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[THE LORD] MAKES ... WINE TO CHEER MAN'S HEART;
OIL TO MAKE HIS FACE SHINE AND BREAD TO STRENGTHEN MAN'S HEART.
PSALM 104:15

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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SUN, OCT 28, 2018 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult\$4,660.00
Loose Collection249.26
Total:\$4,909.26

Cemetery\$58.00
All Saints\$42.00
Mission Sunday\$20.00
Mission Co-Op\$1,097.00

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult\$3,570.00
Loose245.00
Children/Young Adults14.00
Parish Improvements5.00
Total:\$3,834.00

Mission Sunday\$255.00
Accent\$4.00

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ST. JOHN

Adult\$1,960.00
Loose Collection258.00
Total:\$2,218.00

Cemetery\$38.00
All Saints\$30.00
Accent\$20.00
Mission Sunday\$25.00
Mission Co-Op\$660.00

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ST. RITA

Adult\$3,708.00
Loose Collection165.00
Total:\$3,873.00

Cemetery\$36.00
Accent\$5.00
Mission Sunday\$76.00
Mission Co-Op\$549.00

Bishop Malesic has called for a 2nd collection to be taken in all parishes to help those recovering from the storm that hit a number of areas in our Diocese:

THE COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP
IN THE CONNELLSVILLE PARISHES
THE WEEKEND OF NOV 10-11.

Ushers, please be prepared
for this collection.

THE COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP
AT ST. ALOYSIUS
THE WEEKEND OF NOV 24-25.



Deuteronomy 6:2-6 WORDS TO LIVE BY

A lot of us have words to live by. Our parents and their parents have handed down bits of wisdom that help us throughout our lives. Play fair. Try your best. Learn from your mistakes.

You probably have special words you live by. When something goes wrong, you might have some saying that helps you get through. When you rejoice with friends, words of thanksgiving may spring from your heart. When you face a major decision in life, you might fall back on the wisdom you have learned from others.

Fr. Francisco Lanzaderas will be the speaker for St. Al's Mission Co-Op weekend, NOV 10-11. Checks may be made payable to St. Aloysius. Envelopes for this 2nd collection are in this weekend's bulletin at St. Al's.

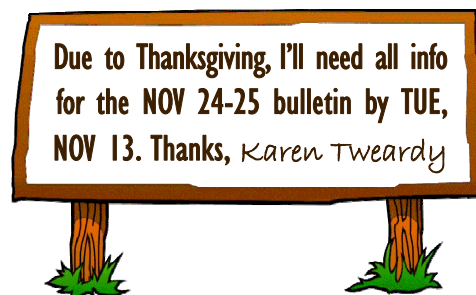
Perhaps you have these words of wisdom enshrined somehow. Maybe they are framed on your wall. Perhaps they hang from a banner. You might even carry them with you at all times. When you need your words, they are there for you.

When Moses received the covenant, God gave him some special words to live by. There were too many words for anyone to remember all of them. So God gave a few words for Israel to hear and remember.

"You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."

Those are the words that can guide us all our days.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcd-e-3; Lk 14:12-14

TUE: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

WED: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

THU: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

FRI: 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

SAT: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

SUN: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Extra monthly tickets are available at St. Al's. If interested, please call the Brady Centre office at 277-4236. Reminder: All money is due prior to the drawing to be eligible for cash prize.

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What's Happening at home

Tickets for IC's 150th Anniversary NIGHT AT THE RACES being held SAT, JAN 19, will be on sale after 6pm and

9:30am Masses in Sciberras Hall beginning *this* weekend. Cost of \$10 includes 1 horse + 4 admission tickets.

IC Holy Name will meet on MON, NOV 5 at 7pm in Sciberras Hall. All men are welcome.

St. Rita Christian Mothers need volunteers on WED, NOV 7 and THU, NOV 8 to make knots for their cookie sale. Icers should come at 9:15am.

Tom Severin's study on the Gospel of St. Matthew, WED, NOV 7 in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.

Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Catholic Community Children's Choir will rehearse SAT, NOV 10, in IC's Sciberras Hall at 11am. The choir will also sing for 5pm Mass SAT, NOV 10 in St. Aloysius Church, Dunbar.

St. Rita Holy Name will meet on SUN, NOV 11 in Bucci Hall after 8am Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served.

YOUNG adults will meet SAT, NOV 17 at Water's House, from 7-8:30pm.

Get your tickets SOON 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.

