

November 10-11, 2018



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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.

### 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

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

**SATs 5:15-5:45pm at IC**

*Confession*

**and by appointment**

**We work with the Holy Trinity Conference of Saint Vincent DePaul** to help our neighbors in need. You may call them at 724.562.3341.

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This week's featured advertiser is the **LAW OFFICE OF KRISTIN M. BANASICK, PC.**

Our Faith Community consists of the Parish Families of Immaculate Conception, Connellsville (1869), Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Dunbar (1874), Saint John the Evangelist, Connellsville (1895), and Saint Rita of Cascia, Connellsville (1915).



We also embrace the former Parish Families of Saint Vincent de Paul, Leisenring (1888-2008), Sacred Heart, Dawson (1889-2007) Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Connellsville (1901-1913), Saint Emory, Connellsville (1903-1970), Holy Trinity, Connellsville (1903-2008), Saint Polycarp, West Leisenring (1917-1997).

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**Bishop Malesic's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for local storm victims will be taken up THIS week-end in our Connellsville parishes.**  
**Ushers, please be prepared.**  
**The collection will be taken up at St. Aloysius NOV 24-25.**

## SUN, NOV 4, 2018 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult .....	\$5,999.00
Loose Collection .....	1,214.62
Maintenance .....	261.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$7,474.62</b>
Cemetery .....	\$165.00
Accent .....	\$40.00
All Saints .....	\$904.00
Mission Sunday .....	\$50.00
Mission Co-Op .....	\$25.00
Retired Religious .....	\$295.00



### ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult .....	\$4,126.00
Loose .....	217.00
Children/Young Adults .....	16.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$4,359.00</b>
All Saints .....	\$514.00
All Souls .....	\$405.00
Accent .....	\$154.00
Retired Religious .....	\$88.00



### ST. JOHN

Adult .....	\$3,052.00
Loose Collection .....	305.00
Maintenance .....	153.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$3,510.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$52.00
Mission Sunday .....	\$130.00
Retired Religious .....	\$205.00



### ST. RITA

Adult .....	\$5,648.00
Loose Collection .....	474.00
Maintenance .....	139.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$6,261.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$95.00
Mission Sunday .....	\$30.00
Mission Co-Op .....	\$25.00
All Saints .....	\$764.00
Poverty Relief .....	\$17.00
Retired Religious .....	\$196.00
Thanksgiving .....	\$20.00



## Ephesians 4:1-6 NOT GETTING ALONG

Fighting can become the status quo. When kids fight at school, someone tries to break it up, but in the end we know they're just kids. Fighting is what kids do. During an election year the mudslinging can get intense. There will be a few calls for civility, but most of us shrug our shoulders. There's nothing we can do. Fighting is what candidates do. Teens and their parents, parents and teachers, contributors to blogs, sometimes even pastors and council members - some groups seem to disagree by their nature. It isn't right, but fighting can become the status quo.

The members of the early church had the same problem. Many New Testament letters indicate that the

first Christians believed in Christ, held high ideals, and lived in community - but they didn't always get along.

In one passage from the Letter to the Ephesians, you can just imagine the spats that provoked these words: "I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." The readers had to be urged toward those virtues because they were not very evident.

Fighting should never be the status quo. We have a more noble vision of community life. Our one Lord, one faith, and one baptism summon us to be one body and one spirit.

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**The 2nd collection at St. Al's NOV 17-18 Masses will be for St. Vincent dePaul in Connellsville as it continues to care for the needy in the Dunbar area. Checks should be made payable to SVDP, not the church.**

*Thanks in advance for your generosity!*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

TUE: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

WED: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

THU: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

FRI: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

SAT: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

SUN: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

**The Diocesan POVERTY RELIEF FUND/CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES collection will be taken up at all Masses *next* weekend, NOV 17-18. There is an envelope provided in your packet.**

# What's Happening at home

St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on **MON, NOV 12/TUE, NOV 13** at 8am in Bucci Hall to make knots. Icers should come at 9:15am.

Volunteers from St. John will make pirohi on **TUE, NOV 13** at 8:30am in Moravek Hall, for their Pre-Order Slovak Food Sale, being held **DEC 8**. Help is always appreciated, whether it be volunteering time, or making a monetary donation to help defray food costs. Cash or checks payable to St. John and marked Pre-Order Food Sale may be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre office.

