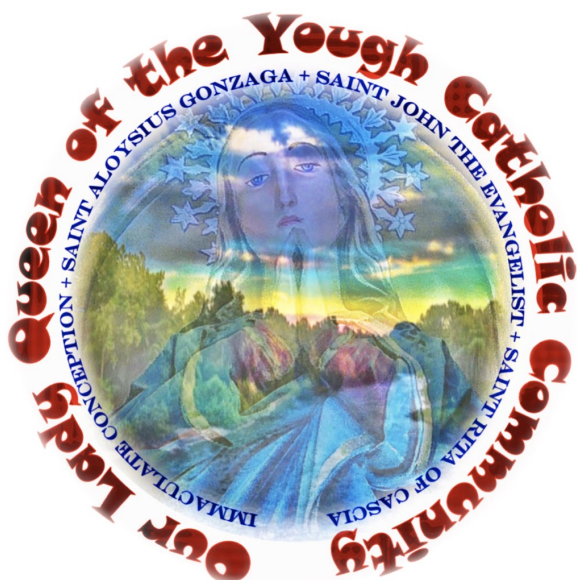


OCT 5-6, 2019



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## ST. JOHN KICKS OFF ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF CELEBRATION

**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 28-29, 2019**  
**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Adult.....	\$4,606.00
Loose.....	221.00
Maintenance.....	2.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$4,829.00</b>
Cemetery .....	\$9.00
Accent.....	\$39.00
Seminary/Clergy.....	\$791.00

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**ST. ALOYSIUS**

Adult.....	\$2,905.00
Loose.....	164.00
Children/Young Adults .....	22.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$3,091.00</b>
Seminary/Clergy.....	\$310.00

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**ST. JOHN**

Adult.....	\$2,400.00
Loose.....	114.12
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$2,514.12</b>
Cemetery .....	\$10.00
Seminary/Clergy.....	\$374.00

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**ST. RITA**

Adult.....	\$3,342.00
Loose.....	356.50
Maintenance.....	10.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$3,708.50</b>
Cemetery .....	\$10.00
Accent.....	\$23.00
Seminary/Clergy.....	\$632.00



**Bishop Malesic has scheduled a special collection for Disaster Relief/Humanitarian Support**

**to help victims of Hurricane Dorian.**

**The collection will be taken up at St. Al on THIS weekend.**

**The collection will be taken up on the weekend of OCT 12-13 in the three Connellsville churches.**

Ushers, please be prepared for this second collection.

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL  
 NOT TO BLOCK THE DRIVEWAY  
 AT THE OLD IC CONVENT.  
 Twice we have blocked  
 the resident living there.**



**2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**  
**STIRRING THE FLAMES**

We do not use all the tools we have. A computer can do much more than a typical user understands. Cell phones have more bells and whistles than people know about. Many of us do not know what to do with all the tools in the garage we bought, inherited, or that were left behind. We have more clothes than we can wear, more books and magazines than we can read, more television stations than we can watch. Our lives are filled with opportunity.

So are our hearts. God has given each of us a wealth of tools at our disposal. We have cleverness and concern, ingenuity and compassion,

A representative from the Maryknoll Lay Missioners will be speaking at St. Aloysius Masses NEXT weekend for the Diocesan Mission Co-op weekend. There will be a second collection taken.

MKLM is a Roman Catholic organization inspired by the mission of Jesus to live and work in poor communities in Africa, Asia, and North America, responding to basic needs and helping to create a more just and compassionate world.

bravery and confidence - but we do not always use them.

The Second Letter to Timothy speaks of our spiritual gifts as something waiting to be stirred into flame. "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands." The Holy Spirit came to each one of us in baptism and confirmation, implanting the gifts of divine life in us like seeds. Or like sparks. They are ready to do the work that God intended them to do.

Those gifts lack only one thing. They need to be stirred. That is up to each of us. If we are moved by the needs of the world, we will move for the needs of the world. Stir your gifts into flame!