ATTENTION CONNELLSVILLE LECTORS: Your new preparation books for 2019 may be picked up in the sacristy of the church in which you are registered.



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.



From St. Al's pumpkin carving party



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.

There will be an Anointing Mass at St. Aloysius on THU, NOV 15 at 11am, followed by a light lunch in the social hall.





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

NOV 4-10 is designated as NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK. Please join Catholics from around the diocese on THU, NOV 8 for an opportunity to pray for vocations.

The Office for Priestly Vocations is sponsoring a Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations at St. Paul Church in Greensburg. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 11am and continue through the day, concluding at 6pm with sung evening prayer and benediction. Please stop in to pray for our seminarians and those discerning God's call.

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.

FINANCIAL CORNER

ORDINARY INCOME VS. ORDINARY EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



IC	St Rita	St John	St. Aloysius
\$29,998.34	\$22,966.95	\$12,705.50	\$20,115.00
(35,273.63)	(39,136.05)	(19,055.58)	(23,486.68)
(\$5,275.29)	(\$16,169.10)	(\$6,350.08)	(\$3,371.68)

NOTE: St. Rita finances include extra maintenance and utility expenses for the school building and some small changes in the social hall that are not part of the remodeling contract.

St. Aloysius includes utilities and expenses for the house in Dunbar not added to monthly expenses, plus replacement of a hot water tank in the social hall.

We are asking for donations to help off-set the cost of SESH (sharing, experience, 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.*



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.

THE RCIA DISMISSAL - WHAT IS IT AND WHERE DO THEY GO?

Now that the RCIA participants have been formally welcomed into the catechumenate, they will begin to be dismissed after the homily. They will be dismissed not from the Mass, but from the assembly, to go to another place and to take part in Breaking Open the Word.

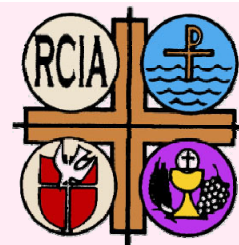
In this session, led by a catechist, the candidates and catechumens pray and reflect on the readings that they have heard proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word and also the ritual actions and symbols that they have observed. The purpose of this session is to consider the ways in which the Lord may be speaking to their own lives through these powerful signs of his love and how they can ever better respond to them and to make these realities active in their lives.

This year, we are beginning something new. In order that all four parish families have the opportunity to experience the rich and powerful prayer of the Breaking Open the Word, we will be moving every few weeks so that ALL the parishes in Our Lady of the Yough Community can host these wonderful people. I guarantee that you will be uplifted and inspired by their presence among you.

If the idea of becoming more involved in the RCIA experience interests you, call me at 366-9552 to see how you can participate, either as a seeker or a helper. I am looking forward to meeting you.

May God Bless You Mightily!

Melli Vassar



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH



**Love of God and Neighbor:
Judaism and Christianity
BOTH accept
the moral principles
of the "Golden Rule."**

*Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God,
the Lord is One.*

Our first reading and Gospel for this weekend reference one of the best-known and most fundamental expressions of Jewish belief: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. It is also the first phrase in the first part of The Shema (literally meaning Hear); the oldest fixed prayer in Judaism, recited morning and evening since ancient times.

Traditional prayer books also include a Bedtime *Shema*, a series of passages to be read at home before going to bed at night. The *Shema* has been uttered by Jewish martyrs throughout the ages as their final profession of faith in the one God of humankind and their love for him. Pious Jews hope to die with the words of the *Shema* on their lips.

The remainder of the first part of the *Shema* prayer invokes love of neighbor and practical practice of the law:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead, inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Many people think of Judaism as the religion of cold, harsh laws, to be contrasted with Christianity, the religion of love and brotherhood. This is an unfair characterization of both Judaism and Jewish Law. Love and kindness have been a part of Judaism from the very beginning. Intrinsic to Judaism is the belief that everyone is made in God's image and therefore must be treated with humanity. When Jesus said, "love your neighbor as yourself," He was quoting the Torah. Furthermore, He was quoting the book that is most commonly dismissed as a source of harsh laws: Leviticus 19:18. The point is repeated in Leviticus 19:34: love [the stranger] as yourself.

A large part of Jewish law is about treating people with kindness. The same body of Jewish law that commands Jews to only eat kosher food also commands them to love both Jews and strangers, to give charity to the poor and needy, and not to wrong anyone in speech or in business. In fact, acts of kindness are so much a part of Jewish law that the word "mitzvah" (literally, "commandment") is informally used to mean any good deed.

