

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Time & Intention	Server(s)	Readings	Event/Meeting
Mon Mar 13		5:30 pm Fr. John Waldeisen by Fr. Mike	Wilson	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	
Tues Mar 14				Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm MH Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm HH
Wed Mar 15		NO MASS		Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	Evening of Confession 5 - 8 pm CH
Thur Mar 16				Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	Lenten Mission - Conversion 7 - 8:45 pm WH
Fri Mar 17	Patrick, Bishop	5:30 pm Mathias & Anne Stock by Family	Wilson	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-56	
Sat Mar 18	Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Mona McLaughlin by Mary Lore	Cole	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Free Store 9:30 - Noon MH Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Mar 19	Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Deceased of Osolin Family by Kevin Hudak 11:00 am Teresa Lee Goodspeed by Freestore Friends	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Hamilton Ortscheid	Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 3 Holy Hours last week

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor 6:2b

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$4,139.51

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$452

95 of 339 Envelopes Used.

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

Liturgical Ministers

Help will be needed for Holy Week. Please call or see Melissa to sign-up. First come, first served!

Evening of Confession

On Wed., Mar. 15th from 5 - 8 pm every Catholic Church in the diocese is to be open to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a penitential season and we encourage you to celebrate the sacrament of forgiveness either on Saturday mornings from 9 - 10 or on this special night. If you know someone who has been away from the church, please encourage them to come and accompany them.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

Altar & Rosary Society

Our first meeting of 2017 will be Tues., Mar. 14th at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Please join us! Please bring toothpaste, toothbrushes or shampoo for SVdP.

Return to Faith

We will meet on Mon., Mar. 20th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. Please read chapters 9, 10 and 11.

Conversion

Come and hear the stories of six biblical figures and how their lives were changed by opening their hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the will of God. Do something for yourself, spiritually, this Lent and see what God might have for you. This Lenten event will take place in Waldeisen Hall this Thurs., Mar. 16th & Thurs., Mar. 23rd from 7 - 8:45 pm. All are welcome; there is no fee to attend.

LifeLine Screening will be coming to the parish on Tues., April 25th. Discount coupons are available on the bottom of the posters at the doors of the church.

Life in the Spirit

Mark your calendars for Sat. & Sun., Apr. 29th & 30th for a great opportunity to grow in the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit. For information or a reservation form, please contact the rectory.

Lenten Reflection & Prayer from "Pope Francis - Living Lent with Love"

The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction. (The Joy of the Gospel) Loving God, how I long to be "infected" with joy! But for that to happen, you tell me that I need to be up close and personal, to be face-to-face. I need to be present and interact not only in the welcome moments of delight and agreement, but also at times when just being that near to someone's edges can be difficult, when being present to another's suffering and requests might intrude on my time and energy. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Peter, James & John accompanied Jesus up a high mountain where they witnessed His Transfiguration and heard the voice of God say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." This command was meant for more than just those on the mountain; it was meant for us as well. So, how well do we listen to Jesus? How often do we pick up and read His words in Sacred Scripture? How attentive are we to what He does - His actions? Fr. Mike is fond of reminding us it shouldn't be WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) but WDJD (What Did Jesus Do?) As His disciples & stewards of the faith, do our actions glorify God or ourselves? At baptism, we're given a mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus in our roles as priest, prophet & king. As **priest**, we share our stewardship in prayer and worship, reception of the sacraments, charity and witness. As **prophet**, we share stewardship through lives of faith, proclaiming God's Word and speaking the Truth. As **king**, we share stewardship by using the things, customs, traditions, resources and our abilities to build up our world and the Body of Christ. We contribute our gifts and treasure to others and the Church and we are guided by our Christian conscience which moves us to hear the cries of the poor and powerless & work for justice. This Lent, let us listen more closely to the words of Jesus and pay closer attention to His actions and then, as the Baptized, live them out.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name - We 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.

Lenten Almsgiving - The 3 pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting & almsgiving. Containers & information sheets are available. This year, our Lenten alms will help people in El Salvador as we partner with St. Barnabas Parish in Northfield who is working in the mountain region of Teotepeque. Our alms will support 2 programs: Education & Works of Charity (Obras de Caridad) which provides food, prayer, consolation, bus money and medicine to those in most need. We encourage you to eat a simple meal once a week, cut back or give up a favorite snack or drink and put the savings and your pocket change in your container.

Adopt-A-Plot - If you would like to adopt a plot, please call the rectory.

Lent 2017

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence - Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence (from meat & meat products) and is obligatory beginning at age 14. However, out of pastoral solicitude, Bishop Daniel Thomas has formally dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of St. Patrick which will be observed this year on Fri., Mar. 17th. Those who choose to partake of meat that day are encouraged to undertake another penance that day in the form of a corporal or spiritual work of mercy. In this way, a faithful Catholic still keeps the penitential spirit of a Friday in Lent & unites oneself more closely with the suffering Christ and His church.

Lenten Fridays - We invite you to participate by attending the 5:30 pm Mass, staying for some private reflection and prayer and then praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross - A sign-up sheet is posted at the main doors of the church for cross & candle-bearers. You may sign-up as an individual, a family or as a ministry group.

Off-Site Events

- **Lenten Fish Fries:** Fridays during Lent, Mar 3rd - Apr. 7th, K of C #3410, 2055 Glenmount Ave., 4:30 - 7 pm; Prince of Peace, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barb., 4 - 7 pm; St. Andrew, 4022 Johnson Rd., Norton, 4 - 7 pm.
- **Divorced, Separated & Widowed Catholics:** Monday, March 13th, 7:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Bldg. Carolyn Szachta, travel director at LifeCenter Plus, will share the various trips they offer. Refreshments at 7:15. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. For information, call Sue at 330-554-5626.
- **First Glance Open House:** Sun., Mar. 19th, 943 Kenmore Blvd. Doors open at noon; presentation at 12:45 pm. Light lunch & tour provided. All are welcome.
- **Cemetery/Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop:** Sat. Mar. 25th, 1 - 2 pm, Holy Cross Cemetery Office, 100 E. Waterloo Rd. All attending will receive a Catholic Personal Reference File with information about burial, cremation & Catholic funeral traditions and special pricing options. No cost, but registration is appreciated. Snacks provided. Visit www.clecem.org for more info. Register at 330-724-1297 ext. # 7.
- **Regional Retreat for Women:** Sat., Mar. 25th, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Akron, 9 am - 3 pm. The theme is "Living with Passion and Purpose". There will be inspiring talks, Adoration, confession, and fellowship. The cost is \$15 and includes a light breakfast & lunch. Registration & more info available at www.stfparish.com, by calling 330-644-2225 or e-mailing therese@stfparish.com.