

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 14, 2017
Fifth 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 15	Isidore	5:30 pm Mary LaRocca by Tony & Betty DeCarlo	Brewer Coffey	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26	
Tues May 16				Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed May 17		5:30 pm Ordination Anniversary of Fr. John Waldeisen	Brewer Coffey	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur May 18				Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11	
Fri May 19		5:30 pm Midgie Sutter by Joe & Ann Takacs	Brewer Coffey	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17	Ordination 7 pm Cathedral
Sat May 20	Bernardine of Siena, Priest	5:30 pm MaryAnn Duhon by Fred & Joan Kasburg	Morgan	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun May 21	Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	8:30 am Karen Hardesty by Family 11:00 am Walter McWilliams by Fr. Robert McWilliams	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21	Fr. Bobby McWilliams' First Mass & Reception

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

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. Psalms 33:12

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$3,938

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$540

102 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.

Memorial Day - Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am; no 5:30 pm Mass. Rectory & Food Pantry will be closed; there will be no Holy Hour Ministry. We would like to invite **all veterans** & their families down to Hitch Hall following Mass for some pastry, coffee & fellowship.

Ordination Banns III Robert Dale McWilliams

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

•**Adopt-A-Plot - Important** - Bulk delivery of **Mulch** on Monday, May 15th. Please be on the property tomorrow night any time after 4 pm.

•**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet Tues., May 23rd at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

•**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.

Thank you to all who came to **May Crowning** to honor our Blessed Mother. Thank you to all who participated in Generations of Faith this year - we learned a lot! Thank you to the **G of F Team: Nancy Lamb, Ben Meyers & June Osolin**. Thank you to all who brought snacks & goodies - yum! Next year we will be studying the Eucharist using the series from Bishop Robert Barron.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Fr. Jared Orndorff.....May 10th

Fr. Andy Turner.....May 13th

Fr. Sam Ciccolini.....May 31st / Birthday...May 30

Fr. Michael B. Smith....June 8th / BirthdayJune 7th

History of Popes

#57 - Pope St. Agapetus (*Pronounced ah-guh-PEET-uss*) - Pope from 535-536 A.D. Died: 536 A.D. The name Agapetus comes from the Greek Agapito. It means "beloved," bearing within it the root word agape (uh-GAH-pay), the highest form of love - that love which God has for man. St. Agapetus I had a busy pontificate, despite only being pope for 11 months. In confirming the canons of a council at Carthage near his election, Agapetus accepted converted Arians to communion in the Church, but made them ineligible to be ordained as clergy. He and five other bishops made an emergency trip to Constantinople in the middle of winter in a failed effort to dissuade Emperor Justinian from invading Italy. Being an opportunist, Agapetus took advantage of his presence there to depose the heretic Patriarch of Constantinople, Anthimus, personally replacing him with the more orthodox Mennas. This personal installment by a pope was the first such occurrence in Church history (it usually happened through intermediaries or neighboring bishops), and was a major reason Agapetus is venerated as a saint in both the Eastern & Western churches. If you'll recall, Pope Boniface II dealt with an antipope (Dioscorus) for his first 22 days in office. After Dioscorus' death, Boniface II pronounced him "anathema" (a heretic, basically) in addition to requesting professions of faith from Dioscorus' followers. In one of his first acts as pope, Agapetus ordered Boniface's proclamation *burned* before an assembly of clergy, thereby posthumously reinstating Dioscorus into the fold of the Church. He died April 22, 536 in Constantinople and his feast is celebrated September 20, the date of his burial. What else was going on in the world at the time? The great volcano Krakatoa is reported to have erupted in the year 535, possibly leading to massive amounts of dust being spewed into the atmosphere.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Ever been lost? We might presume that this question refers to a harrowing travel experience & in some ways it does, but the question today refers more toward being lost spiritually. As we make our way on the journey of faith we encounter many twists and turns, barriers & detours. We make decisions & choices that send us off the sure road and we find ourselves in unknown & unfamiliar territory as we become confused, disillusioned and even a bit frightened. We seek direction and clarity so that we may get our lives back on track and regain a true sense of direction. As Christians, we are called to follow Jesus who, in the Gospel, tells us that He is "the way and the truth and the life." Following His example & His teachings will keep us on a path that leads to the Father and to life everlasting. We will face temptations, doubt and times of struggle, but if we stay the course and keep focused on Jesus, we will reach our heavenly home. Let us spend stewardship of time in prayer and worship, stewardship of talent helping others & stewardship of treasure to continue the ministries and programs which bring us and others to holiness.

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.

Peter Maurin – Keep those donations coming! They were so happy when we arrived with supplies last week as they were almost out. You are giving dignity and respect to many!

Ordination News

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

Bus information: Reminder to all who have reserved a spot on the bus: Be on the property by 4:30 pm on Friday. Bus will leave promptly at 4:45.

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.

Off-Site Events

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Food, Fellowship & Faith for all Adults. Mon., May 15, D'Agnes's at White Pond. Speaker: Fr. Matthew Pfeiffer, St. Paul Parish, Pastor. Topic: My Sacrifice and Yours: The True Spirit of the Liturgy. 7 pm Appetizers, 7:30 pm Speaker. \$10 admission includes appetizers – Cash bar. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish.