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For we believe
that Jesus died
and rose again,
and so we believe
that God will bring
with Jesus
those who have
fallen asleep in him.
1 Thess. 4:14



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, OCT 26-27, 2019 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult.....\$4,453.00
Loose.....216.25
Maintenance.....57.00
Total:.....\$4,726.25

Cemetery\$148.00
All Saints\$40.00
Mission Sunday.....\$42.00
Retired Religious\$18.00



ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult.....\$3,668.00
Loose.....265.00
Children/Young Adults16.00
Parish Improvements.....153.00
Total:.....\$4,102.00

Propagation of Faith.....\$160.00



ST. JOHN

Adult.....\$2,494.00
Loose.....108.00
Maintenance.....5.00
Total:.....\$2,607.00

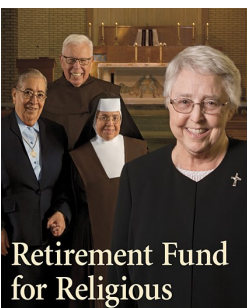
Cemetery\$80.00
Mission Sunday.....\$195.00



ST. RITA

Adult.....\$3,674.00
Loose.....271.00
Maintenance.....15.00
Total:.....\$3,960.00

Cemetery\$111.00
Accent.....\$5.00
Mission Sunday.....\$58.00



THIS weekend the collection for Retired Religious/Diocesan Priests will be taken up. One-quarter of the funds stays in our diocese.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 RUMOR CONTROL

Rumors are very hard to control. Once they are out they create their own truth. Even if they are not true, they create a suspicion that remains. It is not fair.

With speedy communication, rumors can be challenged and falsified more quickly. But they also fly faster. And they can do a world of damage.

In the days of St. Paul, rumors traveled more slowly, but so did clarifications. It was very hard to get the right message out. This was especially challenging for the nuances Paul was trying to make.

For example, he believed that Jesus was coming back very soon, and

people should behave accordingly. But Jesus had not yet come. Paul would have known about that.

In his Second Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul tries to put down a rumor that Christ had come, while promoting the idea that he was still coming. "We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a 'spirit,' or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand."

Some people will believe anything about the coming of Christ. We believe Paul. Christ may not have come today, but we live as if he will.

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OCTOBER 2019 MASS COUNTS FOR IC, ST. AL, ST. JOHN, ST. RITA

	OCT 5-6		OCT 12-13		OCT 19-20		OCT 26-27	
	4:00	264	4:00	198	4:00	224	4:00	205
	5:00	125	5:00	126	5:00	122	5:00	152
	6:00	151	6:00	132	6:00	141	6:00	157
	8:00	156	8:00	155	8:00	158	8:00	126
	9:00	123	9:00	180	9:00	151	9:00	119
	9:30	244	9:30	189	9:30	211	9:30	236
	11:30	195	11:30	216	11:30	214	11:30	205
	Ave. 180/Mass		Ave. 171/Mass		Ave. 174/Mass		Ave. 171/Mass	

SEATING CAPACITIES
(including choir loft)
IC 463
ST. AL 300
ST. JOHN 363
ST RITA 320

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

TUE: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

WED: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

THU: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

FRI: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

SAT: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

SUN: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

What's Happening at home

St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on **MON, NOV 4, WED, NOV 6, TUE, NOV 12, and WED, NOV 13** to make knots for their upcoming Christmas Cookie Sale. Icers should come at 9am.

IC Holy Name will meet on **MON, NOV 4** at 7pm in Sciberras Hall.

St. John's Fundraising Committee will be making pirohi on **TUEs, NOV 5 and 12** at 8:30am in Moravek Hall for their upcoming sale. Any help is greatly appreciated, whether it be your time or making a monetary donation to help defray food costs. Cash or checks (payable to St. John and marked St. John Fundraising donation) may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre.

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



RCIA IS GROWING! Each week our RCIA Inquiry is welcoming new people who are looking into the Catholic Church. We meet every **THU** at 6:30pm in the IC Sciberras Hall.

We continue to share our stories, ask our questions and become more comfortable with one another. *Who is God? What is the Bible? What is sin?* These are just some of the topics we've been discussing and there's so much more to come! RCIA may be your way to be baptized or to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Come join us - there's always room for you.

The study entitled "Mary A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother" has now begun but you can still join us every **FRI** morning for the next 7 weeks at St Al's, after 8:30am Mass, about 9:15am in the social hall.

The 8-part series will help you become more skilled at using your Bible and includes discussion and presentation of a beautiful video. No charge but registration is required. Call Molli at 366-9552 for more info.

Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Catholic Community Children's Choir will rehearse on **SAT, NOV 9** in the IC choir loft at 11:15am (**note time change**).

