means YOU.

- ♦ Altar Servers
- ♦ Eucharistic Ministers
- ♦ Lectors
- ♦ Sacristans
- ♦ Ushers (except IC)
- ♦ Cantors
- ♦ Finance Councils
- ♦ Arts & Environment



No need to RSVP - just show up at the parish church where you belong, according to this schedule:

MON, SEP 23	IC	7pm	WED, SEP 25	SA	7pm
TUE, SEP 24	SJ	6:30pm	THU, SEP 26	SR	7pm

We ask just 2 things - Please be PROMPT, and please wear your church clothes (no playground clothes). Thanks so much – see you there!



Head over to Valley Dairy THIS SUN, SEP 22, 9am-2pm and your meal will help the Geibel Gator Walk. Get a flyer at



the back of your church, or when you get to the restaurant, and 20% of your pre-tax bill (dine-in or take-out) will benefit the fundraiser.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Annunciata #260 will meet on TUE, SEP 24 for a covered dish at 5:30pm in St Rita's Bucci Hall.

For info and membership, please call 628-7553.

Nar-Anon will meet on WED, SEP 25 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

Dunbar Community FEST is coming FRI, SEP 27-SUN, SEP 29. Volunteers are needed to help work St. Al's both on SAT. Call Tammy Nedrow at 984-2878 to volunteer. Also, a list of supplies needed is at the back of the church. Monetary gifts are also appreciated.

Conn-Area Catholic is proud to host Fayette County's own JASON KENDALL and his band at the Connellsville Twp. Fire Hall on SAT, OCT 5. Doors open at 6pm/show at 7pm. Tickets are on sale at the Conn-Area office for \$15 each. Tickets sold in groups of 8 or more will receive reserved seating. This is an 'over 21' event. Cash bar, raffles, and refreshments and sandwiches sold à la carte. Get your tickets NOW as seating is limited. (Tickets will be sold at the door if still available.) Call the school at 628-5090 for more info.

Special thanks to all who made St. Rita Christian Mothers' Italian Day sale such a huge success, especially Rita Pratt and all the Christian Mothers. Thanks to all the many women and men who prepared food, worked in the kitchen, served and delivered food, and also those who helped set-up/clean-up, and who donated baked goods or gave a monetary gift. Most of all thanks to all who came to support the sale. May God bless you for your continued dedication to the church. Net profit was \$10,870.07.

Molli's Bible study on the Gospel of John continues at St. Al on FRIs after 8:30am Mass. No need to sign up. Bring a Bible with you if you can.

We need 2 or 3 more men or women to minister as altar servers for funerals at St. Al's. Please call Sr. Donna at 628-6840.

PRAY CONNELLSVILLE

Last week, you were challenged to begin thinking and acting as missionary disciples. It is OUR JOB as believers in Christ to spread HIS love and good news to every person we meet. This is OUR TIME to show our community that we are committed to the work of discipleship!

But at times, we may not know how to do that practically. Thankfully, there is a fantastic local prayer event coming up called *Pray Connellsville* that gives all of us the chance to literally WALK the WALK and TALK the TALK.

I learned of this event through a recent Connellsville Ministerial Association Meeting. I was blessed and humbled to meet with local pastors of all denominations and be our parish representative while Father Bob is away. The Ministerial Association does SO much for our local community, and truly embodies a spirit of unity as we seek to put our doctrinal differences aside in order to SERVE our area as followers of Christ. Pastor Matt Goldsberry of Calvary Assembly of God says it best; *"We are better together!"* And indeed we are!

When I learned of this prayer event, I thought, *"This is the PERFECT way for us to make Jesus, Father Bob, and our city proud!"*

The pastors present at the meeting also expressed that they would like to take the event as an opportunity to pray specifically for Father Bob as well!

This is our chance to lift Father Bob up in prayer as a city in a powerful way! What a blessing! Many of you have asked the staff what you could do for us.

Here's the answer! We need to pray!

So what is PRAY CONNELLSVILLE?

Is it possible to change the course of a city in one hour? The Lord seems to think so! On **Saturday, October 12th**, Pray Connellsville is happening! Prayer teams will be sent out into the city and pray over every home, family, business, and organization.

