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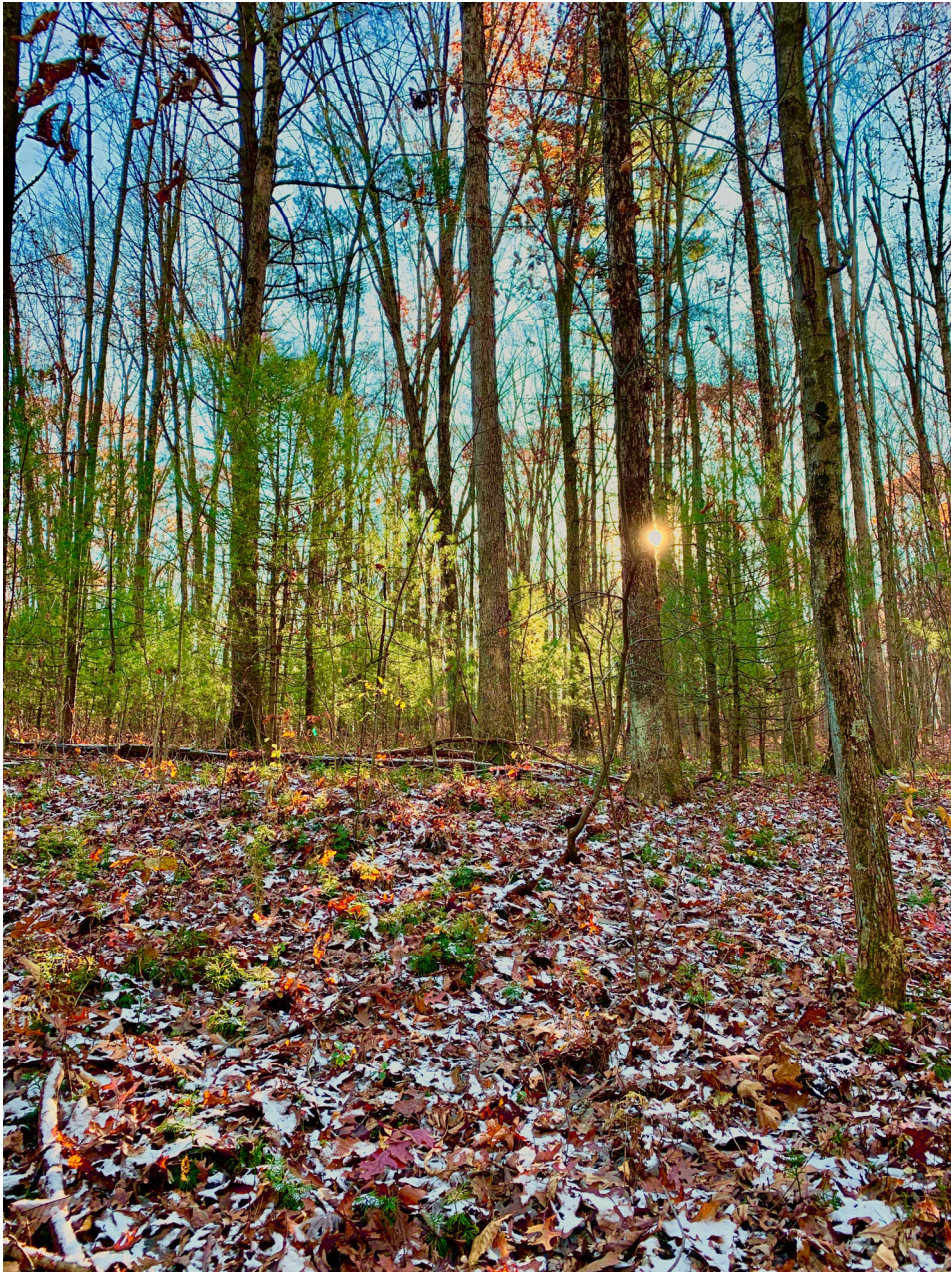


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To our visitors... If you are just passing through, we are glad you chose to worship with us. If you are seeking a new church home, please know there is always room in our pews and a place in our hearts for you.

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The Diocesan POVERTY RELIEF FUND/
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES collection will be
taken up at all Masses THIS weekend.