Tom Severin's study on the Gospel of St. Matthew, **WED, NOV 14** in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.



AN OINTING  
MASS

at St. Aloysius on **THU, NOV 15** at 11am, with a light lunch to follow in the social hall.

Christian Mothers of Our Lady of the Yough Advent/Christmas party for all 4 parishes at Pechin Firehouse on **SUN, DEC 2**. Buffet starts at 2:30pm. Cost is \$25, payable in advance to IC Christian Mothers. You may drop your payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked Advent/Christmas party. Reservations are due by **SAT, NOV 24** and may be made by calling Eleanor Conko at 628-3494 or Mary Petzel at 628-6832. Please bring an unwrapped baby item for Alternatives. Yes.



St. Rita Christian Mothers Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on **SAT, DEC 8**, beginning at 9am in Bucci Hall. Donations of Robin Hood flour, Crisco, Imperial margarine and Domino white and powdered sugar would be appreciated. Monetary donations to help defray costs are also being accepted. Checks payable to St. Rita may be put in the collection basket or given directly to Rita Pratt.



Children's Choir rehearsal, **SAT, NOV 17**, in IC's Sciberras Hall at 11am. Children in grades 3-6 may join. In addition, 7-8th graders and senior high students may join as cantors and leaders of song.

IC Christian Mothers will sell their cinnamon, apricot, nut and poppyseed rolls, **SAT, NOV 17, 12pm** - after 6pm Mass, and **SUN, NOV 18, 8:30-11:30am**.

Young Adults will meet **SAT, NOV 17** at Water's House, from 7-8:30pm.

Get your tickets **NOW** for St. Al's CASH BASH to be held **SAT, DEC 1**! They're on sale at St. Al after weekend Masses, and are also available at St. Al's Brady Centre office and C'ville's DeVivo Centre office. Cost is \$20. Money/ticket stubs must be turned in by **NOV 19**.

Volunteers are needed for St. Al's **DEC 1** Cash Bash. Please call St. Al's Brady Centre office at 277-4236 to see how you can help. Donations of pop and bottled water are also appreciated to help defray costs.

## 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 an additional \$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

## PRE-ORDER

St. John Fundraising Committee will hold a Pre-Order Slovak Food Sale on **SAT, DEC 8**. Items

available for order include cabbage rolls (\$3.50 each) and frozen pirohi (\$10/dozen). Orders can be placed starting **SUN, NOV 11** by calling Liz at 628-7259. Order deadline is **MON, NOV 26**. Pick-up is **SAT, DEC 8** in St. John's Moravek Hall, 9-11am. Monetary donations, marked St. John Fundraising Committee, will be accepted to help defray the cost of supplies, and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office.

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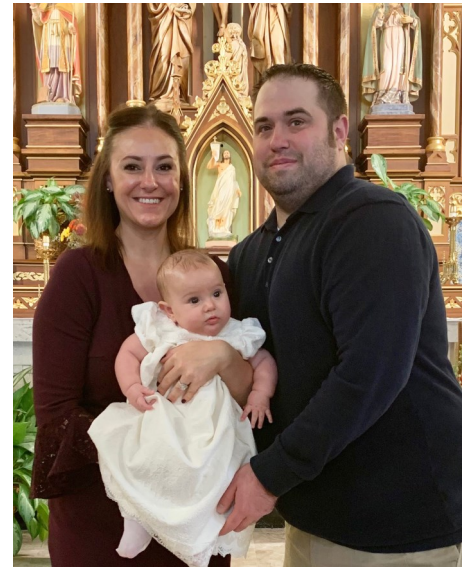
**Nar-Anon, WED, NOV 14 at St. John's Moravick Hall, 7-8pm.** We are asking for donations to help off-set the cost of SESH (sharing, ex-

perience, strength and hope) books used at the Nar-Anon meetings. Checks may be made payable to IC church, with Nar-Anon as the memo or on the envelope. *Thank you in advance for your support.*

**Conn-Area Catholic will host THW (formerly the Hillbilly Way) on SAT, NOV 17 at New Haven Hose social hall.** Doors to this "Over 21" event open at 6pm; show starts at 7pm. Tickets are on sale NOW at \$15 at Conn-Area. For more info, call 628-5090.

