

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 5, 2017
Fifth 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 Feb 6	Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	5:30 pm Regina Jenkins by Family	Burkhart	Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56	
Tues Feb 7				Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13	Free Store 4:30 – 7 pm MH
Wed Feb 8	Jerome Eliliani; Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	5:30 pm Midge (Knepp) Sutter by Mike & Bonnie Vargo	Burkhart	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Feb 9				Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30	
Fri Feb 10	Scholastica, Virgin	5:30 pm Shirley Shorder by Terry	Burkhart	Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37	
Sat Feb 11		5:30 pm Charlotte Zagar by Zagar Family	Morgan	Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10	Free Store 9:30 – Noon MH Confessions 9 – 10 am CH
Sun Feb 12	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day	8:30 am People of the Parish 11:00 am Special Intention of the Shaw Family	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Brewer Brewer	Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	Soup for the Soul Noon – 2 pm WH

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 Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving & wise. 2 Tm 1:7

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Sunday Offering – \$2,617

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$87

82 of 345 Envelopes Used.

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

Kenmore Free Store End of Year Report 2016

2,255.75 volunteer hours; 1,253 households registered representing 3,275 people; 32,023 total items dispersed in 2016; 64,122 total items dispersed 2014 – 2016.

Parish Registration Records

Help us keep our records accurate. 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.

St. Vincent de Paul - January report: we provided food for 249 people in 73 households.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

•**Soup for the Soul** - Sun., Feb. 12th, 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 (children 5 & under are free) and can be purchased from Parish Activities members after Masses. Please bring a dessert to share.

•**World Marriage Day** is Sun., Feb. 12th. 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. 9th. Extra forms are available at all doors of the church.

•**Pastoral & Finance Councils** will meet Thursday, Feb. 16th at 6:30 pm in Waldeisen Hall.

•**Catholic Charities Appeal** – The annual in-pew appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend, Feb. 11-12. We are asking all households to complete an appeal envelope & return it in the collection basket. There are places on the form to mark if you have already given in response to a mailing or if you are unable to give at this time. Information on the appeal is available at the main doors of the church.

•**Old Palms** – If you have old palms and would like to dispose of them, please bring them to church and place them in the box at the main doors of the church.

History of Popes

#51 – Pope St. Symmachus (*pronounced SIM-uh-kuss*) - Pope from 498-514 A.D. Died: 514 A.D. Symmachus was born on the island of Sardinia and was a convert to the faith. Within days of Anastasius II's death, a majority of clergy in Rome appointed Symmachus as pope. A small group sympathetic to the Eastern churches conspired to elect a different man, Laurentius, after being bribed by a rich Roman senator named Festus. Theodoric, the Gothic king of Italy, came to the decision that Symmachus was the rightful pope. "Laurentians," as they were called, continued petitioning Theodoric about Symmachus' illegitimacy by spreading falsehoods about the pope. Symmachus was eventually forced from his rightful residence at the Lateran Basilica for a time. When venturing to a synod convened to sort it all out, a small group of violent Laurentians attacked his travel party, injuring some and killing others, with the pope barely escaping with his life. The situation was resolved after some time, with Laurentius moving out of Rome and his followers eventually reconciling to St. Hormisdas, the successor of Symmachus. Much of Symmachus' papacy was wrapped up in resolving the still-brewing Acacian schism (rift between East and West over Christ's nature). Symmachus wrote letters defending both orthodoxy and the independence of the Church, in addition to other matters. He took part in restoring existing churches and erecting new ones, and also built houses for the poor near the churches of St. Peter, St. Paul, & St. Lawrence. St. Symmachus sent help to those being persecuted in various parts of the world, having sent alms to exiled African bishops & their fellow prisoners, as well as to Catholics in upper Italy being harassed by barbarian tribes. He died on July 19, 514 after reigning for nearly 16 years. What else was going on in the world at the time? Around the year 500, burials in the underground Roman catacombs, which had housed the bodies of Christians for centuries, were brought to a halt. The Church had been legal for decades and, as this allowed for more public burials in churches and cemeteries, the catacombs were no longer needed and were primarily reserved for memorial celebrations for martyrs.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be salt of the earth, light to the world & a city on a mountain. As we know, salt is used as both a spice & as a preservative; it gives flavor to our food & helps keep it from spoiling. Too much salt, however, can be harmful to our bodies. Light helps us to see our way in the darkness; it wouldn't do us much good to hide it and obstruct our path. A city set on the mountain could be very beautiful, but could also be formidable and unapproachable. The point to all this is that, as disciples, we need to be well-formed in faith & seek to live that faith everyday in a way that is attractive and welcoming so that the light of Christ within us will draw others to Him. We must not be arrogant or haughty in our faith, but humble and approachable. Our stewardship is to be like salt for the earth. By sharing what we have & who we are, we spice up, flavor and preserve our own lives as well as the lives of those around us & those in need. As a city on the mountain we're called to see the world around us and respond by working for peace and justice. Let us strive to live our lives of faith with humility and sacrifice knowing that all we have, are and do is a gift from God. Let us live each day for God and others.

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.

Off-Site Events

- **Theology on Tap Akron:** Wed., Feb. 8th, 7 pm, Winking Lizard Tavern, at 1615 Main St, Peninsula, 44264. Mother Theodora from Christ the Bridegroom Monastery will speak about Oil of Desire: Reflection on the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who would like to purchase beverages. Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's!
- **Ecumenical Prayer Service:** Sun., Feb. 12, 3 pm at the Akron Motherhouse Chapel of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, 1230 W. Market St. Guest preacher, Bishop F. Josephus Johnson II, senior pastor of The House of the Lord, will preach "Where Do We Go From Here?" Other participants will include the Peace Together Choir and Love Akron Network Executive Director, Rev. Mark Ford. This is part of the "Building Racial Harmony" program.
- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Celebrate the gift of love God has given you in one another and learn more communication techniques of a CHRIST-centered marriage filled with romance and intimacy. The next weekends are February 17 to 19 and May 5-7, 2017 at the Clarion Inn in Hudson, Ohio. Applications for a Marriage Encounter Weekend and further information are available online: GreatMarriagesOhio.org or call 330 305 9963.
- **Knights of Columbus Scioto Downs Casino Trip:** Tues. Feb. 28th. Cost \$30 - Free play TBA - call Donna White at 330-753-9984 for information & reservations.