Registration and a short orientation will begin at 9:30am at City Hall (110 North Arch Street, Cville). After a welcome and opening prayer, teams will head out two by two to their respective prayer zones; praying on EVERY street from 11am-12pm. At 12pm, the teams will return back to City Hall for prayer and testimonies.

The Pray Connellsville Team is looking for 168 people to pray over the city for ONE HOUR in order to cover the entire city.

So what could we do in the OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE YOUGH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY?

The city is divided into 7 sections. A good place to start would be taking care of an entire section of 12 teams (24 people.)

Surely out of 4 parishes, we could find 24 people willing to pray over Connellsville for ONE HOUR!

Thankfully, there is already another event happening in our parish community that day: The Vendor and Car Show at Immaculate Conception. Why not make a day out of it and plan to pray over our great city before (or after) heading to Immaculate Conception?

Although many of you may have individually participated in this event in the past, we would really love to have a strong Catholic presence there!

If you'd like to sign up as one of our 24 participants, please call me at the office at 628-6840 or email me at msampey@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of STEPHEN HOLUP, JR. JEROME KOSTELNIK and THERESA MCLAUGHLIN (sister of David McLaughlin), who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.



A Dedication Recital for IC's new 3-manual Walker organ will be held on SUN NOV 17 at 3pm, as part of the parish's 150th Anniversary celebration. Bishop Malesic blessed the organ SEP 8 prior to IC's Anniversary Mass, when the organ made its liturgical debut. The Dedication Recital will be presented by J. Christopher Pardini, director of music and liturgy and organist at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Please remember ELIZABETH BROWN and LOLA and BILL HARDY, new additions to our prayer list.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, SEP 23		ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST
8:00am	St. Rita	Michael Grego, Mickey Grego & Josephine Shaw (Family)
8:30am	St. Al	Msgr. J. Edward McCullough (Sandra Lincoln)
TUE, SEP 24		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. John	Tom Riley (John & Mary Jane Orazi)
8:30am	St. Al	Donna Gambone (Family)
WED, SEP 25		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Josephine & Roger Shaw (Family)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, SEP 26		STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS
8:00am	IC	William J. Bellus (Dad, William P. & Betty Bellus)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Harry & Dorothy Lizza (Don & Cheryl Clements)
FRI, SEP 27		ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST
8:00am	St. Rita	Marge & Cindy Cataldi (Anthony Cataldi)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Eric & Myrna Doppelheuer (Pat & Ann Trimbath)
9:30am	IC	Carol Milby (Her Family)
		Conn-Area
SAT, SEP 28		ST. WENCESLAUS, MARTYR, ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
1:30pm	St. John	Wedding of Brittany Teslovich & Tyler Palfrey
1:30pm	St. Rita	Wedding of Christa LoNigro & Tyler Van Olst
		VIGIL
4:00pm	St. Rita	Ann Louise Natale, Lorene Natale & Deceased Members of the Sam & Lena Natale Family (the Fred Natale Family)
5:00pm	St. Al	Bob LaFisca (Char & Family)
6:00pm	IC	Pro Populo
SUN, SEP 29		26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Charles Spicola, Jr. (Mom, Dad & Sister)
9:00am	St. Al	Stephen Mullaney (Mom & Grandmother)
9:30am	IC	Art & Kathleen Andyjohn (Don & Karen Mahokey)
11:30am	St. John	Chuck Madore (Gene & Jerry Egnot)

Altar flowers at IC are in memory of Ivan Hominsky, by Dolores Hominsky & Family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEP 28				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEP 29			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	Z Zimmerman E Bohinski	O Tabaj C Tabaj	G Galley M Sabatini	E Armstrong T Barrett	A Mongell N Mongell	J Sapola H Bechtold	E Prestia J Prestia
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	R Pratt G Bohinski T Bohinski	P Herron S Lincoln T Nedrow	E Aquino J Geary M Pieczynski	L Sparks J Lembo G Lembo	J Wallace S Smith A Trimbath	C Baluch J Baluch M DeFazio	B Knizner D Siecinski N Holonich
CROSS BEARERS	M Martray	J Trimbath	O Spotto	R Lewandowski	R Barron	L Tomasko	D Firestone
LECTORS	M Dunaway	C Sparks	T Sabatini	R Kozel	D DeCara	B Colvin	E Knizner
ROSARY		J Connell			B Klotz		



Have you ever read the book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*? Or seen the movie (but that's cheating.) When Lucy and her companions first wander

through the wardrobe into Narnia, they have no idea what they are going to find around the next corner. It is a world with different rules, different wonders, and different dangers.

