

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Date	Observance	Mass Time & Intention	Server(s)	Readings	Event/Meeting
Mon May 8		5:30 pm Sr. Francesca Rauckhorst by Family	Compton Keegan	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18	
Tues May 9				Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm HH
Wed May 10	Damien de Veuster, Priest	5:30 pm Immacolata Rauti by Family	Compton Keegan	Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur May 11				Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20	
Fri May 12	Nereus & Archilleus; Pancras, Martyrs	5:30 pm Ralph & Ina Keegan by Family	Compton Keegan	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6	
Sat May 13	Our Lady of Fatima	5:30 pm Zachary Kramer by James Kramer	Morgan	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun May 14	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	8:30 am People of the Parish 11:00 am Frank C. Smith by Fr. Mike	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Healing & Conversion

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

I am the Lord; the God of all mankind! Is anything impossible to me? Jeremiah 32:27

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$2,617

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$130

84 of 339 Envelopes Used.

Garden Soxx - We will once again partner with Park United Church on the Akron Family Garden Initiative. There are several ways you can be involved: sponsor a garden at \$50/garden for at risk families allowing them to grow their own healthy produce, sponsor half a garden for \$25 and or share your stewardship on Sat., June 3rd to help deliver and "plant" gardens. Call the rectory to help or if you have any questions.

Aquatic Alert! The Feb-Mar water bill for the church building was \$128. This is compared with an average water bill for the church building of \$35. This is not acceptable. **Please do not walk away from a running toilet!!!**

Ordination Banns II Robert Dale McWilliams

•**Adopt-A-Plot - Important** - We are asking all plot keepers to be available in the afternoon or evening of Monday, May 15th as we will be receiving a bulk order of mulch. Prior to this, we ask that you weed and prepare your plots. John will drive the mulch to each plot so that you can spread it over your area.

•**Kenmore Free Store** - We have officially moved the store into the basement of the school! Come by & visit or even better, become one of our ministry partners and help greet shoppers, sort donations, and help with checkout. Call the rectory to help or with questions.

•**Altar & Rosary Society** - Tues., May 9th, 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Please bring bar soap or Jello for SVdP.

•**St. Vincent de Paul** - April report: we provided food for 195 people in 65 households.

Graduation - Congratulations to **Deacon Bobby** who will graduate from St. Mary's Seminary and Graduate School of Theology this Thurs., May 11th with Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology degrees.

Family News Corner

Congratulations to **Stormie McCann**, daughter of Peggy & Don McCann, on making her First Communion last weekend and to **Christopher Wilson**, son of Charlie & Christie Wilson, for being crowned Prom Prince at Chippewa High School.

History of Popes

#56 - Pope John II - Pope from 533-535 A.D. Died: 535 A.D. John II is the first known pope to have picked a new, "regnal name" upon being elected to the Chair of Peter. Born with the name "Mercurius," John thought the name unbecoming of the papal office in that it honored the pagan god Mercury. He decided instead to honor Pope St. John I, who was martyred just seven years prior. Though we don't know when Pope John II was born, we know he was a Roman by birth and he served as a priest in St. Clement's Basilica prior to becoming pope. He was elected more than two months after the death of Boniface II, taking office just after New Year's in 533. Byzantine Emperor Justinian continued to heap praise on the office of the pope, reportedly sending a profession of faith along with many gifts to John upon hearing of his election. John II, if only indirectly, was known for having to deal with simony, the purchase or selling of church positions. Simony was apparently widespread at that time among both clergy & laity, with multiple riots breaking out and several bribes being attempted in the period before John's election. The Church turned to the Roman Senate and the Ostrogothic Court in Ravenna, Italy to deal with the problem. Reaffirming a decree passed during the reign of Boniface II outlawing simony in papal elections, Athalaric ordered it to be engraved in marble and placed at the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica the year John II was elected. From then on, if an election was disputed (i.e. if two or more men claimed to be pope) the Church would be forced to pay a fine of 3,000 *solidi* (solid gold coins weighing 4.5 grams each), which would be given to the poor. John II died 28 months into his reign, on May 8, 535. He was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 534, Athalaric, the Ostrogothic king with whom John II had formed solid diplomatic relations, died of tuberculosis at age 18. Apparently his life of "drink and debauchery" was a major cause of his untimely death.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Peter exhorts the Jews who were listening to him to repent, be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit, for the Spirit is promised to all the baptized, "whomever the Lord our God will call." We are the baptized, we have been called and we have a duty to continue the missionary nature of the Church. How do you use your time, talent and treasure to bring others to holiness; to lead them to Christ? Do you pray for those who have fallen away from the faith? Do you pray for an increase in vocations to the ordained and religious life? Do you pray for our parish and your fellow parishioners? How do you live out God's call upon your life? Let us follow the voice of the Shepherd so that we might "have life and have it more abundantly."

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CareCards – 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) & place into the basket for completed cards. The cards will then be given to our shut-ins on First Friday or to those visited in nursing homes or hospitals.

Contemporary Choir – Can you carry a tune? Do you play guitar or other instrument? We have just the ministry for you! Practices are on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm. Don't read music? That's ok, just come and check it out or call the rectory.

Off-Site Events

• **Divorced, Separated & Widowed Catholics:** Mon., May 8, 7:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Bldg. Fr. Ralph Thomas, DSWC spiritual advisor, will speak on "The Rich Years," touching on our thoughts, beliefs, worries, & social concerns as we age. For more info call Sue at 330-554-5626.

• **Theology on Tap:** Wed., May 10th, at 7 pm, Winking Lizard Tavern, Peninsula. Cash bar, \$5 admission includes appetizers. Jason & Brooke Roberts will present "Growing up is Hard to Do: Catholic Adulthood". Adults (ages 20s & 30s) are welcome.

Ordination News

Ordination is Friday, May 19th at 7 pm at St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland.

Bus information: The bus is more than half full so if you would like to attend the ordination Mass...

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: You must turn in flyer & payment together; by Friday, May 12th. No reservations accepted by phone. Cost is \$15 per 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. **Cookie Elves** we are going to need lots & lots of cookies, brownies and finger pastries (no pies or cakes) for soon-to-be Father Bobby's reception. All donations will be received on Saturday, May 20th from 4 pm to 7 pm in Waldeisen (front door) or may be dropped off at the K of C Hall on Sunday, May 21st after 8:30 am.

Setup Help – Due to an event at the K of C hall the night before, we cannot get in to decorate for the reception until 8 am on Sunday, May 21st. We'll need help that morning to help set up and decorate. The more people who come, the faster we'll get done so we can be back in time for Mass. All people willing to help are asked to be at the Knight's Hall on Glenmount at 8:30 am, Sunday, May 21st. Please call the rectory to share your stewardship. All hands on deck!

Ordination Gifts – We have been getting questions about gift ideas for Deacon Bobby on the occasion of his Ordination to Sacred Priesthood. He has a gift registry at www.henningers.com; gift cards or monetary gifts are also acceptable. If you check with Henninger's Religious Gifts, go to the Information bar, scroll down and click on "Registries" then click on Bobby's name.