**2 Sisters of Charity fundraisers.** ENJOY discount/coupon books are available at the DeVivo Centre and Brady Centre parish offices for \$30. Discounts are valid now, so you can begin using the books right away.

**2 Holiday Cash Raffle tickets in DEC** based on the 1 and 7pm 3-digit PA Lottery drawings, with 1,000 tickets available for each drawing. \$10 for a chance to win \$100 to \$1,000. All tickets and money must be returned by THU, NOV 29. To order tickets, call Sr. Agnes at 836-0406, X6646.



Congratulations to AVA MARIE, daughter of Lee and Jennifer Hodge, baptized NOV 4 at IC.



OOPS - time just got away from us ALL this year so we've missed the window of opportunity to collect your gifts of food items that SVDP uses to help our neighbors in need for Thanksgiving. SVDP DOES, however, have about 25 families they will be helping, so they'll need to purchase all the food on their own.

**IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO OFFER YOUR MONETARY SUPPORT INSTEAD, SVDP AND THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE WOULD APPRECIATE IT SO VERY MUCH!**

Checks may be made payable directly to SVDP, and may be put in the collection basket this week and next, or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre parish office.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE WEEKLY MEETINGS?

The RCIA participants and often their sponsors come to weekly informational gatherings to learn and discuss the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith - God, the Bible, Mary and the Saints, the Mass, the Sacraments, the Moral Life, Church History, but most importantly of all - Who is Jesus? Our mission in the RCIA is to help make present in the life of each and every participant in the RCIA the life, mission, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to bring each person who comes to us into a living relationship with him.

The sessions are not "convert classes". They are informal gatherings, led by trained facilitators who are your fellow parishioners, who help the candidates and catechumens to learn the things that will help them to become more informed about the Catholic Church and what it will mean for them as they discern their choice to enter into full communion

with us; but they also have the opportunity to form bonds of friendship, trust and community with each other as they discuss and sometimes challenge the things that they have heard.

Conversion is not always an easy process. It requires us to look inside ourselves, to examine who we are before God. In the Gospels, an encounter with Jesus always involves an honest, unflinching gaze into the eyes of truth and then to respond to his call to follow him. Those who are making this journey have answered that call and are now on the path of learning and discerning.

If you would like to join us, by all means get in touch! I will be waiting.



May God Bless You Mightily!

*Melli E. Vassar*

**PARTNER PARISHES OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,  
ST. JOHN & ST. RITA - Connellsville PA  
OCT 2018 MASS COUNTS**

OCT 6-7	OCT 13-14	OCT 20-21	OCT 27-28
4:00 232	4:00 276	4:00 253	4:00 240
6:00 158	6:00 153	6:00 176	6:00 168
8:00 161	8:00 146	8:00 163	8:00 148
9:30 297	9:30 236	9:30 234	9:30 256
11:30 198	11:30 225	11:30 253	11:30 167
Ave. 209/Mass	Ave. 207/Mass	Ave. 216/Mass	Ave. 196/Mass

**Average Total/Mass for OCT is 207.**

**ST. ALOYSIUS  
Dunbar PA  
OCT 2018 MASS COUNTS**

OCT 6-7	OCT 13-14	OCT 20-21	OCT 27-28
5:00 102	5:00 127	5:00 116	5:00 115
9:00 142	9:00 183	9:00 170	9:00 153
Ave. 122/Mass	Ave. 155/Mass	Ave. 143/Mass	Ave. 134/Mass

**Average Total/Mass for OCT is 139.**

**Attendance was taken at all weekend Masses at each of our 4 parishes during OCT. We also send this report to the Diocese.**