Children in grades 3-6 in all 4 parishes are eligible for membership. In addition, junior/senior high students are invited to serve as leaders and cantors for the Choir.

IC Christian Mothers will be making their nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls (\$12) and cinnamon rolls (\$5/half dozen), and selling them on **SAT, NOV 23, 11am-7pm** and **SUN, NOV 24, 8:30-11:30am**. Anyone able to help make the rolls is asked to call Mary at 628-1764 (please leave a message if no answer). Donations to help defray the cost of supplies are greatly appreciated. Checks should be payable to IC Christian Mothers and may be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre.



Please remember **LORENA BENI, JEFF KING** and **BOB and MELISSA KISH**, the newest additions to our prayer list.

Our 4 Parishes will once again be teaming up with Saint Vincent de Paul for a Thanksgiving Basket Project!

It is such a simple idea that reaches families in our community who are in need! Starting **THIS WEEKEND**

we will ask you to pick a "turkey feather," from the baskets provided at the main entrance of each church and bring back the food item listed on the feather no later than **MON, NOV 17**. We will then pack a basket filled with everything one would need for a Thanksgiving dinner (complete with gift cards to buy a turkey/ham). The names of the families will be given anonymously by St. Vincent de Paul. Any leftover food will help in restocking the SVDP pantry for the winter.



If anyone would like to help defray the cost of the baskets/gift cards, please drop an envelope in the collection basket marked "Thanksgiving Basket Project" to the attention of Mary Sampey. Checks may be made payable to Saint Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your support!!



Congratulations to **LEIGHTON ROSE**, daughter of Mathieu Tulley & Alexandra Kuzyck, baptized **OCT 27** at IC.



Immaculate Conception Church will hold a dedication recital for its new 3-manual

Walker organ on SUN, NOV 17 at 3pm. The recital is part of the parish's 150th anniversary celebration. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the church social hall after the recital.

The recital will be presented by J. Christopher Pardini, director of

music and liturgy at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg and cathedral organist for the Diocese of Greensburg.

Prior to his current appointment, Pardini was organist and director of music at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, where he headed one of the nation's leading sacred music programs. Before his arrival in Pittsburgh, Pardini was the senior organist at the Crystal Cathedral (now Christ Cathedral) in Garden Grove, CA.

A New Jersey native, Pardini is also active as a composer of liturgical music. His music is published by

G.I.A. (Chicago), Fred Bock Music (Los Angeles) and Morningstar Music (St. Louis). His "New Century Mass" was awarded 2nd place in the NPM New Mass Competition by National Pastoral Musicians at their convention in 2010. He also won 3rd place in the Second International Competition of Sacred Music Composition, established in honor of Pope Benedict XVI, in Rome, Italy.

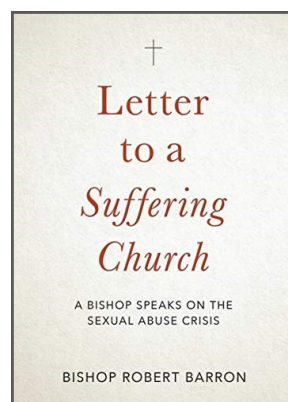
Pardini lives in Greensburg with his wife, Amy; daughter, Mia, and son, Luca. He is a Novice Oblate of Saint Benedict, associated with Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe.



Nar-Anon will meet on WED, NOV 6 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

St. Pius in Mt. Pleasant will host an All-You-Can-Eat Omelette Breakfast on SUN, NOV 10 from 8am-noon. \$7, adults, \$3, kids 3-12 and under 3, free. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Bishop Robert Barron released a new book in May called *Letter to a Suffering Church* regarding the sex abuse crisis. Among other things he addresses the question: "Why stay Catholic with so much scandal?" Anyone who would like a copy should inquire at the DeVivo Centre office.



The Christian Mothers' Advent/Christmas Party for all 4 parishes, hosted by St. Rita this year, will be held at Nino's Restaurant on SUN, DEC 1 at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$28, payable in advance.

Checks are payable to St. Rita Christian Mothers, marked Advent/Christmas Party, and may be dropped in the collection basket, or taken to the DeVivo Centre. Reservations are due by FRI, NOV 25, and can be made through Mary at 628-6832 or Betsy at 603-3872. Please bring an unwrapped baby item for Alternatives.Yes.



Order pick-up for St. John's Pre-Order Slovak Food sale will be SAT, DEC 7 in Moravek Hall, 9-11am. To order call Liz at 628-7259 by NOV 25. Cabbage rolls (halupki) \$3.50 each, frozen pirohi \$10/dozen.

St. Rita Christian Mothers' Christmas Cookie Sale will be on SAT, DEC 7 beginning at 9am in Bucci Hall. Donations of Robin Hood flour, Crisco, Imperial margarine, Domino granulated and powdered sugar and nuts would be appreciated. Also, monetary donations to help defray costs are being accepted by making checks payable to St. Rita Christian Mothers, and can be dropped in the collection basket, dropped off at the DeVivo Centre, or given directly to Rita Pratt.