Jewish law includes within it a blueprint for a just and ethical society, where no one takes, harms or takes advantage of another, but rather everyone gives, helps, and protects one another. Again, these are not merely high ideals; the means for fulfilling these ideals are spelled out in their 613 commandments.

Contrary to what many people think, most of these laws regarding treatment of others apply not only to treatment of fellow Jews, but also to treatment of Gentiles, and in many cases even to treatment of animals.

Because of this fact, we must never forget that this shared moral emphasis can be the basis of an improved relationship between Judaism and Christianity. It can also be the basis of a powerful witness to all humanity for improving the lives of our fellow human beings and for standing against the immoralities and idolatries that harm and degrade us. Such witness is especially needed after the unprecedented horrors of the past century that the Jewish people have had to endure, and particularly in light of the most recent senseless act of violence in Squirrel Hill. As we continue to grieve from this tragic shooting and loss of life, we must stand in solidarity with those who suffer and work in harmony with those who seek a world free from violence and hatred.

Let us concentrate on what unifies us rather than divides; our love for God and neighbor. Let us stand with and for the Jewish people as we work together for justice and peace.

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



the repose of the
souls of DR. JAMES
BENFORD, GLORIA
GASBARRO, MICHELINE

NATALE, ED PIECZYNSKI and
MARGARET DIRISIO (mother of
Marge Orlando) who died re-
cently. May their souls and the
souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest
in eternal peace.

Altar flowers during the week at
St. Rita are in memory of Lou,
George, Fannie & John DeSimone,
given by Family.

Weekend flowers at IC are in
memory of Anna Misconin & de-
ceased members of the Misconin
Family, given by family.

Please remember
ANGELO CROCETTI
and FR. MICAH, the
newest additions
to our prayer list.



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

ST. AL MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
SAT, NOV 10 - 5PM		
SERVER C Baldwin R Barron	LECTOR T Nedrow	EX MINISTER K Andolino S Lincoln M Vinoverski
SUN, NOV 11 - 9AM		
ALTAR SERVER A Mongell N Mongell	LECTOR C Johnston	EX MINISTER J Laurion A Trimboth J Wallace
ROSARY SCHEDULE		
SAT, NOV 10 P Herron	SUN, NOV 11 E & D Gmitter	

The NOV ministry schedule is now
available on the parish website at
www.youghcatholic.org

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, NOV 5		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	NO MASS
8:30am	St. Al	Harry & Dorothy Lizza (M/M James Gambone & Family)
TUE, NOV 6		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. John	Frank & David Dursa (Joseph & Janet Simko)
8:30am	St. Al	NO MASS
WED, NOV 7		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	Chuck Madore (Barbara & Eric)
THU, NOV 8		WEEKDAY
8:00am	IC	Joseph A. Zavatchen (Joan Costello Family)
8:30am	St. Al	NO MASS
FRI, NOV 9		DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME
8:00am	St. Rita	NO MASS
8:30am	St. Al	Myrna Doppelheuer (Rudy & Jackie Marisa)
SAT, NOV 10		VIGIL/ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DR. OF THE CHURCH
4:00pm	St. Rita	Kimberly Taylor Harkins (Daughter, Kayla & Parents, Toni & Larry Taylor)
5:00pm	St. Al	Walter Malachin (Wife, Dorothy)
6:00pm	IC	Pro Populo
SUN, NOV 11		32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	St. Rita	Deceased Members of St. Rita Holy Name Men's Society (St. Rita Holy Name Men's Society)
9:00am	St. Al	Eugene & Jackie Baker (Lisa Andursky)
9:30am	IC	Elizabeth Bartholomai (Pat & Guy Rose)
11:30am	St. John	Paul & Theresa Gilpin (Don & Sandy Davanzo)

Fr. Bob will be away this week so we have only 1 clergy to cover Masses.
Unfortunately, we must cancel Masses on the days shown.

