

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



June 25, 2017
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 June 26		5:30 pm Charlotte Zagar by P.A. Grant	Brewer	Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5	
Tues June 27	Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor			Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed June 28	Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Ann Blondin by Lisa & Ed Roeger	Brewer	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20	
Thur June 29	Peter & Paul, Apostles			Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19	
Fri June 30	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	5:30 pm Shirley Shorder by Terry	Brewer	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4	
Sat July 1	Junipero Serra, Priest	5:30 pm Mona McLaughlin by Larry & Donna Fick	Morgan	Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store Closed
Sun July 2	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am James E. Ulichney by Elizabeth Chimento	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Coffey Brewer	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-49	

Sanctuary Lamp - Ronald Eggert & Bob Heim

Holy Family Candle - 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.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, in the presences of angels I will sing your praise. Psalm 138:1

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$2,901

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$475

91 of 339 Envelopes Used.

Military Info for the July 1-2 bulletin and the July 4th Mass intercessions is due by Monday. If you have someone in your family currently serving in the military, please submit their name, rank, branch of service, duty station and relationship to you.

Bulletin - all items to be included in the bulletin must be submitted to the rectory by 10 am on Mondays. Due to Independence Day falling midweek, items for the July 9th bulletin must be submitted by Fri., June 30th.

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

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., June 28th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

IC Night at the Rubber Ducks - Friday, August 11th. The RSVP flyers will be available next weekend. Tickets are \$8 & they are good for the entire evening - double-header plus fireworks. Let's go Ducks!

4th of July - Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. We invite everyone to Hitch Hall following Mass for fellowship, pastry & coffee. Let's lift up our nation in prayer and then celebrate! The **Rectory** will be closed and there will be no Holy Hours. The **Free Store** will be closed.

Many and Great, Sincere and Humble Thanks for your many expressions of blessing and best wishes upon my Birthday (70), Anniversary of Ordination (43 yrs) and Appointment (19 yrs)! God bless you all abundantly!
 Fr. Mike

Lending Library - Please feel free to browse through the books on the shelves on the back wall in Hitch Hall. You may borrow any books that interest you & return them once you have finished with them.

Family News Corner

Congratulations to **Abigail & Daniel Brewer**, children of parishioners, Dan & Tonya Brewer. Abby & Danny both made the Fourth Quarter Honor Roll at Hoban. We're so proud of you!

History of Popes

#63 – Pope Pelagius II (pronounced: puh-LAY-jee-uss) - *Pope from Nov. 26th, 579- Feb. 9, 590. Died: Feb. 9, 590 A.D.* Pelagius was born in Rome around the year 520. He appears to have been of Gothic descent. Elected after a vacancy of four months, Pelagius immediately had to deal with the continuing Lombard invasion of Italy. His petitions for help from both the Franks & Constantinople failed. The Franks initially attacked the Lombards out of allegiance to the pope, but were soon bribed to leave Italy. Pelagius sent his eventual successor, St. Gregory the Great, to Constantinople as his representative with instructions to “haunt the imperial palace day and night ... and to strain every nerve to induce the emperor to send help to Rome.” However, the emperor was severely limited in his capacity to help and was unable to offer assistance. Pelagius was able to convince the emperor’s man in Rome to forge a truce with the Lombards which brought peace to the city. Pelagius II was known for his persistence in all things. From begging the help of the Franks & the emperor, to sending letter after letter begging the conversion of heretical bishops in Istria (modern-day Croatia), to vigorously promoting clerical celibacy, Pelagius accomplished a lot in his ten years as pope. He was generous as well, having converted his own residence into a hospital for the poor, adorned the Shrine of St. Peter, and rebuilt the Church of St. Lawrence in Rome, among other things now lost to history. Pelagius II was the first pope to die from the bubonic plague, the terrible illness that made its first appearance in the 6th Century, but was most prevalent nearly 700 years later. Pelagius was buried in St. Peter’s Basilica. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 587, the *filioque clause* (*fill-ee-oh-kway*; literally: “and [from] the Son”) was first used in the Nicene Creed in Spain in an effort to combat Arianism. This modification didn’t appear in the original version, but is still recited in many places today as: “...and in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified... :

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

It’s sometimes difficult to be a Christian in today’s world, yet that is exactly what we’re called to do by Jesus and charged with by our baptism. We’re afraid of offending others with our beliefs, of losing “friends” because of the faith we profess, of being ridiculed, threatened or harmed. Jesus knew this when he sent the Twelve out, but challenged them and us not to let fear control them & hinder the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the Church. The prophet Jeremiah knew it as it’s obvious in his words in the first reading. Although he faced ridicule & his “friends” denounced him, he did not let fear overcome him. Instead he praised God as his champion. We find the same theme in the responsorial psalm. We can not be afraid to share our Catholic faith. We can not let Satan, the great deceiver, trick us into becoming timid and lukewarm in our faith – our enemies are certainly not timid! Jesus calls us to speak His truth in the light and from the housetops and above all, “Fear no one.” His command and the consequences are clear, “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father, but whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my Heavenly Father.”

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.

In His Name – We are collecting packaged cracker snacks, breakfast bars, snack bars, etc. for families sitting vigil at the Hospice on Ridgewood Rd. Be aware of expiration dates. Please place your donations in the basket by the main doors. The Peter Maurin Center collection is ongoing.

Contemporary Choir has begun its “every other week” practice schedule. If you are interested in joining us to make beautiful music, call the rectory to get the correct schedule.

Bingo – Doors open at 8:30 am, game at 11 am every Wednesday. If you are available to help with floor sales of Instant Bingo, to serve as callers or checkers, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429.

Kenmore Free Store – Looking for a meaningful way to use your stewardship to serve & minister to others? Call the rectory or stop by the School Basement on Tuesdays 4:30 – 7 pm or Saturdays 9:30 – noon.

Off-Site Events

•**Catholic Renewal Ministries' 35th Annual Conference:** July 14th & 15th at Magnificat High School in Rocky River. The theme of the conference is "Fount of Life, Fire of Love". Guest speakers are Mark Nimo, Lavinia Spirito, Fr. Bob Franco, Chris & Becky Roach, Dr. Ed Parisi, Abbot Gary Hoover, Dr. Phil Gigliotti, & Fr. Patrick Schultz. Call Shirley or Tom at 440-610-6604 for registration info or visit www.crmweb.org. Advance registration postmarked by July 6th is \$30, and at the door \$35.

•**100th Anniversary of Fatima:** St. Anthony Padua, Akron, invites you to visit the Our Lady of Fatima statue on the 13th of any month from May to October; one indulgence can be gained per day. For info, visit www.stanthony-akron.com.

•**Hot Meals for the Homeless Volunteers requested:** Catholic Charities at Visitation of Mary, 55 Broad St. **Tuesdays:** need 1 or 2 people at 12:30 or 1pm for two hours to prep main dish. Catholic Charities at Blessed Trinity, 300 E. Tallmadge Ave. **Wednesdays:** need 1 or 2 people to begin prepping meals at 8 or 8:30am for two hours. Please email Ken at kgzehenni@clevelandcatholiccharities.org and thank you for your consideration!

•**Caring and Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Mon., June 26th from 7:30 - 9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building. For information, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.