

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January  
Month of the  
Holy Childhood  
of Jesus

January 29, 2017  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HH - Hitch Hall  
R - Rectory CH - Church  
WH - Waldeisen Hall  
MH - Maher Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Time & Intention	Server(s)	Readings	Event/Meeting
Mon Jan 30		5:30 pm <b>Ambrosio Ranaldi &amp; Richard Rea</b> by Ida Rea	Wilson	Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20	
Tues Jan 31	John Bosco, Priest			Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm <b>MH</b>
Wed Feb 1		5:30 pm <b>Franco Fanizzi</b> by Tony Bowers	Wilson	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6	
Thur Feb 2	The Presentation of The Lord			Mal 3:1-14; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40	<b>SVdP</b> 11:30 am <b>HH</b>
Fri Feb 3	Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Ansgar, Bishop <b>Blessing of Throats</b>	5:30 pm <b>Elisabeth Jelus</b> by Bob & Vilma Saxon	Wilson	Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29	
Sat Feb 4		5:30 pm <b>Sr. Justine &amp; the Sisters of St. Augustine</b> by Chris & Noreen McDonald	Morgan	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34	<b>Free Store</b> 9:30 - Noon <b>MH</b> <b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am <b>CH</b>
Sun Feb 5	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>People of the Parish</b> 11:00 am <b>Joseph Placanica</b> by Tom & Eileen Clark	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Brewer Brewer	Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16	

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

**Holy Hours:** Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 5 Holy Hours last week

*The One who sent me is with me. He has not deserted me since I always do what pleases him.* John 8:29

### COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$3,020

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$115

90 of 345 Envelopes Used.

To receive your 2016 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.

**Masses** - We're currently scheduling Masses for 2017. If you'd like to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the rectory.

### Parish Registration Records

Please contact the rectory with any updates to your parish record, such as disconnected landline numbers, children moving out, emergency contact names and phone numbers, etc.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

•**Soup for the Soul** - Sun., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, noon to 2 pm.

The Parish Activities Committee will be hosting this event in Waldeisen Hall. We are looking for up to 15 chili/soup chefs so be sure to sign up in the back of the church. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from Parish Activities members after Masses.

•**World Marriage Day** is Sun., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. We will again honor the Christian marriages in our parish with flowers for the altar. Please return a completed form with your flower donation in the collection basket or to the rectory by Thurs., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Extra forms are available at all doors of the church.

•**Blessing of Throats** - In honor of the Feast Day of St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat illnesses, Fr. Sam will bless throats at the 5:30 pm Mass on Fri., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Thank you** to all who helped to make quick work of taking down the Christmas decorations in the church. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

### Family News Corner

Congratulations to parishioners Abigail & Daniel Brewer for their academic success for the second quarter grading period at Hoban. Daniel was awarded Highest Honors (GPA over 3.85) & Abby received High Honors (GPA 3.5 to 3.84).

## History of Popes

**#50 – Pope Anastasius II** (*pronounced ann-uh-STAY-shuss*) - Pope from 496-498 A.D. Died: 498 A.D. Anastasius II was the son of a priest (they could still be married back then) and was elected pope on November 24, 496. Anastasius II was of a more peaceful and accommodating temperament than his predecessor and had been elected precisely for that trait by those who wanted to end the East-West schism. The Acacian schism (over Christ's nature) continued to rage and Anastasius II, wishing to get the Church back in union with the East, made several moves to reconcile the two sides. One of the moves toward ending the schism was granting communion to Photinus, a deacon who had been denounced by Gelasius I (the previous pope) as an Acacian heretic. Though it's reasonable to conclude that the pope would only have reconciled Photinus if the latter confessed the true faith, Anastasius II was still pilloried for his decision. He also condemned the heresy of Traducianism, which taught that the soul was passed to a child hereditarily instead of being created by God. Anastasius died almost two years to the day after his election (November 16, 498) and was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. The rival faction (against reconciling with the East) called Anastasius' untimely death "divine retribution" by God. A new schism sprang up and Anastasius' reputation as an apostate lasted until medieval times. Pope Anastasius II is probably best known for his supposed mention in Dante's *Inferno*, and not in a good way. Modern Dante scholars, however, now say that Dante intended to refer to Anastasius the emperor, not the pope. This marked what has to be one of the only times both the pope and a world leader bore the same name, as both Pope Anastasius II and Byzantine Emperor Anastasius I were in power at the same time. What else was going on in the world at the time? Aryabhata, an Indian astronomer and mathematician, correctly calculated  $\pi$  (3.14...) to four hundred decimal places. There's upwards of 10 trillion decimal places we know of now."

