

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May  
Month of  
The Blessed  
Mother



May 21, 2017  
Sixth 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 22	Rita of Cascia, Religious	5:30 pm <b>Cecelia Bonner</b> by Freestore Friends	Hamilton	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a	
Tues May 23				Acts 22:34; Jn 16:5-11	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 – 7 pm <b>SB</b> <b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> 7 pm <b>HH</b>
Wed May 24		5:30 pm <b>Franco Fanizzi</b> by Tony Bowers	Hamilton	Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-15	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm <b>CH</b>
Thur May 25	Ascension of the Lord (Observed on Sunday)			Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20	
Fri May 26	Philip Neri, Priest	5:30 pm <b>Marcella Archual</b> by Marilyn Costanzo	Hamilton	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23	
Sat May 27	Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	Morgan	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28	<b>Confessions</b> 9 – 10 am <b>CH</b> <b>Free Store Closed</b>
Sun May 28	Seventh Sunday of Easter  Ascension of the Lord (Observed)	8:30 am <b>James D. &amp; Dorothy Jones</b> by Baker Family 11:00 am <b>Mona McLaughlin</b> by Laura Fick	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20	

## 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

*I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; he will guide you to all truth.* John 16:7-13

### COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, May 14, 2017*

**Sunday Offering – \$3,144**

**Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$64**

93 of 339 Envelopes Used.

**Garden Soxx** – Delivery Day will be Sat., June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need drivers with SUVs or trucks, stewards to “plant” gardens & garden sponsors (\$50 for a garden; \$25 for half a garden). These above-the-ground gardens will allow at risk families to grow and feed their families fresh, healthy produce. This project is great for families and for those needing service house & will last from 9 am to 1 pm. Please call the rectory to sign up.

**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.

## Holy Family Candle – Special Intention

• **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tues., May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

• **Kenmore Free Store** will be closed this Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for the holiday weekend.

• **IC Night at the Rubber Ducks!** Mark your calendars for Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

• **Catholic Charities Follow-Up Appeal** will be taken up next weekend, May 27 - 28 at all Masses. If you have not yet made a donation or would like to make an additional gift, envelopes are available at all doors of the church and can be placed in the collection basket.

**Congratulations** to the newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Cleveland: **Fr. Soohyun Bang, Fr. Jacob Bearer, Fr. James Cosgrove, Fr. Eric Garris, Fr. Matthew Jordan, Fr. Robert McWilliams, Fr. Peter Morris, Fr. Anthony Simone.** We are so proud of you! May God bless you in your ministry!

### SPECIAL DATES

Fr. Sam Ciccolini.....May 31<sup>st</sup> / Birthday...May 30  
Fr. Michael B. Smith....June 8<sup>th</sup> / Birthday .....June 7<sup>th</sup>

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Wed., May 31<sup>st</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass.**

## History of Popes

**#58 - Pope St. Silverius** (*Pronounced sill-VAIR-ee-uss*) - Pope from June 8, 536 - December 2, 537 A.D. Died: 537 A.D. Pope St. Silverius was the son of Pope St. Hormisdas, who had been married prior to his priesthood which was permitted at that time. He was a subdeacon when the Gothic king Theodahad forced his election and consecration on the eve of the war between the Ostrogoths and the Eastern Roman Empire. Whether Silverius bribed the king to do so, or if he merely was chosen for being a pro-Gothic candidate is unclear, since the author of the *Liber Pontificalis* (the history book of early popes) was clearly biased against the Goths. Silverius is best known for being the victim of terrible greed & treachery. Vigilius, who had been assigned to Constantinople by Pope Agapetus I, remained there after the Agapetus' death & lobbied Empress Theodora to give him the papacy promising to bring back the heresy of Monophysitism (the belief that Christ only has one nature, not two). Three months after Rome was conquered by the Byzantines, Silverius was brought before the imperial general Belisarius, deposed, and exiled to Asia. Vigilius was consecrated antipope soon after. Justinian, the emperor and husband of Theodora, discovered Silverius' maltreatment & brought him back to Italy. Justinian demanded a fair trial and, if found innocent, a restoration of Silverius to his rightful office. Vigilius had Silverius seized upon arrival and sent instead to the island of Palmarola, where he died of starvation and harsh treatment many months later on December 2, 537. Consequently, Silverius is known as a martyr, while Vigilius is remembered much less favorably. Silverius only reigned as pope for nine months, though he remained the legitimate pope to his death. He was honored as a saint by popular acclamation, and his feast day is June 20. St. Silverius (aka *San Silverio*) is the patron of the Italian island of Ponza. A local legend recalls an apparition of Silverius to fishermen who were lost and caught in a storm. The apparition pointed them in the direction of the nearby island of Palmarola (the site of his exile & death) and helped them survive as a result. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 537, according to legend, King Arthur fought his final battle against his nephew, Mordred, and was mortally wounded.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As the baptized we are called to live out our faith in all we say and do each day. In our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, St. Paul gives us some wonderful advice & important guidelines about how to do this; how to evangelize. First we must reverence Christ as Lord, a title which designates divine sovereignty. When we call Jesus, Lord, we verbally profess our belief that He is God, but St. Paul tells us that is not enough – we must believe that in our hearts. Do you believe with all your heart and all your being that Jesus is Lord? St. Paul holds that up as a pre-requisite for the sharing of our faith, for how can we share faith with sincerity & give others hope if we don't fully believe? He also reminds us to be gentle and reverent with those whom we are evangelizing. We need to listen to their stories & respect their journeys. We are reminded as well to be watchful about how we conduct our own lives, so that the testimony of our lives becomes the proof of our message. In the Gospel, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. Let us use our stewardship of time in prayer to ask for the ability to speak the truth of our faith to those who do not know Christ, those who have fallen away and those who just need a reminder.

## 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.

**Peter Maurin** – Keep those donations coming! They were so happy when we made our last delivery of donated items as they were almost out. You are giving dignity and respect to many!

**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

- **Caring & Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30-9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Sue at 330-554-5626.
- **Women's Breakfast:** Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a breakfast Sat., June 10<sup>th</sup> at Walsh University Barrette Center. Mary Tohill will be the guest speaker. Seating is limited. Cost is \$18. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" & mail to Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Reservations cannot be accepted after June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 8:30 am, breakfast at 9 am and an optional Mass at 8 am in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel. For further information call Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169.
- **Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreat - Ohio:** June 23-25, Walsh Univ. Enjoy new talks by bestselling author and acclaimed speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, daily Mass, Adoration, meals with the Marian Missionaries, and much more! Register at [events.marianmissionaries.org](http://events.marianmissionaries.org). For more information: 413-944-8500 Ext. 100.
- **St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Summer Camp Offerings at Camp Irish 2017:** An opportunity for school-age students to develop skills & confidence through a variety of camp experiences: Art, Band, Drama, Photography, Study Skills, ACT Prep, Baseball, Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Lacrosse, Wrestling, Volleyball (co-ed), Cheer (co-ed), Boys Basketball, and Girls Basketball. Get more information at [www.stvm.com](http://www.stvm.com), Athletics tab, and then Camps button on our homepage.