SUN, NOV 11, 2018 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult	\$5,673.00
Loose Collection	683.00
Maintenance	84.00
Total:	\$6,440.00
Cemetery	\$496.00
Accent	\$5.00
All Saints	\$133.00
Thanksgiving	\$27.00
Mission Sunday	\$5.00
Catholic Relief	\$10.00
Retired Religious	\$93.00
Flood Victims	\$751.37

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult	\$3,620.00
Loose	378.50
Children/Young Adults	21.00
Parish Improvements	341.00
Total:	\$4,360.50
Accent	\$66.00
All Saints	\$144.00
All Souls	\$107.00
Mission Co-Op	\$579.00
Retired Religious	\$115.00

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ST. JOHN

Adult	\$2,719.00
Loose Collection	274.35
Maintenance	95.00
Total:	\$3,088.35
Cemetery	\$401.00
All Saints	\$102.00
All Saints (last week)	\$630.00
Retired Religious	\$70.00
Flood Victims	\$432.00

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ST. RITA

Adult	\$4,411.00
Loose Collection	377.00
Maintenance	379.00
Total:	\$5,167.00
Cemetery	\$530.00
All Saints	\$117.00
Accent	\$25.00
Retired Religious	\$113.00

The 2nd collection at St. Al's THIS
weekend will be for St. Vincent dePaul.
Checks should be made payable
to SVDP, not the church.



Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 FORGIVEN ONCE AND FOR ALL

If you want to be forgiven, you do something to make up for your offense. You buy flowers. You replace what you broke. You take back your words. You say, "I'm sorry."

Life is never the same after sin and forgiveness. You become a person who is capable of a particular sin. But with forgiveness you become a person who can repent. People who became suspicious because of your sin now trust you because of your repentance. Everyone sins. But not everyone admits it. Not everyone apologizes. Not everyone seeks forgiveness. And not everyone grants it. Life is never the same after sin - it sometimes gets worse. Life is never the same

after forgiveness - it usually gets better.

The Letter to the Hebrews presents the ministry of Jesus as an exercise in forgiveness. His death parallels the sacrifice that priests offered daily for the forgiveness of sins. But Jesus did not have to be crucified daily. He died once. As the perfect Son of God, his one action sufficed to win forgiveness for us all.

Forgiveness doesn't happen until some words or actions take place. We usually don't extend forgiveness until the offender admits the wrong.

In the case of Jesus, he has taken the action for us. He has offered himself in sacrifice for our forgiveness. He has made reconciliation easy. When we become aware of our sin, we confess our fault. Forgiveness is already ours.

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Thanks to those who volunteered, ADORATION is able to resume at St. Rita. Please call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840 if you can fill any of the following half-hour timeslots still open: 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00.



Please remember ANITA ZENTARSKY, a new addition to our prayer list.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

MON: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

TUE: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

WED: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

THU: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day - Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

FRI: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

SAT: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

SUN: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Bishop Malesic's 2nd collection for local storm victims will be taken up at St. Aloysius next weekend, NOV 24-25.

ADS

What's Happening at home

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. Cinnamon rolls are \$4.50/half-dozen; other rolls are \$10 each.

ALL TICKET MONEY FOR ST. AL'S CASH BASH MUST BE TURNED IN BY MON, NOV 19.

St. Al will host the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on SUN, NOV 18 beginning at 7pm, with various churches from the Dunbar area participating. Refreshments/fellowship to follow in the social hall.

Tom Severin's Bible study group will meet WED, NOV 21 in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.

Our Lady, Queen of the Yough's Children's Choir will sing for the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am in St. John Church. The choir will NOT rehearse on SAT, NOV 24 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Next rehearsal will be SAT, DEC 1, in IC's Sciberras Hall.



We welcome FR. JULIUS CAPONGPONGAN, OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR FROM THE PHILIPPINES. As he blesses us with his ministry here, may we in turn each strive to be a blessing to him.

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.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOURS...
Fr. Bob, Fr. Dan, Fr. Julius and the staffs at the Brady and DeVivo Centre parish offices.

IC Holy Name men and anyone willing to give us a hand, will be putting up the KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS signs on FRI, NOV 23. Meet at the Festival Building at 9am. Rain day is SAT, NOV 24. See you there!

The Giving Tree will be in the gathering area of St. Al's beginning NEXT weekend. Please return all gifts by DEC 10 so that they can be delivered by St. Anne's deadline.



Gifts received after that deadline cannot be delivered.

IC Holy Name Pancake, Buckwheat and Sausage Breakfast on SUN, DEC 2 in Sciberras Hall, 7:30-11:30am. \$5.50 adults; \$3/children 9 and under.

IC Holy Name meeting on MON, DEC 3 in Sciberras Hall at 7pm. All men are welcome.

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 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.