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Do you ever read the commentary preceding the readings in the missalette? The commentary this week does an excellent job of pulling all three readings together. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples, those who follow & wish to learn from him, about the things necessary for those called to live in the Kingdom of Heaven. As his disciples we're called to live out these Beatitudes in our daily lives. As stewards of the faith we're called to seek the Lord, keep his commandments, seek justice & live humbly. Zephaniah refers to those who take refuge in the Lord in this way as "a remnant." St. Paul defines the remnant as those chosen by God to shame the wise, the strong and those who boast of themselves rather than giving praise to God. How well do you live the Beatitudes in your daily life? Do you desire to live for and serve those in need or are you attached to the things of this life, risking the neglect of God and the poor? Are you gentle with others, do you mourn over the evil in our world? Do you forgive those who wrong you and ask forgiveness of those you have wronged? Do you seek the morality that comes from God or that which society tries to dictate? Do you seek to create and live in peace? Spend time in stewardship of prayer seeking to live as the remnant, the "Beatitude People."

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**In His Name** – Warm socks for men, women & children in partnership with Project Hope, a ministry of Hoban High School. We will continue to accept donations for the Peter Maurin Center which serves the poor and the homeless in Akron. They are in **desperate need** of travel-size toiletries. Please drop your donations in the designated baskets by the main doors of the church.

**Bingo** – Doors open at 8:30 am, game at 11 am every Wednesday. If you are available to help with floor sales of Instant Bingo, to serve as callers or checkers, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429.

**CareCards** is designed to send notes of cheer and encouragement to our shut-ins. *Simply make or purchase cards, write personal notes inside, sign your name & put them (unsealed) in the CareCards basket* by the main doors of the church. The cards will be sent to parishioners in nursing care facilities, hospitals and will be delivered to shut-ins during First Friday communion calls. This is a great activity for the whole family! Thank you for thinking of & encouraging others.

A six-part series of monthly videos from "Building on the Word" hosted & produced by Fr. George Smiga, can be seen by going to [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org) and clicking on the link to "Building on the Word," or by visiting [buildingontheword.org/videos](http://buildingontheword.org/videos). The series is intended to deepen one's faith and invite viewers to question whether they consider their own lives as random or gifted with a larger purpose. Fr. Smiga is pastor of St. Noel Parish in Willoughby Hills and an instructor in scripture and homiletics at St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe.

## Off-Site Events

- **The Wild Goose Retreat:** Feb. 3-5, Loyola Retreat House, 700 Killinger Rd., Clinton, OH 44216. Directed by Abbot Clement Zeleznik, OSB, this retreat will lead you into a more profound life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. \$165 per person (\$50 due with registration). Registration form at [loyolaretreathouse.com](http://loyolaretreathouse.com) or call 330-896-2315.
- **Console the Heart of Jesus:** This video/discussion program will be held on Tuesdays from 7- 8:30 pm in SS Peter & Paul School Gym, 169 W Clinton St. Doylestown. Program starts February 7<sup>th</sup> and finishes on Divine Mercy Sunday. To register or for more information, email Paul Petit at [pdp30@ohio.net](mailto:pdp30@ohio.net) or call 330-658-4712.
- **LEAF Ministry:** Listening, Encouraging and Assisting Families of the Incarcerated. Confidential meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Parish, 2425 Myersville Rd. There is no cost to attend; all are welcome, including children.