

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 26, 2017  
Fourth 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 27		5:30 pm <b>Frank LaRocca</b> by Gerry Tarr	Keegan	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54	
Tues Mar 28				Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm MH
Wed Mar 29	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	5:30 pm <b>John, Ann Marie &amp; Beth Ann Kovalchin</b> by Kovalchin Family	Keegan	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Mar 30				Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	
Fri Mar 31		5:30 pm <b>Living &amp; Deceased of the Sons of Italy</b>	Keegan	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30 pm CH
Sat Apr 1		5:30 pm <b>Sr. Mary Justine, CSA</b> by Chris & Noreen McDonald	Cole	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53	<b>Free Store</b> 9:30 - Noon MH <b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Apr 2	Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am <b>Michael &amp; Corrine Bralek</b> by Michael Bralek, Jr. 11:00 am <b>People of the Parish</b>	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Brewer Brewer	Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45	

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

## Holy Family Candle - 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

*Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy.* Mt 25:21

### COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, March 19, 2017*

**Sunday Offering** – \$3,119

**Cap. Imp./Debt. Red.** – \$645

93 of 339 Envelopes Used.

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

**Ordination News** - When Bobby is called to the priesthood by Bishop Thomas, we will be following this outline – watch the bulletin for details:

**Ordination** – Fri., May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland. We're in the process of reserving a 55 person bus. Cost \$15/person. More info to come.

**First Mass** – Sunday, May 21, 11 am. **Reception** following Mass at the Knights of Columbus Council #3410 Hall on Glenmount. Mark your calendars and keep Deacon Bobby & his classmates in your prayers.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass.**

• **Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale** will be Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. We need all bakers to help with baked goods as in the past; it's always appreciated! Donations may be dropped off after 4 pm in Hitch Hall on Sat., April 8<sup>th</sup> or after Masses on Sunday. Thank you for your support!

• **Life in the Spirit** team members invite you to Hitch Hall after the 11 am Mass next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for coffee and donuts/cookies. Be sure to pick up a flyer for our next seminar, Sat. & Sun., Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Life in the Spirit Weekends are a great opportunity to grow in the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit.

• **Generations of Faith** - Our next session will be Thurs., April 6 at 7 pm in Waldeisen Hall; our topic will be "The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace." You may bring a snack or dessert item to share. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

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

• **Return to Faith** – Tues., Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Hitch Hall. Please read Chapters 12, 13, 14 & Conclusion.

• **Raffle tickets** will be passed out at the main doors of the church after all Masses this weekend & next by the **Knights of Columbus Council 3410** for their drawing in May. Tickets are \$5 & the proceeds will benefit our parish, Deacon Bobby and the other local seminarians.

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

*Exclusion ultimately has to do with what it means to be part of the society in which we live; those excluded are no longer society's underside or its fringes or its disenfranchised – they are no longer even a part of it. (The Joy of the Gospel) Loving God, I certainly don't like to be left out, to be ignored, dismissed or overlooked. Yet sometimes my attitudes or actions may make others feel that they're invisible or without worth or that their presence counts for nothing. Remind me, and often, that you are a God without borders. That there is a place for everyone at your banquet table. That the only requirement is to simply show up and know oneself as God's beloved. Amen.*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

How do we see? Do we see through eyes of faith or through eyes that see what they want to see? Do we see the pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters around the world or do we see through rose-colored glasses? Do we see the poor and hungry, the lonely, addicted and abused in our midst or are we blind to their plight? Do we prefer darkness over light? Do we see with eyes that seek justice or close our eyes to injustice? Do we see with eyes of indifference or with eyes of love? When we see pain, suffering, and injustice how do we use our time, talent and treasure to alleviate it?

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**In His Name** – The Peter Maurin Center which serves the poor & the homeless in Akron is in **desperate need** of travel-size toiletries. Please drop your donations in the designated baskets by the main doors of the church.

**Lenten Almsgiving** – Containers & information sheets are available at the main doors of the church. 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 Teotihuacan. 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'd 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.

### Liturgical Ministers – Holy Week

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

**Palm Sunday** – Extra lectors will be needed at each Mass for the Speaker part. Scheduled lectors will read the Narrator part.

**Holy Thursday** – Lector: need; EMHC: need; Servers: J. Brown, R. Baker, need; MH: S. Wilson, L. Wilson

**Good Friday** – EMHC: need; Servers: R. Baker, need; MH: L. Wilson, S. Wilson, need; Readers: Fr. Mike, Deacon Bobby, J. Brown.

**Easter Vigil** – Lectors: T. Cole, need; EMHC: need; Servers: Keegan, C. Wilson, J. Wilson, J. Brown; MH: L. Wilson, S. Wilson, need.

**Easter Sunday** – Extra EMHC needed.

### Off-Site Events

• **Lenten Fish Fries:** Fridays during Lent, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

• **Theology on the Rocks** - Food, Fellowship & Faith for Adults, Mon., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>, D'Agnes's, 566 White Pond Dr. Speaker: Fr. Jared Orndorff, topic: *Why Jesus Came: The Sacramental Truth*. 7 pm Appetizers, 7:30 pm Speaker. \$10 Admission includes appetizers – Cash bar. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.

• **Caring & Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 - 9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg. For information, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

• **What Happened at Fatima? 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

• **Job Opening:** St. Hilary Parish in Fairlawn is seeking a part-time communication coordinator. Requirements include excellent writing skills, graphic design experience, social media, & fluency in Microsoft Office Suite & Publisher; experience in Wordpress helpful. Competitive salary is commensurate with experience. Please submit resume in confidence by Apr. 1, 2017 by mail to Lou Camerato, Bus. Mgr, St. Hilary Parish, 2750 W. Market St., Fairlawn, OH 44333 or email to [lcamerato@sthilarychurch.org](mailto:lcamerato@sthilarychurch.org).

• **Community Pregnancy Home Opener FUNraiser:** Sat., Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, Todaro's Party Center, 6 – 11pm. *Tickets are limited.* \$75 ticket price includes \$300 funny money for gaming, great food and open bar. Wear your favorite team apparel. Tickets must be pre-purchased by calling 330-825-1900.