Hank Adair, Victoria Altimus, Arlene Argiro, Scott Aronhalt, John Auer, Maureen & Stephen Austen, Beatrice Babura, Peter Babyak, Ada Bageant, Janice Bailey, Al Balow, Heather Bardin, Connie Bates, Meghan Bayer, Scott Bell, Maya Bennett, Marissa Bercik, Reanne Berger, Seth Beveridge, Scott Bigley, Anise Black, Betty Blacka, Jeffery Blystone, Gail Boucher, Devin Braddock, Patty Broderick, Mary Bredesen, Brian, Michael Brienza, Quinn Bukovac, Divinia Calinao, Bob Camilli, Jamey Camp, Margaret Carbonara, Kay Caringola, Grace & Larry Carroll, Cecil Casini, Anthony Cecchini, Toni Cellurale-Kuhlman, Mallory Chaikic, Patty Check, Thomas Cline, Anthony Colatch, David Coldren, Rita Cole, Steve Conko, Cindy Costello-Ford, Angelo Crocetti, Gloria Cross, Ron & Donna Cross, Robert Cumberland, Pat DeCara, Frank Decker, Debbie Del Sordo, Aidan DeMarco, Lavonne Dillinger, Paul Dillon, Albert Disson, Joyce Doppelheuer, Agnes Dowling, Sandy Drury, Mike Dunaway, Cathi Dunn, Alberta Dusha, Melody Dynes, Aaron Ebaugh, Ronald Egnot, John Emanuel, Charlotte Eutsey, Ron Farina, Michael Farris, Michelle Farris, Joan Fattori, Sandra Fletcher, Frankhouser & Hager Families, Cameron Frame, Sr., John Frick, Nicholas Gaborko, Christopher Galik, Glen Gallentine, Robert Gallo, Sr., Jean Gallo-Ciscon, Machaela Garlowich, Greg Garred, Sr., Timmy Gibbs, Barry Glotfelty, Tanya Gray, Erika Grogan, Allie Guilian, Garrin Haggerty, Paul Hammaker, Jim Haney, Connie Hatter, Betty Healey, Nancy Heinbaugh, Paul Helinsky, Charles Helms, Sr., Frederick Helms, Alexia Herchko, Bill Herman, Mary Ann Herman, Angela Hill, John Hohmann, Steve Holup, Arlene & Jay Honeycutt, Dennis Hough, Ruthie Hough, Herk & Connie Hubbard, Barry S. Huey, Dominic Ianello, Dolores Iaquina, Brittany Johnson, Darlene & Donnie Johnston, Kevin Jones, Karen, Rich Kazmierczak, Chase Kemp, Larry Kennison, Larry Kent, Lora Keslar, Joann Kieta, Carol King, Lorraine Kinnick, Alcuin & LaRena Kirsch, Zachary Knabenshue, Judie Kosisko, Kathy Kovac, Trish Koval, Fr. Micah Kozoil, Maureen Kurp, John Kuzych, Bernadine Lafko, Susan Lake, Kevin Lape, Sean Lewandowski, Michaelene Lint, Michael Litman,

Anita Grasso Lizza, Maryann Lloyd, Justin Loncala, William & Adina Long, Alvera & Michael Long, Savannah Longanecker, Shannon Lown, Pam Lowry, Betty Macko, Jeffrey Madarish, Koochie Maiese, Noah Manges, Christine Martin, Daniel Martin, Marie Martin, Theresa Martin, Sylvia Myndresku Martin, Carol Martray, Bret Martucci, Ann Matthews, Betty Mazurik, Robert Mazurik, Jean McCormick, Msgr. Ed McCullough, Janet McCune, Dave McMullan, Jeanne Meagher, Hunter Meese, Justin Miller, Kayia Miller, Nancy Miller, Terri Molinaro, Kay Molnar, Diane Monaco, Cathi Mongell, Adam Morgan, Kimberly Morrell, Edward Mulhorn, Tom Mullen, Carmella Mullins, Betty Nagy, Irene Nakles, Micheline Natale, Anna Newton, Fred Niemits, John Orazi, Sr., John Pessamato III, Jonathan Philburn, Tom Pierce, Frank Pilla, Daniel Piper, Doug & Joyce Pirl, Velda Plesz, Gemma Premus, James Price, Marisa Primozic, Scott Prinkey, George Puskar, Ruth Ann Puskar, Theresa Ranker, Dexton Reed, Imogene Rega, Joe Rega, Maryann Reid, Freda Rennick, Tammy Renzi, Jeannette Roley, Ellen Romanko, Terry Rose, Terry Ross, Ronald Rozell, Mary Margaret Ruck, Robert Ruck, Lorelai Santangelo, Parker Scarry, Betty Schott, Deacon & Lorraine Schott, Theresa Schott, Gavin Schuller, Hilda Schuster, Brennan Sechrist, Susie Seman, Lisa Sezawick, Ray Shamberger, Mary Ann Shandorf, Steve Shandorf, Linda Shank, Martha Sheets, Kelly Huffman Sherbondy, Gen Sherwood, John Shields, Michele Sholtas, Lester Shultz, Sr., Jeff Sigado, Erin Sigwalt, Gunnar Skrobacz, Kendal Skrobacz, Eric Smearman, Mattie Smith, Dennis Soisson, Mark Soisson, Marian Soldano, Sonya Spaw, Heather Spennati, Evelyn Sperry, Charles Spicola, Lori Stofan, John & Janet Stroncheck, Sadie Swank, James Thompson, Michael Tonarelli, Turner Trimbath, Ronnie Umble, David Voda, David Voda, Jr., Denise Voda, Ursula Vozar, Carol Ward, Doug Ward, Millie Warnick, Melvin Washington, Lois Weibl, Henry Whipkey, Marcella Wilburn, Roianne Wilson, Teri Winterhalter, Barbara Wisilosky, Beth Ann Wisniewski-Lee, Bernie Wolfe, Becky & Bob Wurst, Frank & Margaret Zadell, Sr. Mary Mark Zavatsk, Richard Zientarsky, Esther Ziska, Rebekah Zoldi.

