


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 28, 2017
Ascension of the Lord

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 29	Memorial Day	9:30 am Ann Blondin by Al & Rosi McClellan	Keegan	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33	Rectory Closed No Holy Hours Food Pantry Closed
Tues May 30				Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Louis A. Dirker, Jr. by Fr. Mike	Wilson	Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur June 1	Justin, Martyr			Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26	SVdP 11:30 am HH
Fri June 2	Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs	5:30 pm Msgr Francesco Rauti by Family	Wilson	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-29	
Sat June 3	Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	5:30 pm Fr. John Waldeisen by Fr. Mike	Burkhart	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 - Noon SB Garden Soxx
Sun June 4	Pentecost Sunday	8:30 am People of the Parish 11:00 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Hamilton Compton	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23	

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

*As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on
in my love. John 15:9*

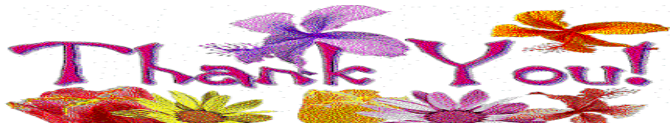
COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Sunday Offering – \$3,500

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$609

93 of 339 Envelopes Used.



Thank you to all **Adopt-A-Plot holders** for preparing & mulching your areas. The grounds look beautiful!

Thank you to all our **Cookie Elves**. We have the best bakers around – OUTSTANDING!

Thank you to our **Parish Activities Committee**. They went way beyond in ways you will never know. Thank you for your hard work, generosity & perseverance.

Thank you to **all who helped** move cookies, flowers and supplies, who helped at the K of C Hall and all who jumped in to lend a hand.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

•**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.

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

•**Catholic Charities Follow-Up Appeal** will be taken up 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.

•**Pentecost** – Next weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. As red is the color of the Holy Spirit, we ask everyone to wear something red to Mass. The Contemporary Choir will begin pre-Mass music at 10:45 am.

•**Altar & Rosary End of Year Dinner** will be Tues., June 13th at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Menu: Stuffed turkey breasts, scalloped potatoes, salad, grilled veggies, rolls, and Gardner pies. Cost is \$10. RSVP to Lorrie at 330-322-7414 by June 6th. All are welcome. Please bring shampoo/bar soap for SVdP.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., May 31st at the 5:30 pm Mass.

History of Popes

#59 - Pope Vigilius (*Pronounced vih-JILL-ee-uss*) - Pope from December 2, 537 A.D – June 7, 555. Died: 555 A.D. Elected on March 29, 537, he wasn't recognized by the Roman clergy as true pope until after Silverius' death months later. Controversy followed Vigilius wherever he went, as he sought to both battle heresy & appease the people who had put him in office. The near-unanimous opinion of Vigilius is that he was little more than a greedy, treacherous sycophant with ambitions of obtaining the papal office at all costs. One account of Vigilius calls a situation he was involved in to have been, "perhaps the greatest humiliation in the history of the papacy" while another account describes him as a coward & a wimp. Vigilius was complicit in the death of his predecessor, St. Silverius. He basically purchased the papacy by agreeing to endorse the Monophysite heresy at the request of the empress, Theodora. Vigilius found himself caught between a rock and a hard place when demands for his allegiance came from both orthodox and heretical camps. He suffered much as a result, being imprisoned for eight years in Constantinople, and dying shortly after his release in 555. Vigilius is often used as an example against papal infallibility; opponents say he officially proclaimed heresy, but this isn't actually the case. Though he did publicly support the Monophysite heresy, thus fulfilling his promise to Theodora, he did so *while he was still an antipope*. However, once he became the true pope following Silverius' death, it seems he became graced by the charism of infallibility, because he withdrew his support for heresy and preached the orthodox view of Christ's two natures. The war between the Ostrogoths & Byzantines raged in Rome and Italy for virtually his entire papacy. Vigilius served as pope for nearly 18 years, dying at Syracuse on his journey back to Rome on June 7, 555. What else was going on in the world at the time? Two famous saints, St. Gregory the Great, the 64th pope and a Doctor of the Church, & St. Columbanus, the great Irish missionary and patron of motorcyclists were born in the year 540.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As the baptized we are called to defend the faith & to lead others to holiness by sharing the truth given to us by Jesus. We may feel overwhelmed and unqualified to fulfill this command, but we can't ignore it & we can't presume everyone else will step forward to answer the call. We all know how that goes – everyone thinking others will do something and no one does anything. The command is clear, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." How will you use your God-given gifts & your stewardship to answer God's call? What will you do to prepare yourself for the mission? Consider reading scripture, praying, studying the lives of the saints, participating in faith formation programs and making yourself available as God's instrument. Above all, never forget Jesus' promise, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

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.

Service Hours – Any students needing service hours for school or Confirmation? Consider helping at the Free Store Saturday mornings or Tuesday evenings.

Garden Soxx – Delivery Day will be Sat., June 3rd. We need drivers with SUVs or trucks, stewards to "plant" gardens & garden sponsors (\$50 for a garden; \$25 for half a garden). Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception with "Garden Soxx" on the memo line. 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 hours & will last from 9 am to 1 pm. Please call the rectory to sign up.

Calendar Time – Once again, we ask all ministries & groups to submit the dates, times & hall information for upcoming events from July 2017 – June 2018.

SPECIAL DATES

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

Off-Site Events

•**Magnificat Breakfast:** Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter invites you to a breakfast Sat., June 10th 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. RSVP by June 3rd. Doors open at 8:30 am, breakfast at 9 am and an optional Mass at 8 am. For further information call Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169.

•**Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreat:** June 23-25, Walsh Univ. Enjoy new talks by bestselling author & acclaimed speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, daily Mass, Adoration, meals with the Marian Missionaries, & more! Call 413-944-8500 Ext. 100 for info. Register at events.marianmissionaries.org.

•**The Euthanasia Deception: We are all vulnerable:** Right to Life of Northeast Ohio will present this hour-long documentary featuring powerful testimonies from Canada, Belgium & beyond of lives devastated by the false ideology of "mercy killing" on Wed., June 7th at 7pm at their office, 572 W. Market St. Akron, OH 44303. Register online at www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com or call 330-762-2785.