On WED, NOV 28, 36 young people from our parishes, along with others from St. John the Baptist in Perryopolis will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

As a faith community we love and support them! Please join us in praying for them with the following Novena which may be prayed each day, NOV 19-27. Let us also pray for everyone in our community, that we, too, may fully receive and live the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God so generously gives to us!

A *Novena* is a period of 9 days of prayer imploring some favor or grace from the Lord. The tradition finds its origin in the Acts of the Apostles, where we read about Jesus' disciples spending nine days in prayer after his Ascension and before the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

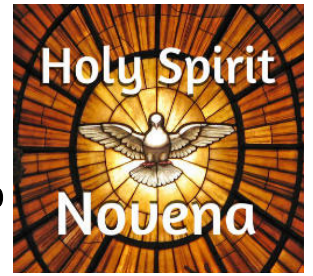
NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of God, grant me (*our Confirmandi*) the gift of wisdom to see the world through your eyes; the gift of counsel to make difficult decisions; the gifts of knowledge and understanding to use the mind to know you and to love you; the gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments; the gift of piety to be able to express special love and commitment to you, and the right kind of fear of the Lord to pause to wonder and revere God's Love.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth!

Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit dost instruct the hearts of the faithful: Grant that by the same Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in your consolation through Christ, Our Lord. *Amen.*



#1. ST. VINCENT DEPAUL WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OFFSET THE COST OF 25 FOOD BASKETS THEY ARE GIVING OUT. Checks should be payable directly to SVDP, and may be put in the collection basket this weekend, or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre parish office.

#2. CITY CHURCH NEEDS STUFFED, FULLY-COOKED TURKEYS DELIVERED TO THE SENIOR CENTER, 100 EAST FAYETTE STREET, AS CLOSE TO 7AM AS POSSIBLE THANKSGIVING DAY. Please call City Church at 628-0700 by TUE, NOV 20 if you can do this.



Congratulations to SAWYER NASH CAVAHAUGH, son of Brandon Henderson and Megan Cavanaugh, baptized NOV 11 at IC.



The Thanksgiving Festival of Choirs, sponsored by Connellsville's Mozart Club, will take place **THIS SUN, NOV 18 at 6pm** at Wesley United Methodist Church. Geibel, IC and St. Rita choirs are among the groups performing.

NO Nar-Anon, WED, NOV 21.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Annunciata #260 will meet on **TUE, NOV 27 at 6pm** in St. Rita's Bucci Hall.



Congratulations to CHARLOTTE MARIE, daughter of William and Lauren Coulson, baptized NOV 11 at St. John.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH



Our readings this weekend discuss something that most of us are extremely uncomfortable facing; the reality of the “last things”. This reality, known as *eschatology* (from the Greek word *eschaton* meaning last), comprise our human destiny: death, judgment, resurrection of the body, heaven, purgatory and hell. Very often, these topics give us a great deal of anxiety and fear; “death” and “final judgment” are not particularly fun topics to discuss. However, eschatology goes so much deeper than the theology of what happens to us when we die. Eschatology, rather, is meant to be a reflection on the content of HOPE, which consists of our promise of salvation and eternal life.

Most people who know me well know that I am an extremely anxious person. Although I have deep faith in Jesus Christ and in the promise of eternity, I have an almost constant inclination to overthink and go to the worst case scenario in my mind. When I allow the anxiety to take over, I am in danger of allowing despair (the exact opposite of hope) to overcome my every thought.

A few weeks ago, I was in an extremely anxious frame of mind for

a variety of reasons. I was worried about my children, as they were all very sick. I was also sick at the time, and as a result was very behind at work. I could sense the worry and anxiety were beginning to take over, so I prayed. I told God that I was not in control of my anxiety and I needed Him to bring me back to reality. As I prayed, I distinctly heard God say to me that He was going to help me be more HOPEFUL. He was going to help me naturally choose HOPE instead of DESPAIR.