St. Al's Brady Centre office will be closed MON, NOV 12 for Veterans Day.

Info for the NOV 25 bulletin is due no later than TUE, NOV 13.

Weekend altar flowers at St. Rita are in memory of Kimberly Taylor Harkins, from daughter, Kayla and parents, Toni & Larry Taylor.

Flowers at St. John on NOV 13 are in memory of Michael and Mickey Grego, from Cindy.



the repose of the souls of PETE CASINI, KATHLEEN DECLEMENTE (grandmother of Cody Boors), RICHARD GALAND, LORRAINE GRIFFITHS and NICHOLAS HERMAN, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.



And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had." *Luke 21:1-4*

## ST. AL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT, NOV 17 - 5PM

SERVER	LECTOR	EX MINISTER
C Tabaj	S Lincoln	J Goodwin
O Tabaj		P Herron
		T Nedrow

SUN, NOV 18 - 9AM

ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EX MINISTER
J Hustosky	J Grover	T Dull
J Hustosky		T Grover
		K Martray

## ROSARY SCHEDULE

SAT, NOV 17  
J Connell

SUN, NOV 18  
T Grover

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, NOV 12

8:00am	St. Rita
8:30am	St. Rita
8:30am	St. Al

ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP/MARTYR

Charles & Gertrude Grosso (Children, Sonny, Arlene & Anita)  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
**NO MASS**

TUE, NOV 13

8:00am	St. John
8:45am	St. Al

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN

Michael & Mickey Grego (Don & Joan Orlando)  
**NOTE TIME CHANGE** Laura Kasunic (Son, Richard)

WED, NOV 14

8:00am	St. Rita
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WEEKDAY

Freddie Perez, Jr. (Gemma, Gabrielle & Nico)

THU, NOV 15

8:00am	IC
11:00am	St. Al

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP/DR. OF THE CHURCH

Joseph & Seth Flockvich (Bob & Cookie Flockvich)  
Anointing Mass

FRI, NOV 16

8:00am	St. Rita
8:15am	St. Al
8:30am	St. Al
9:30am	IC

STS. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND & GERTRUDE, VIRGIN

Jane Goodwin (Jim & Gina Lembo & Family)  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Diane Bryner (Karen Leighty)  
Donald E. Sherman, Nancy & Ralph Henkel (Wife & Sister, Dee Sherman)

SAT, NOV 17

1:30pm	St. Al
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ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Wedding: Russell Baird & Danielle Browning  
VIGIL

4:00pm	St. Rita
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Rick Hepler & Stephen Napoleon, Sr. (Janet Hepler, Wife & Daughter)

5:00pm	St. Al
6:00pm	IC

Carol Yourich (Husband, Bill & Family)  
Joe Beucher (Family)

SUN, NOV 18

8:00am	St. Rita
9:00am	St. Al
9:30am	IC
11:30am	St. John

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pro Populo  
Bill & Ruby Maddas (Carol & Randy Johnston)  
Frances Novak (M/M Mike DeCarlo)  
Cecilia Rosendale (Rosendale Family)  
Bernard Shubert & Deceased Members of the Shubert Family (Daughter, Kathy & Doug Collins)