Congratulations to
NIKKI STONER & IAN ROSE,
married OCT 26 at St. Aloysius



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH

JUDGMENT CREATES A LINE,
AND THAT LINE IS LABELED
SMARTER THAN, BETTER THAN,
MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN, OR HOLIER THAN
THE PERSON WHO NEEDS HELP.
HELP KNOWS NO LINE.
IT ONLY KNOWS HOW TO HELP.
WE SHOULD BE STEPPING INTO
SOMEONE ELSE'S WORLD
NOT TO JUDGE THEM,
BUT TO HELP THEM.

Whether we like to admit it or not, we sometimes form judgments about people quite easily. Human nature forces us to put people into neatly organized categories: This person IS **fill in the blank.**

The black and white labels that we put on people typically leave no room for ANY gray area whatsoever. If we are not careful, we can bring our judgment about this or that person to every *interaction* we have with them from that point forward.

Recently I was in a planning meeting for an upcoming event (NOT Church related). As we were planning the entertainment portion of the event, the name of a certain entertainer came up. Suddenly someone on the planning committee said, "Oh no. We are NOT having THAT person back. They are so **fill*

*in the blank.**" Admittedly, I did not personally know the entertainer they were referring to, but I found myself saying, "That doesn't necessarily mean they will be hard to get along with again. Maybe they were just having a bad day."

Even though I was met with blank stares, it seems to me that too often we are unable to see the bigger picture of WHY people act in unfavorable ways. There is always a reason WHY people do what they do. Rather than meeting others with empathy and grace, we put labels on them. We make sure to stick those labels onto their foreheads with gorilla glue to ENSURE that they NEVER come off.



Thankfully, Jesus doesn't care about labels. In our Gospel today, we meet Zacchaeus. If Zacchaeus were to have a label glued to his forehead, it would probably say in bold capital letters, "**SINNER.**" As a chief tax collector, Zacchaeus was NOT by any means the most liked guy in Jericho. And yet, Jesus sees him for who he truly is; a repentant sinner ready and willing to transform his life after a brief encounter with the person of Jesus. Rather than label him for his past offenses, Jesus meets him with mercy, grace, and forgiveness. The crowd is NONE too pleased with Christ's reaction, and even go so far as to also label Jesus for being associated with Zacchaeus. And yet, Christ still offers this "sinner" salvation.

Isn't it so incredibly humbling to realize that this is how Jesus sees every one of US? This is shown so beautifully in our first reading from the book of Wisdom:

"But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe NOTHING that you have made; for what you hated, you would NOT have fashioned."

Amazingly, Jesus sees us differently than the world sees us. As adoptive sons and daughters of the one true King, Jesus rips off our labels and sees us only as His children whom He has created, saved, and loves!

This does not mean that Jesus condones sinfulness. Rather, He gently "*rebukes offenders little by little, warning them and reminding them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness*" and believe in Him! Out of LOVE, care, and deep concern for us, Christ is constantly challenging us to become better versions of ourselves. He HELPS us be better instead of forming a rash judgment. He NEVER gives up on us. Truly, if the just judge labels anyone to be unworthy of Himself, you can bet that He had given that person EVERY opportunity in life to know, love, and serve Him.

I don't know about you, but I am SO incredibly grateful that Jesus doesn't see me as the world sometimes labels me! I pray that I can be more concerned with how Christ sees me, while at the same time extending that grace to others!

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of MARIE GHRIST and IRENE HOMONAI, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.



Altar flowers at St. Rita last weekend were in memory of Amato and Jennie, Joseph and Mary Louise, Micheline and Joanne, given by Tony Natale.

Flowers at IC were in memory of Sarah and Elizabeth Cesario given by Dolores Hominsky and Family.

Flowers at IC this weekend are in memory of Lou, George, Fannie and John DeSimone given by Family.