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

MON: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

TUE: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

WED: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

THU: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

FRI: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

SAT: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

SUN: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

# What's Happening at home

**IC Holy Name Pancake, Buckwheat and Sausage Breakfast is THIS SUN, OCT 6 in Sciberras Hall, from 7:30-11:30am.** Adults \$5.50, children 9 and under \$3.

**St. Aloysius Families in Faith Group will have a brief meeting on SUN, OCT 6 immediately after 9am Mass.**

**IC Holy Name will meet on MON, OCT 7 in Sciberras Hall, at 7pm.** All men are welcome. Come and have some pizza and drinks with us after the meeting.

**St. John Fundraising Committee will be making pirohi on TUEs, OCT 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 8:30am in Moraviek Hall for their upcoming sale.**

Any help would be greatly appreciated, whether it be volunteering your time or making a monetary donation to help defray food costs. Cash or checks (payable to St. John Church 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, OCT 9 in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.**

**You are cordially invited to join in a Public Square Rosary**

**Rally on SAT, OCT 12 at St. Rita's Grotto at 12:30pm.** This event, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of 20,000+ rallies that will take place across the US.



**Our Children's Choir will NOT rehearse on SAT, OCT 12. Rehearsals will resume at 11am SAT, OCT 19, in IC's choir loft.** 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.

**The IC 150th Anniversary Classic/Antique Car and Vendor Show is NEXT 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.



Congratulations to Christa LoNigro & Tyler Van Olst, married at St. Rita on SEP 28.

**Molli's Bible study on the Gospel of John continues at St. Al on FRIs after 8:30am Mass.**

**St. Rita Holy Name will meet on SUN, OCT 13 in Bucci Hall following 8am Mass at St. Rita.** New members are always welcome. Coffee and donuts will be served. Remember, unity makes strength.



Please remember **GARY TOBER**, the newest addition to our prayer list.

**St. Al's Calendar Party is NEXT SUN, OCT 13 at 1pm.** Auction chances (26/\$10) and 50/50 chances (7/\$5 and 20/\$10) will be sold after Masses THIS weekend and on OCT 12.

**St. John's 125th Anniversary Silent Festival continues through SUN, OCT 27.** You may drop your donation/pledge in the collection basket, or at the DeVivo Centre. Pledges made by OCT 27 may be paid through DEC 31.

**St. Rita Holy Name will have a pancake, buckwheat and sausage breakfast on SUN, OCT 20 in Bucci Hall, from 7am-noon.** Try their famous buckwheat sandwich! Adults \$6 and \$2 for children under 12.

**St. Vincent dePaul Society's food pantry serving the poor and needy of the Connellsville-Dunbar area is running bare and is in dire need of many food items.**

**To replenish food supplies, a food donation drive will be held SAT, OCT 19 from 9am-noon, in St. Rita's parking lot at the side door to Bucci Hall, where the food pantry is located.** SVDP members will be on hand to collect food donations. Items needed are: peanut butter, cereal,

canned fruit, Stove Top stuffing, pumpkin pie mix, canned tuna, canned chicken, pancake mix, pancake syrup, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, chicken broth, packaged noodles, vegetable soup, pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, cranberry sauce, rice meals and pasta meals.







Congratulations to  
ISABELLA FRANCINE, daughter of  
Thaddeus and Elizabeth Janus,  
baptized at St. John on SEP 29.

**Geibel is holding its annual winter coat/blanket drive OCT 21 - NOV 3.**

New/gently used coats, blankets and warm baby sleepers will be accepted. Items can be dropped off at Geibel from 7:30am-3pm. Items will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Connellsville Area Community Ministries.