I feel a little bit like the last week has been like wandering into Narnia. The land of Connellsville and Dunbar and the world of being an administrator have been perhaps a little less fanciful or magical but no less surprising for me. I seem to be discovering new and unexpected surprises each day around every corner.

I knew when I came here that the area is quite vibrant with each parish offering a variety of programs and activities. But I am seeming to find more and more of them around every corner. Of course, front and center for the last month or so has been the wondrous 150th anniversary celebration for Immaculate Conception – which went extremely well from my perspective, especially considering my not-so-extensive credentials for the roles of administrator and emcee that were thrust upon me. (Thank you Holy Spirit!)

But beyond the massive front-page celebration at IC, we also had plenty of “haps” at the other churches. St. Rita, with Italian Days two Fridays ago (I can still taste the eggplant parmesan...) and last weekend's pancake breakfast (...or maybe it's buckwheat...). I am very much looking forward to St. John's chicken dinner next Sunday, whose posters have been teasing me for

weeks now. Then, when I was at St. Aloysius this weekend for the Masses, I saw a request for some supplies for the Dunbar Days festival booth. I didn't know Dunbar had Days! Every single one of our parishes has been talking about an upcoming or ongoing event.

But the surprises have not ended there! Three weeks ago we had our first youth group meeting (see cover photo) and we had 70 young people attend! Seven-ty!! Then this week I had the pleasure of meeting our RCIA group of soon-to-be-members coordinated by Molli Vassar – a group that even the bishop complimented since our numbers usually top the diocese! Our first Foundations of Faith, led by Mary Sampey, was also a great success two weeks ago. And we also had this year's first diocesan confirmation retreat at Bucci Hall on Saturday afternoon with ~35 young people in attendance. Things are happening in our community.

I may be new, but I know that these things don't just happen. We count on countless volunteers for coordination, marketing, and (often) cooking to make them happen. I'm grateful to each and every one of you. We also count on our staff not only to work hard but to really care about what they do and to love the Church. Ours does and I do not take that for granted.

Some surprises have been less pleasant. With administration of community life comes frustrations, broken equipment, scheduling conflicts, and hurt feelings. That's all part of what it means to have a common life of prayer. No family goes completely without those things and neither do we. These are the not-so-fun parts of the job and are the least enjoyable surprises. But we take the bad with the good. As Job says, “Shall we accept good

things from God and not receive evil?” (Job 2:10)

I have been generally pleased to see the reactions that people have had regarding Fr. Bob's leave of absence. As desirous as we are to have more information about this surprise, the initial contacting of the staff for more details (that they do not have!) has diminished. I've also been pleased with the overall reaction to unexpectedly having me or Fr. Julius for a baptism, a wedding, or a funeral. We are not Fr. Bob, but we are priests and are present “in the person of Christ”. That should be the most important thing on your special day. I also thank you for your patience with me and with the staff as we come to understand our “new normal” with me as administrator.

My days have been filled with surprises and discoveries big and small. I've found that surprises are very frustrating for me because they take me away from the expected and the normal. But I've found them to be so important for me because they are opportunities for God to break into the normalness of my otherwise boring and predictable life.

The biggest surprise of all has been how acutely I've felt the presence of God in what I'm doing and how often he has “put his words into my mouth” (Jer 1:9). I didn't ask to be administrator or to have the responsibility for four parishes. But in taking this on, I have learned that He truly does give us strength and wisdom beyond what we can do on our own when we are called by Him to serve. I have been amazed at times with what comes out of my mouth when I haven't had as much time to prepare to preach or to counsel someone. In this way, as long as I'm administrator, I pray that He never stops surprising me.