## IC, ST. JOHN, ST. RITA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	ACOLYTE	EX MINISTER	CROSS BEARER	LECTOR
NOV 17 SR-4pm	E Bohinski K Daniels	A Hann L Sparks M Pieczynski	J Domer	G Panzella
IC-6pm	N Spotto S Spotto	E Aquino J Villa Neuva M Villa Neuva	O Spotto	B Sheehan
NOV 18 SR-8am	J Long D Long	L Lauffer L Kozel C Porter	A Long	B Casey
IC-9:30am	D Piasecki D Piasecki	I McKenna B Molitor S Reagan	L Tomasko	M Lazor
SJ-11:30am	I Burd I Zerecheck	T Martin J Kosinski B Knizner	M Burd	E Knizner



# RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR

SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

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

**HATE IN OUR NATION:** The most basic prayer of Judaism is known as the *Shema*, after the first word of Deuteronomy 6:4 "*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad*/Hear O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone." Even though the full prayer continues with the succeeding verses ("Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength ...") the first line is oft prayed by itself, summing up as it does the fundamental tenet of the Jewish faith. And undoubtedly those words were on the lips of many gathered in the Tree of Life Synagogue as shots rang out that terrible morning of 27 October.



The fact that a mere week after the most horrific act of anti-Semitic violence in our nation's history, per-

petrated less than 50 miles from the Jewel, the Sunday readings repeated the *Shema* twice was a "coincidence" too powerful to ignore. Thus I was inspired to preach on the **HATE** that led to this tragedy, a **HATE** that is producing more and more violence, a **HATE** that is ripping our nation apart. I wish I could have preached at all seven Masses, as I felt that the words the Lord had put in my mouth needed to be heard by the entire community. Please understand that here I **am not**

Blessed Sacrament, I listened to the Sunday readings and then asked the Lord to give me the words I should preach. And literally, as soon as that prayer escaped my lips, the homily started to take shape in my mind. I **FIRMLY** believe that anything good that I say comes **NOT** from me but from the Holy Spirit. Conversely, when I stand "in the pulpit" and make no sense or sound stupid it is because I have foolishly **IGNORED** the Spirit's promptings and chosen **MY** words instead.

There is an old saw that the preacher is first and foremost preaching to himself. This homily was certainly **NO** exception. **ALL** of us are in one way or another guilty of fanning the flames of hatred by feeding into the us vs. them mentality. **ALL** of us - me included! - need to examine our consciences. To that end I offer the Examination of Conscience

using the image of words being "put" in my mouth as a mere rhetorical device. That Saturday morning, in my prayer before the

on this page as a start. Might I suggest that you clip it out and reflect on the questions frequently? The bulletin has to go to the printer by 2pm on Tuesday so as I write this (on a rainy day in Happy Valley) Election Day has just begun. Sadly I have no doubt that no matter what the results, the hatred will continue to grow. **UNLESS** we who claim to be disciples of Yeshua consciously **CHOOSE** to truly heed the Second Commandment and "love our neighbour as ourselves," finally accepting that there is no **US** and **THEM**. There is only **US** and we are **ALL** children of *Adonai* who is God **ALONE**.

You can find last week's homily on the parish website [youghcatholic.org](http://youghcatholic.org).

**COVER PHOTO:** Is there ANY place more beautiful than Southwestern Pennsylvania in Fall? I walked out to the middle of Crawford Avenue Bridge after the 8am All Saints Mass at Saint Rita and before heading up the hill for the 9:30am Mass at IC and was rewarded with this shot!

- 1) Have I demonised or stereotyped an entire class of people be they black, white, or asian, republican or democrat, rich or poor, liberal or conservative, jew or muslim?
- 2) Have I spread the hate I have heard on FoxNews, CNN, MSNBC, or read on Facebook?
- 3) Have I wasted time and poisoned my mind with extremist websites, be they alt-right or extreme left?
- 4) Have I chosen to live in a fantasy world of "alternate facts" because reality didn't agree with what political affiliation told me to I had to believe?
- 5) Have I allowed political views to destroy once-treasured relations with family and/or friends?
- 6) Have I chosen to see the world through partisan eyes rather than through Gospel eyes?
- 7) Is my identity as a Republican or Democrat more important than my baptismal identity as a Christian?
- 8) Have I willingly ignored teachings of Jesus because they didn't comfortably fit in my political worldview?

