

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 19, 2017
Third 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 20	Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin	5:30 pm Lynn Molnar by Greg Molnar	Brewer	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22	Return to Faith 7 pm HH
Tues Mar 21				Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm MH
Wed Mar 22		5:30 pm Carol Pahler by Fr. Mike	Brewer	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Mar 23	Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop			Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	Lenten Retreat - Conversion 7 - 8:45 pm WH
Fri Mar 24	Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm Bob Luxeder by Jean Luxeder	Brewer	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	
Sat Mar 25	Annunciation of the Lord	5:30 pm Franco Fanizzi by Tony Bower	Cole	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38	Free Store 9:30 - Noon MH Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Mar 26	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am People of the Parish 11:00 am Mona McLaughlin by Laura Fick	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Hamilton Ortscheid	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41	

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

Be merciful, as your Father is merciful, says the Lord
Lk 6:36

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$2,842

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$220

79 of 339 Envelopes Used.

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

It has come to our attention that there was an error involving the dates on some of the special collection envelopes in the latest packets. Not everyone's packet was affected. Easter flower envelopes need to be turned in by Palm Sunday to be included in the Easter Flower bulletin insert. Good Friday is Apr. 14th, not Mar. 19th. Our envelope printing company has apologized for any confusion this may have caused.

Liturgical Ministers

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

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

Return to Faith

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

Conversion Part II

Join us in Waldeisen Hall this Thursday at 7 pm to hear the stories of Jonah, the Woman at the Well and the Magi as told by Bishop Robert Barron. Pt. 1 was very interesting and thought provoking and we encourage you to come on Thursday evening to learn and grow in your Catholic faith.

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.

Thank you to all who came to support Bobby at his Practice Mass. Thank you to all who helped us overcome the problems of the power outage in the church by carrying hymnals, vesture, music stands & books, liturgical vessels and everything else that was needed from the church to Waldeisen Hall & back. This was certainly I.C. Spirit at its best!

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

To hear and accept God's call, to make a home for Jesus, you must be able to rest in the Lord. You must make time each day to rest in the Lord, to pray. (Meeting with Families, Mall of Asia Arena, Manila, January 16, 2015) Loving God, what you desire and dream for me is abundant life. What is desire is to make my home in you. I can be swept up in the sometimes frantic pace of my schedule. I can be held captive by my to-do list with all that I must accomplish before I close my eyes at night. Let me pause often in the midst of my busy day and ask: Where are you? Where am I? And how are we together? Loving God, rest and pray in me today. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The Woman at the Well came to draw water at noon when no one else was around. There are a couple of reasons for this: It was blazing hot at that time of day & no one wanted to lug heavy pails of water around and this woman was an outcast in her own community because of her lifestyle – married multiple times and living with men outside of marriage. It was easier for her to face the blazing sun than her neighbors. Along comes Jesus, who loves sinners, and He treats her with respect, love and understanding. These kindnesses transformed her, raised her up and allowed her to identify and use a gift deeply buried – that of evangelist, one who shares the Good News. She ran into town to tell those who shunned her what she had experienced and her witness caused the townspeople to believe and come to see and hear Jesus. Once they heard him they believed because their hearts, like hers, were open. What gifts do we hide? How many others might come to know Christ if we chose to use our time, talent and treasure to build up the Body of Christ?

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. 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.

CareCards – Please keep them coming! Those who have received the cards have told us how nice it has been to receive the cards and know they are being thought of and prayed for. To participate, purchase a card of encouragement or use one from the basket in the back of the church, add a short note and sign your name. Put the card into the envelope (do not seal the envelope) & place into the basket for completed cards.

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.

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.

• **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". The cost is \$15 and includes a light breakfast & lunch. Registration & more info available at www.stfparish.com, or call 330-644-2225 or e-mail therese@stfparish.com.

• **Julie Billiard School at St. Sebastian** will open August, 2017 for Kindergarten – 2nd Grade for children of all faiths who have special learning needs including autism, dyslexia, ADHD/ADD, social delays, etc. By 2020, the school will expand to K thru 8th grade. Open house dates are March 22, May 24 and July 12. For more information, call 234-206-0941 or visit www.juliebilliardsschool.org.

• **Retrouvaille:** April 21-23 - Retrouvaille (rediscovery), a lifeline for troubled marriages, consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. Supported by the diocese of Cleveland but open to couples of all faiths. A registration fee of \$150 is required. For more info, or to register, please call Marce or Liz at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

• **What Happened at Fatima? 100th Anniversary:** April 1st, 10 am – 2 pm, St Raphael Center, 4365 Fulton Dr NW, Canton OH 44718. Mass at 10 am followed by a Fatima talk by Fr. Nicholas Mancini and a video presentation by Fr. Andrew Apostoli. Light refreshments provided. A free will offering will be taken. RSVP to 330-492-7018.