For more info, you may call Marian Cadwallader at 628-5600 or email [mcadwallader@geibelcatholic.org](mailto:mcadwallader@geibelcatholic.org)

**If you need pastoral care, PLEASE have someone call the DeVivo Centre and Brady Centre parish offices. Due to HIPPA regulations, we are not notified by hospitals/other care facilities, so we may not know of your particular situation.**



**Nar-Anon will meet on WED, OCT 9 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.**

**Visitation (Mt. Pleasant) Christian Mothers will hold a rummage sale in their community center on THU, OCT 10, 6-8pm, FRI, OCT 11, 9am-8pm and SAT, OCT 12, 9-11am.**

**St. John Preschool (Scottdale) will host a Rummage Sale on SAT, OCT 12 from 8am-2pm.** Please call 887-6321 with any questions.

**Bishop Malesic will lead the annual Rosary Rally on SAT, OCT 12 in St. Joseph Chapel at the Christ Our Shepherd Center.**

The day includes 9am Mass, with adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation following. Recitation of the Scriptural rosary will take place at 11am.



St. John's Fundraising Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated food, raffle baskets, made monetary donations, and most importantly donated their time to prepare and serve the food for our 125th Anniversary Fall Chicken Dinner. Thank you all for making this event such a success. Profit was \$2,811.65.



**St. Joan of Arc of Farmington (across from Fort Necessity) is a participant in the 2019 National Rosary Rally. Please come pray the rosary with us on SUN, OCT 13, beginning at 3pm.** Call 239-4522 with questions.

**A Catholic Men's Fellowship Retreat will be held FRI/SAT, OCT 18/19 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, starting at 6pm and closing with Bishop Malesic celebrating Mass.** Register at [www.cmfgbg.org](http://www.cmfgbg.org).

**Everyone is invited to a Eucharistic Healing Mass on SAT, OCT 26 at St. Cecilia Church in Grindstone at 10am. A luncheon will follow.** Please call the church at 785-7781 if you have any questions.

**St. Pius Christian Mothers of Mt. Pleasant are sponsoring a cash Bingo on SUN, OCT 27. Doors open at noon. Early birds start at 1:45pm.** Your \$25 ticket includes an Italian lunch. Call 547-5269, 331-2546 or 547-1911.



Congratulations to  
BRITTANY TESLOVICH & TYLER PALFREY,  
married at St. John on SEP 28.



**to put YOUR ad in IC's 150th Anniversary Commemorative Book.** 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 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](mailto:IC Ads@StefanosPrinting.com).

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

If you are a parent, or have ever dealt with children in any way, you quickly learn that they always want MORE. Not only that; they also seem completely oblivious to how much they already HAVE. I cannot tell you how often I have heard my mother's voice come out of my mouth when I tell my children, "You have NO IDEA how blessed you are and how much you have compared to what I had growing up. Back in MY DAY..."

Without a doubt, authentic gratitude and the "big picture" of what really matters in life is a learned behavior that comes with age, experience, and maturity. And yet, we get frustrated by our children. Why don't they realize how much I do for them? How can they give me attitude when I am just trying to protect them and do what is best for them? It is difficult for us to wrap our heads around.

**AND YET, ISN'T THAT EXACTLY HOW  
WE TREAT GOD SOMETIMES?**

Unable to see the big picture of the plans God has for us, we falsely believe that God is trying to punish us by keeping us away from what we think we need. We ask God for help, but feel abandoned and alone. Is God even hearing me? Our first reading from the prophet Habakkuk exclaims, "I cry for help but you

*do not listen!"* We are impatient and believe that what we need must happen in OUR TIME. More often than not, our time means, RIGHT NOW. Yet our God promises us that, *"the rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of faith, shall live."*

How many times have we been unable to recognize how much God has already done for us? Think about this for one moment: The God of the universe not only created you but loved you enough to DIE for you so that you may have eternal life with Him forever: NOT because we deserved it, but out of pure grace! He gives us the very breath we breathe, another day to enjoy the beauty of His creation, many pleasures in this life, and other relationships to give us a glimpse of His love. And yet, we are still not satisfied. We take things for granted. We want MORE. We are completely oblivious to what we already HAVE. Sometimes I picture my Father in Heaven shaking His head at ME saying, "You have NO IDEA how blessed you are and how much I have already given you...."