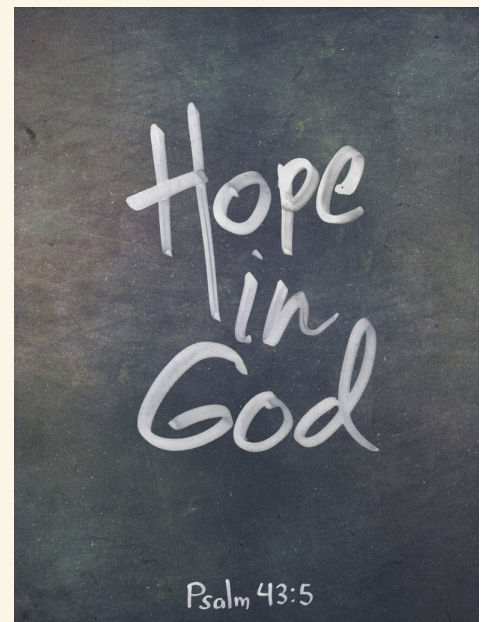
What is hope? Hope is the longing, expectation, and desire for a better reality or outcome. Hope is the proper virtue of the “not yet.” Hope is something we consciously CHOOSE every day with the help of God, and we can’t live without it! We HOPE for Heaven because we have a natural desire for God. In other words, hope is the passion that drives us in the direction of the object of God! Hope, however, is not the same thing as optimism. While optimism simply wishes things will work out, hope reaches deeper and goes farther. Hope is the expectation that the bleak monotony of everyday life will not have the last word. Hope believes that reality is open to something MORE. Man is understood as being rooted in hope; the *longing* that everything will turn out alright in the end.

This outcome that we hope for does not depend on us, but rather on an “other,” and that “other” is God. Unless hope is grounded in God (faith), it has no secure footing. Hope must be a supernatural virtue that comes out of faith, or it is no virtue at all. The only reason that we know anything meaningful about hope is because it is given to

us through the revelation of the supernatural. In the midst of death and despair, God gives us the gift of hope; the promise that God will not leave us orphaned! Although death is not something any of us WANT to think about, we must emphasize death; otherwise, we fail to appreciate at the deepest level what Christ came to deliver us from! In this way, hope because a supernatural habit of the mind; a habit of the will by which we confidently and trustfully expect and aspire to everything that God has promised us.

As we consider the “last things,” may we persist in the hope given to us by Jesus Christ through His suffering, death and resurrection. May we come before Him in praise and thanksgiving for freely gifting us with the reason for our hope.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of LAVERNE CARINGOLA, MARGARET GEMAS, ELIZABETH HUDAK (Aunt of Anna Trim-bath), and FR. MICAH KOZOIL, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

As another highlight of their year-long anniversary celebration, IC is hosting a trip to see "JESUS" on SAT, AUG 10, 2019 at the Sight and Sound Theatres in Lancaster, PA. Only 48 tickets are available, so reserve yours NOW by calling Guy Rose at 880-5885 or Patty Rose at 880-4919. Cost of \$150 includes bus, show and dinner. A \$25 deposit, payable to IC, reserves your spot. With your deposit, please include a list of each person attending plus phone number, and indicate if there are any children under age 12. Envelopes marked "Jesus" may be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the DeVivo Centre office. Balance of payment is due by JUN 1, 2019.

Altar flowers at St. Rita are in memory of Pauline Rose, given by daughters Paula Childs, Patty Miller and Families.

Flowers at IC are in memory of Terry Soldano, from Mom and Family.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, NOV 19		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. Rita	John & Frances Karaffa (Family)
8:30am	St. Rita	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Pat Orlando (Family)
TUE, NOV 20		WEEKDAY
8:00am	St. John	Jean M. Wrote (Daughter, Judy & Son-in-Law, Bob)
8:30am	St. Al	George Trimbath (Wife, Carol)
WED, NOV 21		PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00am	St. Rita	Deceased Members of the Joseph Gmitter Family (Wilma A. Petrowski)
THU, NOV 22		ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN/MARTYR / THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00am	St. John	For the Parishioners
FRI, NOV 23		ST. CLEMENT I, POPE/MARTYR, ST. COLUMBAN, ABBOT, BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, PRIEST/MARTYR
8:00am	St. Rita	Edward Schott (Wife, Kathleen & Family)
8:15am	St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am	St. Al	Walter Kasunic (Kasunic Family)
SAT, NOV 24		ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
1:30pm	IC	Wedding of Angela McLaughlin & Nicholas Mizikar VIGIL/
4:00pm	St. Rita	Angeline Colatch (Gina & Jim Lembo)
5:00pm	St. Al	Pro Populo
6:00pm	IC	Frank, Margaret & Francis Beni (Daughter & Sister, Barbara Jean)
SUN, NOV 25		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
8:00am	St. Rita	Deceased Members, Directors & Organists of St. Rita Choir (St. Rita Choir)
9:00am	St. Al	Matt Tabaj (Brother, John) Anthony & Cecilia Maddas (Carol & Randy Johnston)
9:30am	IC	Henry L. Molinaro (James Daugherty)
11:30am	St. John	Josephine & Roger Shaw (Family)

ST. AL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT, NOV 24 - 5PM

SERVER	LECTOR	EX MINISTER
J Trimbath	T Nedrow	S Lincoln
W Trimbath		D Marchewka
		M Vinoverski

