

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



August  
Month of  
The Blessed  
Sacrament

August 20, 2017

The Twentieth 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 Aug 21	Pius X, Pope	5:30 pm <b>Robert Compton</b> by Ray Compton	Ortscheid	Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22	
Tues Aug 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary			Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm <b>SB</b> <b>Parish Council</b> 7 pm <b>HH</b>
Wed Aug 23	Rose of Lima, Virgin	5:30 pm <b>Patrick Steurer</b> by Family	Ortscheid	Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16	<b>KMA Prayer Service</b> 7 pm
Thur Aug 24	Bartholomew, Apostle			Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51	
Fri Aug 25	Louis; Joseph Calasanz, Priest	5:30 pm <b>Harry &amp; Fran Donovan</b> <b>Anniversary</b>	Ortscheid	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40	<b>Ethnic Folk Dancing</b> 7 pm <b>HH</b>
Sat Aug 26		5:30 pm <b>Frank Fazio</b> by Family	Burkhart	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am <b>CH</b> <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon <b>SB</b>
Sun Aug 27	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>Ann Blondin</b> by John & June Osolin 11 am <b>People of the Parish</b>	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Compton Hamilton	Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20	<b>Blessing of Students</b> All Weekend Masses

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

**Holy Hours:** Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

*Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right,  
do what is just, for my salvation is about to come  
and my justice about to be revealed. IS 56:1*

### COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$3,401

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$370

92 of 339 Envelopes Used.

**Operation Christmas Child** - With school supplies on sale, now is the time to pick some up items for your shoeboxes. Changes: no toothpaste/candy.

Thank you to all who participated in our **IC Night at the Rubber Ducks**. The Ducks lost the first game 6-1 but won the second game 2-1. Great weather, great friends, great fireworks!

**Blessing of Students** will be offered at all Masses next weekend. Please pray for all children & teachers as they prepare to return to school.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet at 7 pm **this** Tuesday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hitch Hall. We will continue to work on our planning process.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 - 4 pm for a very important event which will help us to plan for the future success of our parish - **Planning a Future Full of Hope**. Stay tuned for more information.

**First Step Program** - If you have questions regarding marriage, divorce, annulments and remarriage, the First Step Program can provide answers and help you take the first step toward healing after a divorce. The next local general meeting will be held at St. Paul Parish, Akron on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All are welcome to come and deepen their knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage.

### Upcoming

The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of Christian life. Do you know what that means? Do you understand and could you explain the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist to others? How is Mass a sacrifice? Please plan on joining us for our upcoming season of Generations of Faith as we present the Bishop Robert Barron DVD series on the Eucharist.

## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EVENT!

By now you are all aware of the mergers between Kenmore & Garfield High Schools and Innes & Roswell Kent Middle Schools. This is a difficult time for the students, faculty, administration and communities involved and so a Prayer Service for Unity is being planned for **this Wed., Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm** in our church; the location was chosen because of our proximity to the high school. This event is open to everyone in Kenmore & Firestone Park and since it is on our property, we want to be welcoming & hospitable. Following the service, we will open Waldeisen Hall for fellowship and refreshments and will **need stewards** to help serve our guests. Please note these areas of importance:

- \*Cookie Elves – We will need lots of cookies, brownies & finger treats to serve to our neighbors. See below.
- \*Parishioners to attend, pray and be available to answer questions about the parish if anyone asks. This is an important event so please make effort to attend.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Ever heard of Holy Nagging? We have a wonderful example of it in today's Gospel as a Canaanite woman follows Jesus asking Him to intercede for her daughter who is possessed by a demon. The disciples get so aggravated that they want Jesus to send her away, after all she is a Canaanite, a Gentile, and therefore unclean; she's also a woman alone in the world = 2 strikes against her. Jesus first ignores her, but she is relentless. His words to her seem harsh, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." His mission is to gather all of Israel (the Chosen Ones, the Children) and she is a foreigner. She boldly, but humbly debates him by twisting His image to her advantage, "Please Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their master." Point goes to the woman! Jesus praises her faith and her persistence and heals the woman's daughter. Would Jesus praise you for your faith? How persistent are you in prayer? Time is one of the 3 pillars of stewardship. How much time do you spend in prayer, reading scripture & making yourself available to the Lord? How much do you trust in the Lord's ability to heal? As we pray for healing or for anything else, let us remember to ask that prayer be answered according to His will, not ours.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Funeral Dinner Ministry** – If you like to cook, we need more people willing to provide a dish for a funeral meal. If you like to serve others, we need men and women willing to be members of the team.

Remember you're only called into service when we have funeral dinners and we rotate teams and meal providers. You may call the rectory for more information or to share your stewardship.

**In His Name** - We are collecting school supplies which will be distributed through the Free Store, SVdP & the Kenmore After-School Program. We are also collecting NEW underwear & socks for school-aged children. Please place donations in the basket by the main doors. The Peter Maurin Center collection is ongoing.

**Cookie Elves** may drop off cookies/bakery items at the rectory from 9 am – 4 pm or in Waldeisen Hall after 6 pm on Wednesday for the Prayer Service.

**Mission Dresses** – We are in need of sewers as well as lightweight fabric and trim to make dresses which will be sent to the missions. Patterns will be provided. Call the rectory if you can help.

**Sunday Collection Counters** - We need more Counters to create rotating teams. If you're good with figures & haven't been convicted of a felony, this is for you!

**Parish Finance Council** – Experience with finance, investing, accounting, real estate, financial planning, no felony convictions? We need more members. You need not be a registered parishioner of IC but should be a registered parishioner in the area.

**Kenmore Free Store** – Are you a people person? Consider helping out on a Tuesday evening or Saturday morning. Behind the scenes person? Join the sorting crew! Donations have been amazing, but we need more hands to help sort. Join others to serve in the name of Jesus. Call the rectory for info or to help.

**Bingo Kitchen** is in need of help. Can you spare a Wednesday morning even once or twice a month?

The **Acme Cashback** earning period is underway! Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church.

### *Other Events*

- Ethnic Folk Dancing:** Fri., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Hitch Hall.
- Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, D'Agnesé's at White Pond, 7 pm - appetizers, 7:30 pm – Rev. Jacob Bearer, Parochial Vicar, St. Francis de Sales, will speak on "The Dangerous Christ: How Jesus Will Change America". \$10 admission includes appetizers – cash bar.
- National Park System Membership:** If you are age 62 or over, and a U.S. Citizen/Perm. Resident, you can purchase a Lifetime Senior Pass to the U.S. National Park System for \$10. Price increases to \$80 after Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. For info or to purchase a pass, visit <https://store.usgs.gov/senior-pass>.
- Assoc. of the Dominican Sisters of Peace Information & Discernment Sessions:** Thurs., Aug. 31, or Tues., Sept. 5, 7 pm to 8 pm. For more info or to register please contact Colette Parker, OPA at 330-835-5688 or [cparker@oppeace.org](mailto:cparker@oppeace.org).
- Retrouvaille Weekend:** Sept. 8-10 - A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more info or to register, please visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call Marce or Liz at 1-800-470-2230.