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628-7510 or
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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, NOV 4		ST. CHARLES BORROME0, BISHOP
8:00am	St. Rita	Micheline "Maggie" Natale (Frank & Margaret Nobile)
8:30am	St. Al	Patricia Check (Friends, Janice, Patricia & Lucille)
TUE, NOV 5		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. John	Marie "Carmie" Rozell (Mark & Debbie Culp)
8:30am	St. Al	Rebecca Ambrisco (Larry & Janet Marks)
WED, NOV 6		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Joyce Vilella (M/M Michael DeCarlo)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, NOV 7		WEEKDAY
8:00am	IC	Chuck Madore (Barbara, Eric & Dawn Madore)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Laura Kasunic (Son, Richard)
FRI, NOV 8		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Seth & Joseph Flockvich (Bob & Cookie Flockvich)
8:30am	St. Al	Sophia Vaslavsky (Dennis & Rita Martin)
SAT, NOV 9		DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
1:30pm	IC	Wedding of Christina Suriano & Richard Hitlan VIGIL
4:00pm	St. Rita	Kimberly Taylor Harkins (Mom & Dad)
5:00pm	St. Al	Pro Populo
6:00pm	IC	Anna Misconin & Deceased Members of the Misconin Family (Jean Misconin)
SUN, NOV 3		32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Leola Broderick (St. Rita Choir)
9:00am	St. Al	Anthony & Cecelia Maddas (The Randy Johnston Family)
9:30am	IC	Theodore Shal (Theodore Shal, Jr.)
11:30am	St. John	Bernard Shubert & Deceased Members of the Shubert Family (Daughter, Kathy & Doug Collins)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOV 9				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOV 10			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	R Spectht E Rittenhouse	C Baldwin C Baldwin	A Howrylak P Scarry	D Long J Long	G Zavatchan G Zavatchan	D Piasecki A Piasecki	I Burd A Bandemer
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ROSARY		P Herron			E & D Gmitter		



In *The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis imagines an experience of the afterlife. At one point he comes across “some kind of procession” in heaven:

First came bright Spirits, not the Spirits of men, who danced and scattered flowers—soundlessly falling, lightly drifting flowers...Then, on the left and right, at each side of the forest avenue, came youthful shapes, boys upon one hand, and girls upon the other. If I could remember their singing and write down the notes, no man who read that score would ever grow sick or old. Between them went musicians: and after these a lady in whose honour all this was being done...and only partly do I remember the unbearable beauty of her face.

"Is it? ... is it?" I whispered to my guide.

"Not at all," said he. "It's someone ye'll never have heard of. Her name on earth was Sarah Smith and she lived at Golders Green."

"She seems to be ... well, a person of particular importance?"

"Aye. She is one of the great ones. Ye have heard that fame in this country and fame on Earth are two quite different things."

Saints remain an essential part of the Catholic tradition. We name ourselves and our churches after them, portrait them in our windows, and designate them patrons of particularities like throats and lost items. Why? I think Lewis

says it well: fame in heaven and fame on Earth are two quite different things.

Saints are “those who die in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1023). I’m certain that many people who have died from our community are saints in heaven right now. They may have been complete unknowns – nobodies on earth, like Sarah Smith from Golders Green. They have no written biography, no one to sing their praises, and they will be forgotten on this earth in a few short decades. Only those close to them, their loved ones, may know their stories and pass them on. But those stories are eternal. In heaven, we’ll have plenty of time to hear and enjoy everyone’s story. I love that every saint’s story is so different!

In *Letter to a Suffering Church* (see pg. 6 of this bulletin for more on this book), Bishop Robert Barron describes this diversity:

Among the saints we find the brilliant Thomas Aquinas and the scholastically challenged Jean Vianney; the wealthy Thomas More and the abjectly poor Benedict Joseph Labre; the warrior Joan of Arc and the pacifists Nereus and Achilles; the mystic John of the Cross and the social activist Oscar Romero; King Louis IX and the humble porter Andre Bessette; John Henry Newman, who lived to be ninety, and Dominic Savio, who died as a boy...The point is that each of the saints, in his or her own utterly unique manner, shows forth some aspect of God’s beauty and perfection. No one saint could ever exhaustively express the infinite holiness of God...

This wild diversity of the saints corresponds to the wild diversity of people, times, and places. I think one reason we highly exalt saints in the Catholic Church is so that none of us feel alone in our struggles. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was widowed with three children at the age of 29 in a foreign country. St. Thomas More lost his job for doing what he saw was right (and then lost his head for it). St. Maria Goretti was killed at the age of 12 for refusing to submit to sexual assault. The stories of these and so many other saints give us hope and courage to do the right thing in difficult and stressful situations. Each of us can find a saint to whom we relate and from whom we can find encouragement to follow in their footsteps when it’s tough.

Although all of us are called to live a standard of Christian virtue, each one of us is called to our own manner of holiness. When I was first in seminary, I thought I had to be just like the saints. But being holy doesn’t mean I should only sleep two hours a night and eat only a potato a day like St. Jean Vianney did. If I tried to do that I would be miserable, not holy! But he did it and was filled with joy, thanks to God’s unique grace. I have to uncover who I am in God’s eyes and live holiness as Fr. Dan Carr, not St. Jean Vianney. I have to discover my own story of sanctity...and then live it!

Like so many of the saints in heaven, our good and at times downright heroic deeds on this earth do not get recognized as they should. But we are promised that our stories will be remembered in heaven where we shall be exalted as “one of the great ones”.