SUN, NOV 25 - 9AM

ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EX MINISTER
M Cree	G Heller	J Laurion
F Vinoverski		S Smith
		J Wallace

ROSARY SCHEDULE

SAT, NOV 24
J Connell

SUN, NOV 25
B Klotz

IC, ST. JOHN, ST. RITA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	ACOLYTE	EX MINISTER	CROSS BEARER	LECTOR
NOV 24	R Specht	G Lembo	H Specht	A Davin
SR-4pm	Z Zimmerman	J Lembo N Lembo		
IC-6pm	G Gailey M Speeney	P Calinao J Geary J Kramer	H Hart	R Goron
NOV 25	M Waggett	C Waggett	E Kozel	J Malone
SR-8am	E Armstrong	B Bielecki N Stasia		
IC-9:30am	A Zavatchan B Zavatchan	J Colvin M DeFazio P Akers	A Zavatchan	B Colvin
SJ-11:30am	A Bandemer G Schradel	P Daniels L Martin J Speeney	D Firestone	R Marciante

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RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR

SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

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

SAINT ALOYSIUS CEMETERY: Three weeks back, on the last Sunday of October, George Klotz the Younger spoke at the 9am Mass seeking help for a cemetery cleanup. Much to his (and MY) delight 18 people volunteered to assist. So on the rather miserable day after All Soul's (Saturday 3 November) a hearty group of concerned "Aloysius-ians" braved the elements and accomplished more in that cemetery than has been accomplished in years. I know that the state of the cemetery has been a sore point for some time (to the point, I understand, that some internees have "gotten up and left"!); I hope that this great effort marks a turning point for that sacred ground wherein rest the mortal remains of so many of our forebears. It certainly serves as a powerful demonstration of love for and service to one's parish! My heartfelt thanks to George for organising this and to his partner-in-crime Mary Lynn Pounds for donating hours and hours of their free time trying to keep the cemetery presentable.

THE WIDOW'S MITE: In last week's Gospel we heard the famous story of the widow's mite in which Jesus praises the widow for giving a tiny amount from "her need," contrasting her with the wealthy who were giving large amounts from "their surplus." I knew that this Gospel reading was coming up, but didn't realise it would be whilst I

was on holiday. I was greatly disappointed as I already had the outlines of a homily in my mind. Since I DIDN'T get to preach on this powerful scripture please indulge me as I share a few thoughts here

In the bulletin the week prior to hearing the "widow's mite" September's financial information for each parish was published. Unlike August's numbers when two parishes were in the black (causing the silly accusation that I was trying to make another parish look bad) this time **ALL FOUR** were in the red **BIG TIME**. (Remember we are talking **ORDINARY** income - i.e. the weekly collection - and **ORDINARY** expenses i.e salaries, utilities, diocesan assessment, etc. While two of the parishes have nice reserves those funds will eventually **DISAPPEAR** if expenses continually outpace income.)

Our Chief Shepherd, Bishop Malesic, has repeatedly said that he is **NOT** going to close parishes, rather parishes will close **THEMSELVES** when they can no longer "pay their bills." So if **YOU** want **YOUR** parish to continue to exist **YOU** must do **YOUR** part. I know that some reading this will be irritated because the priest "talked about money." I'm sorry, but what choice do I have. And to be clear its "no skin off my nose" if one, or two, or three of these parishes close (even, quite honestly, if the parish in which I was reared were among them); actually it would make my life, and my staff's, a lot **EASIER**. **MY** devotion is to **THE CHURCH** as the living Body of Christ, **NOT** to any particular building. Be that as it may,

loving Our Lady, Queen of the Yough, Community with its diversity of churches, ethnicities, traditions, I have no desire to see parishes shut down. However, it isn't up to me; the ball is in **YOUR** court. Which leads to last Sunday's Gospel.



We are blessed with parishioners who give their "widow's mite" in support of their parish. And we have a few blessed souls who give **QUITE GENEROUSLY** from "their surplus." But in between we have quite a few who through in the equivalent of a "widow's mite" (the same one or two dollars they've thrown in the basket from time immemorial) when they could **COMFORTABLY** do more. It is this last group who in the end will **MAKE** or **BREAK** their parish.

COVER PHOTO: A late afternoon hike through the woods of Centre County on an early November day. Yes, that is some **SNOW** on the ground!

Which means it is time to remind parishioners that when the Connellsville School District delays or cancels classes on a Tuesday or Thursday the 8am Mass will be celebrated at SAINT RITA.

The 8:30 Mass at Saint Aloysius will NOT be affected.

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