Our Gospel tells us that if we could only have the faith of a mustard seed, we would be able to accomplish incredible acts through the

power of God. If ONLY we had a GLIMPSE of the bigger picture, we would see that everything we have been given, even our hardships,



are for HIS greater glory. Instead of acting as if our God is here to serve US, we would recognize that He has already proven that HE IS MORE than we could ever want or need, and that we are here to serve HIM out of pure gratitude and love. In this way, our "mustard seed faith" may not be seen in the form of miraculous acts, but in modest discipleship. Truly, discipleship requires ordinary and daily practices of fidelity and service to the God who saved us. How could we ever feel alone when the Holy Spirit dwells within us?

While it may be difficult to truly feel God's presence in difficult moments, we are told that God *"did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control."* He has already given us everything we NEED! He is there standing with us and for us; allowing us to *"bear our share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."*

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



**PRAY CONNELLSVILLE**

Included in your bulletin this weekend is an informational card for PRAY CONNELLSVILLE. We are still in need of quite a few people from our Catholic Community willing to pray for our great city on **SAT, OCT 12**. Please contact Mary at the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840 to sign up.



the repose of the souls  
of MARTHA CALHOUN  
(mother of Beverly

Shaffer), PATTY CHECK, PAUL  
"MATT" DILLON (father of Renee  
Soberdash) and DYLAN TRISTANI  
(nephew of Michelle Anderson),  
who died recently. May their souls  
and the souls of the faithful de-  
parted, through the mercy of God,  
rest in eternal peace.

**A Dedication Recital for IC's new  
3-manual Walker organ will be  
presented 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.

If family members wish to take up  
the gifts, please be sure to check  
with the ushers before Mass.

MINISTERS: Please call/email  
Chris Sparks with any dates you  
are UNable to serve in NOV.  
628-7510 or  
crsparks1@zoominternet.net

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>MON, OCT 7</b>		<b>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Carmine V., Anna K. & Anthony A. Molinaro (Margaret R. Molinaro)
8:30am	St. Al	Deceased Members of the Cole & Amdy Families (Family)
<b>TUE, OCT 8</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	St. John	Martin & Rita Griglak (Griglak Children)
8:30am	St. Al	M/M George Klepec (Daughter, Anna)
<b>WED, OCT 9</b>		<b>ST. DENIS, BISHOP &amp; COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, ST. JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Stanley Helinsky (Wife, Myrna)
8:30am	St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
<b>THU, OCT 10</b>		<b>WEEKDAY</b>
8:00am	IC	Stanley F. Himelinski (Andrea Himelinski)
8:00am	St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am	St. Al	Patty Broderick (Sandra Lincoln)
<b>FRI, OCT 11</b>		<b>ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	John. T Micklus (Daughter, Kristine Micklus Huffman)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Helen Mrosko (Nephew, Joseph E. Kozak)
9:30am	IC	June DeStefino (Debbie Braggie)
		Conn-Area
<b>SAT, OCT 12</b>		<b>VIGIL</b>
4:00pm	St. Rita	James Sperry (Wife, Evelyn Sperry)
5:00pm	St. Al	Dick & Catherine Lowe (Pam & Denny)
6:00pm	IC	John Zavatchan, Sr. (The Zavatchan Family)
<b>SUN, OCT 13</b>		<b>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00am	St. Rita	Andrea & Nellie Kruczkiewicz (Joseph & Family)
9:00am	St. Al	Pro Populo
9:30am	IC	Florian & Ruby Goron (Children)
11:30am	St. John	Helen Beecher (Son, John Pepe)

