

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 12, 2017
Sixth 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 13		5:30 pm Johnnie Mae Rentas by Freestore Friends	Hamilton	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13	
Tues Feb 14	Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop			Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm MH
Wed Feb 15		5:30 pm Franco Fanizzi by Tony Bowers	Hamilton	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Feb 16				Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33	Pastoral & Finance Councils 6:30 pm WH
Fri Feb 17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	5:30 pm Wheeler Family by Robert Berardino	Hamilton	Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 - 9:1	
Sat Feb 18		5:30 pm Zachary Kramer by James Kramer	Morgan	Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13	Free Store 9:30 - Noon MH Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Feb 19	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11:00 am Mona McLaughlin by Louise & Ron Olenick	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Brewer Brewer	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 4 Holy Hours last week

Before man are life and death, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Sir 15:17

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$3,972

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$517

103 of 345 Envelopes Used.

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

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.

Lending Library - Please feel free to browse through the books on the shelves on the back wall in Hitch Hall. You may borrow any books that interest you & return them once you have finished with them.

Bulletin - all items to be included in the bulletin must be submitted to the rectory by 10 am on Mondays.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

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

Return to the Faith

Next Tues., Feb. 21st at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. Please read chapters 7 & 8.

Stations of the Cross

Lent is fast approaching. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the main doors of the church next weekend for cross and candle-bearers for Stations. You may sign-up as an individual, a family or as a ministry group.

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.

Will you be traveling out of town? To find churches & Mass times in the area you will be visiting, check out www.masstimes.org.

Family News Corner

Congratulations to Joshua Wilson, son of parishioners Charlie & Christie Wilson, on becoming Assistant Patrol Leader & Chaplain Aide for Norton Boy Scout Troop 132.

History of Popes

#52 – Pope St. Hormisdas (*pronounced hore-MISS-duss*) - Pope from 514-523 A.D. Died: 523 A.D. St. Hormisdas was born into a wealthy Roman family, and was married prior to receiving major orders. Prior to being elected, Hormisdas served as deacon to the previous pope, St. Symmachus during the trying years of Laurentius' as antipope. He was elected just a day after his predecessor's death, on July 20, 514. St. Hormisdas is credited with ending the Acacian Schism, the rift between East and West that lasted roughly three and a half decades. Despite Emperor Anastasius' resistance toward peace, Hormisdas' persistence throughout his first four years in office finally brought about an agreement. Since it was primarily bishops in the East who were in error, believing that Christ only had one nature (instead of two – both human & divine), it was their signing of a confession of faith written by Hormisdas that officially brought the schism to an end. The confession of faith signed by the Eastern bishops became known as the *Formula Hormisdæ* ("Formula of Hormisdas") and was used at the First Vatican Council nearly *fourteen centuries* later to help define and solidify our understanding of papal infallibility. His feast day is August 6. Hormisdas' son, Silverius, ascended to the Chair of Peter just 13 years after his father's death. What else was going on in the world at the time? The abbey of St. Maurice was built in the southwest corner of Switzerland in 515. It's still in existence today and is home to 40 priests and 2 lay brothers, who serve five parishes in the nearby Diocese of Sion & operate prominent secondary schools.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Sometimes it seems as if society looks at the Ten Commandments as "The Ten Suggestions." Jesus affirms these religious values and their preservation and study, but elevates them as he begins a new era as the one who will fulfill them. As disciples & stewards we are to live them. "Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments & teachers other to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." Would your life, your charitable works, your faith life, your prayer life, your stewardship witness to a life lived for and in Christ? We must be cautious that we don't profess one thing and do another lest we be labeled hypocrites. Jesus is the model for moral piety and superior ethic. Let us strive to live moral, loving lives.

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.

Kenmore Free Store – Looking for a meaningful way to use your stewardship to serve & minister to others? Call the rectory or stop by Maher Hall Tuesdays 4:30 – 7 pm or Saturdays 9:30 – noon and check it out.

The *Demkee Family Scholarship Fund of the Catholic Community Foundation* will award one \$1,015 scholarship to a student enrolled at the University of Akron or satellite. Applicants must be a parishioner at a Catholic parish in Wayne or Summit County and maintain a 3.0 GPA. Scholarship applications are available online at: <http://www.catholiccommunity.org/grants> or contact Colleen Rigo toll free at 800-869-6525x4080.

Off-Site Events

• **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.

• **Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron:** Mon., Feb. 13th, 7:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building. Bob Friend, retired Radio host of the program Dream Machine, will be speaking about dream interpretation. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. For information call Sue 330-554-5626.

• **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 - 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.

• **Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction & Raffle** to benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County on Thurs., Mar. 2nd, 11am, Guy's Party Centre. Cost is \$20/person. Make checks payable to Women's Board of CCCS/SC. Paid reservations should be sent by Feb. 17th to Mikey Stewart, 45 Bermont Ave, Munroe Falls OH 44262. Include your name, address, and phone number. Please indicate if you have a seating preference with specific people. More information is available online at: ccocle.org/summit-county/womens-board/luncheon.