

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



April 2, 2017
Fifth 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 Apr 3		5:30 pm Amy L. Wise by I.C. Parish Staff	Wilson	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11	
Tues Apr 4	Isidore, Bishop & Doctor			Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm MH Return to Faith 7 pm HH
Wed Apr 5	Vincent Ferrer, Priest	5:30 pm Rev. Joseph Romanski by Fr. Mike	Wilson	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-49	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Apr 6				Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59	Generations of Faith 7 pm WH
Fri Apr 7	John Baptist de la Salle, Priest	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Wilson	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Apr 8		5:30 pm Zachary Kramer by James Kramer	Cole	Ez 37:21-38; Jn 11:45-56	Free Store 9:30 - Noon MH Bake Sale After Mass HH
Sun Apr 9	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	8:30 am People of the Parish 11:00 am Julia Ringkor by Betty Molnar	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Brewer Brewer	Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66	Bake Sale After Masses HH

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

He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. 2 Col 9:6

COLLECTION REPORT Sunday, March 26, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$2,789.35 Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$108
90 of 339 Envelopes Used.

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

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.

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.



Wedding Banns I

Michelle Riggs & Richard Coulter

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

• **Return to Faith** - this Tues., Apr. 4th, 7 pm, Hitch Hall. Please read Chapters 12, 13, 14 & Conclusion.

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

• **Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale** will be Apr. 8th & 9th. 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 8th or after Masses on Sunday. Thank you for your support!

• **PreBaptism Class** - Tues., Apr. 18th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. This class is required for all parents seeking to have their children baptized.

• **Life in the Spirit** - Join us in Waldeisen Hall on Sat. & Sun., Apr. 29th & 30th for a great opportunity to grow in the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit. Our speakers are: Fr. Louis Thomas, Fr. Mike, Melissa Keegan and Fr. Pete Colletti. There will be prayer, praise & worship, a healing service, Mass (Sat., 5:30 pm), and dinner on Saturday. Cost is \$10 per person or bring a friend save \$5 (\$15 for 2 people). Registration forms are available at the doors of the church. Call the rectory for more information & registration.

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

Today Christ is knocking at the door of your heart, of my heart. He calls you and me to rise, to be wide awake and alert, and to see the things in life that really matter. (Meeting with Asian Youth, Korea, Aug. 15, 2014) Loving God, I can't imagine what it must have been like for Lazarus to be called back from death. Yet over and over, in sometimes sudden, sometimes gradual ways, you call me toward less dramatic resurrections. You lead me into fresh thinking about the patterns of my life. You invite me to take a long, hard look at habits and choices that can keep me distant from you. Stay with me through this deep, inner soul work and lead me to new life in you. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Over the last weeks, we have heard stories of Jesus calling people into a deeper level of faith & relationship with him – the Samaritan Woman who learns that Jesus is the one who satisfies our thirst for God and the man born blind who was given the sight to recognize Jesus as the Christ, the Anointed One sent by God. Today we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus from physical death and as miraculous as that is, the story centers on Martha who is called into a deeper level of faith in Jesus when he challenges her to acknowledge Him as the resurrection & the life. His question, "Do you believe this?" is one that each of us must answer. With what do we try to satisfy our desires? What blinds us from seeing with eyes of faith? What keeps us from seeing Jesus and the way to life everlasting and inhibits the movement of the Spirit within? Take some stewardship of time in prayer to reflect on these questions, to break free of that which keeps us from being all we are called to be by God so we can grow in our faith and relationship with God.

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 – All Lenten alms containers & donations will be collected Easter weekend. If you'd like your donation recorded you may count the money, write a check to Immaculate Conception, put the check in the container and turn it in OR write your name on the container and turn it in. A basket will be put at the main doors to collect your alms. Thank you on behalf of the people of El Salvador.

Liturgical Ministers – Holy Week

Help will be needed for Holy Week. Please call or see Melissa to sign-up.

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: R. Compton, need; Servers: J. Brown, R. Baker, need; MH: S. Wilson, L. Wilson

Good Friday – EMHC: 2 priests, 1 Deacon, B. Tubo; Servers: R. Baker, need; MH: L. Wilson, S. Wilson, need; Readers: Fr. Mike, Deacon Bobby, J. Brown.

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

Easter Sunday – Extra EMHC needed.

Ordination News

Ordination is Friday, May 19th at 7 pm at St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland. Due to the number of men being ordained and the size of the Cathedral, we need to leave early to have a chance to get a seat.

Bus information:

Time: All persons who turned in form & payment need to be in the church parking lot at 4:30 pm. The bus will leave promptly at 4:45. Names will be checked off the paid list for entry to the bus.

RSVP: Reservation flyers are at all doors of the church. **You must turn in flyer & payment together;** first come, first served. If we overflow the first bus, we may reserve another **if** we have enough to fill a second bus. **No** reservations will be accepted by phone – please follow protocol. Cost is \$15/person, payable by cash or check. Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception with "Bus" on the memo line.

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.

Off-Site Events

• **God Revives Our World (GROW)**, St. Vincent's Parish mission, will be held each evening, 7 - 8:45 pm, April 2 - 4. The focus is deepening our sense of the Lord's love, guidance, strength, & peace in the midst of everyday, ordinary life. The primary presenters are Fr. Norm Douglas & Attorney Larry Vuillemin. Come one or all three evenings.

• **Retrouvaille:** April 21-23 - Retrouvaille (rediscovery), a lifeline for troubled marriages, consists of a weekend & 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.

• **Seder of Refuge Dinner:** Tues., Apr. 11, 6-9 pm, Temple Israel, 91 Springside Dr., Akron, 44333. Rabbi Brown will lead a traditional Seder meal, but rather than telling of the Israelites leaving Egypt, we'll hear from modern refugees who have come to Akron. The featured speaker will be Elaine Woloshyn, Exec. Dir., Akron Area Int'l Institute. The cost is \$20 which will benefit the International Institute. Purchase tickets online at www.eventbrite.com/e/seder-of-refuge-tickets-32508398495 or write a check directly to Temple Israel at the address above. This event is sponsored by the West Hill Ministerial Association.

• **Seven Last Words of Christ:** Sunday, April 9th, 7:30 pm, St. Sebastian Parish. Program features the St. Sebastian Choir, instrumentalists & soloists performing Theodore Dubois' famous work. No cost and all are welcome.