Altar flowers at St. Rita this weekend are in memory of  
the Marciante & Garletts Families, given by Tony & Jenna.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - OCT 12				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - OCT 13			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	R Specht S Harbaugh	C Baldwin C Baldwin	S Spotto N Spotto	M Waggett E Armstrong	N Mongell A Mongell	A Keller R Keller	S Dennison B Petrone
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CROSS BEARERS	H Specht	J Trimbath	O Spotto	E Kozel	R Barron	L Tomasko	L Thomas
LECTORS	A Davin	J Dunaway	L Galiardi	J Malone	G Heller	R Goron	R Marciante
ROSARY		P Herron			E & D Gmitter		





If I had a dollar for the number of times I've heard the word "busy" in the last few weeks, we'd have no financial concerns whatsoever. I have to say that I don't

like the word busy. Oh, it's certainly true. My plate is much fuller than it was just one month ago. I had to go and buy a bigger plate to fit it all. And a salad bowl. And a dump truck.

Maybe I don't like "busy" because it's become so familiar and cliché. Most of us are busy people. We live in a culture of busy. We overfill our plates because we can. Technology has made busyness possible in ways my grandparents could have never imagined. And sometimes our young people are the busiest of all – something I worry about a little.

But there are two main reasons I really don't like the word. The first is that Scripture does not have great things to say about people who are "busy". Paul has nothing good to say about "busybodies" – people who look and act busy but do not really work at the right things (2 Ts 3:11; 1 Tm 5:13). I've found that is quite easy to do as a priest! Then Jesus himself chastises Martha for being too busy: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." (Lk 10:41-42)

Realistically, I am not that much busier than I was before being made administrator because I like to keep busy. When I don't have something to do, I often think

about what I can or should be doing. So I often busied myself with many things. I envisioned all kinds of plans and projects for myself as parochial vicar – the problem was deciding which project was most important. Now that I am administrator, there is always something right in front of me to think about. It actually makes life a little easier – I don't have to think so hard about what God wants me to do on a given day. What is placed before me is what God wants me to do. In that way, as administrator I am not more busy, just less of a busybody.

It is so easy to be a busybody. It's tempting to fill up my day with ideas and projects that seem important or enjoyable to me but are really not what God wants me to do with my time. It's easy to add something onto my plate but very hard to scrape something off. But sometimes scraping is exactly what we need to do. A few years ago I scraped Facebook off my plate and I'm a better priest for it – it made me more about the "one thing necessary".

The second reason I don't like the word busy is that I fear becoming a priest who has a reputation for being busy or unavailable. "Father, I didn't want to bother you because I know you're busy." A diocesan priest lives his life to be bothered! It is one of the reasons we are called to be celibate: to be radically available to each person in our community. This radical availability that is core to our vocation can easily be snuffed out by busyness. Yes, it's true that I am busy.

### **BUT I AM NEVER TOO BUSY FOR YOU.**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

(Mt 7:7) Some days, seeing you might be the most important thing I do, but you'll never know if you don't ask.

That being said, I may not be able to fully listen to you right then and there. I may ask you to schedule an appointment at the office. I want to make it clear: **this is not my way of avoiding you.** It's just that sometimes I have something else on my plate at that moment. It may not be more important, but it may be more pressing. There is a difference. The best thing to do is to ask and allow me to decide whether I have time to hear you out. It could simply be that I have too much on my mind and cannot give you my full attention. I am only human – I get tired, frustrated, and hungry. (Mostly hungry)

That is why I have made my personal calendar available to Lisa at the office so she can schedule appointments for me. If you have emailed me or spoken with me in person and I haven't followed through, it is likely because I dropped the ball or because I have had other obligations that have taken up my attention. The safest and more reliable way to ensure that I give you appropriate time and attention is to call the office and schedule an appointment.

Having a lot to do is not bad as long as we are busy about the right things. I pray that I may learn to be busy without being a busybody – that what I do may always be about the "one thing necessary": the salvation of souls and the bringing about of God's kingdom. And I ask that in the moments when I let the busyness get to me you all will show me patience and understanding.