IC, ST. JOHN, ST. RITA MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
	ACOLYTE	EX MINISTER	CROSS BEARER	LECTOR
NOV 10 SR-4pm	M Pascoe R Specht	K Grenaldo M Sabatula D Grenaldo	H Specht	M Merendino
IC-6pm	M Martray A Lincoln	D Calinao J Geary J Kramer	A Silbaugh	L Grinko
NOV 11 SR-8am	T Barrett S Harbaugh	J Lembo G Lembo N Lembo	D Barrett	T Kezmarsky
IC-9:30am	L Geary Z Zimmerman	J Baluch C Baluch J Miller	A Geary	R Lazor
SJ-11:30am	K Yoders L Thomas	J Speeney L Martin P Daniels	N Gaudiello	M Martin

ADS



COVER PHOTO: The last piece (I hope it is THE LAST!) of the renovation of Immaculate Conception is now in place. Thanks to the craftsmanship of Saint John parishioner Ted Martin the church once again has an ambry. And what is an ambry you ask? Well, let's ask Wikipedia:

An ambry is a recessed cabinet in the wall of a Christian church for storing sacred vessels and vestments. [...] In Roman Catholic usage, [...] it is traditionally in the sanctuary (as in the altar area) of a church or in the Baptistry and is used to store the oils used in sacraments: Oil of Catechumens (indicated by the Latin letters O.C.), Oil of the Sick (O.I.), and Sacred Chrism (S.C.).

The previous ambry was a non-descript cabinet on the wall in the sanctuary near the former location of the baptismal font. Since the reopening of the church on Pentecost 2017 the two oils used in baptism (the Oil of Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism) had been stored in the priests' sacristy and carried to the back of the church for each celebration. This had only been intended as a temporary measure until a proper ambry was obtained for the back of the church in the new . Rather than buying a ready-made ambry from a church goods catalogue my desire was to have something uniquely crafted. Which is where Ted Martin entered the picture. Ted's work is evident in all three Conneltsville churches and he and I worked closely on the



renovation of the sanctuary at my previous pastorate, Saint John the Baptist in Perry-DISE. Thus it was only natural that he was the first person to enter my mind for the project. But I wasn't pressing the issue.

In the meantime Ted was working on raising the choir loft railing to regulation height. While he was up there he "nebbed around" a bit and discovered (and fell in love with!) a lunette above a never-seen door behind the organ. And the next time I mentioned the ambry to him he had decided to use that lunette as the main element for the project. And what you see on the cover is the end result. Almost. The framing around the ambry (which framed it in its original setting) will eventually be stained or painted to match the rest of the décor.

MEMORIALS: I hope soon to start work on the memorial plaque for the sesquicentennial restoration of Immaculate Conception. So as to have everything uniform and matching on the plaque I would prefer to have EVERYTHING memorialized prior to having it manufactured. (Often later add-ons stick out like the proverbial "sore thumb" as it can be difficult to match the original at a later date. As of now there are only THREE memorial opportunities remaining: the above mentioned ambry (for 4k) the ambo (aka pulpit, 7k), and the roundel of Saint Matthew the Evangelist (10k). These memorials can be split amongst more than one donor and arrangements can be made for payments rather than one lump sum. If interested please contact Fr. Bob.

MAIN ENTRANCE AT SAINT RITA: As anyone who has attended Saint Rita since the installation of the new floor has noticed, the interior glass doors at the centre entrance have DISAPPEARED. Unfortunately the new tile raised the floor to a level incompatible with the doors and since the frame was metal we couldn't "cut them down." (The wooden doors to the choir loft and

confessional WERE able to be planed down to fit the higher floor.) The removal of the doors left an ugly "scar" but Saint John's Ted Martin came to the rescue and refinished the doorway. Please pray for Ted as he just had his knee replaced TODAY (Tuesday 30 October).



BUCCI HALL: After 40-some years with an exposed concrete block façade the social hall at Saint Rita has acquired a "finished" appearance. I trust the parishioners (and the rest of the community) will find this a MOST agreeable improvement. I HAVE heard that there are some (I'm sure a very SMALL number) bellyaching that "Fr. Bob is spending all THEIR money." To set the record straight (which MY stubbornness impels me to do even though I KNOW that "haters gonna hate") the exterior of the social hall was one of the projects for which the diocesan capital campaign (Today's Challenge-Tomorrow's Hope) funds were designated. About 45K was sitting in our bank account EARMARKED (before my time here) for **THIS** project. Yes, we spent a little more than that but MOST of the funds came from the TCTH campaign.

Likewise, the new tile floor in the church and the new reflection garden have been funded primarily through donations and memorial gifts. If anyone out there has concerns I would appreciate (and Christian charity would dictate) that the person(s) come DIRECTLY to **ME** and not spread untruths and half-truths. Although, again "haters gonna hate" and don't really give a darn about THE TRUTH!

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