

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

Save the Date!  
**Saturday, September 23**  
 1 – 4 pm

**September 17, 2017**  
**Twenty-Fourth 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 Sep 18		5:30 pm <b>Patrick Steurer</b> by Family	Burkhart	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10	
Tues Sep 19	Januarius, Bishop & Martyr			1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 – 7 pm SB
Wed Sep 20	Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs	<b>No Mass</b>		1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Sep 21	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist			Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 9:9-13	
Fri Sep 22		5:30 pm <b>Michael Andrews</b> by Mary Jane Andrews	Burkhart	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3	
Sat Sep 23	Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	5:30 pm <b>Franco Fanizzi</b> by Tony Bowers	Morgan	1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15	<b>No Confessions</b> <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am – Noon SB <b>Listening Session</b> 1 – 4 pm WH
Sun Sep 24	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>Ann Blondin</b> by Shirley Kissner 11 am <b>People of the Parish</b>	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a	

## Sanctuary Lamp – Special Intention

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

*Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound. Mt. 9:13*

### COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, September 10, 2017*

**Sunday Offering** – \$3,344

**Cap. Imp./Debt. Red.** – \$215

**Hurricane Harvey Relief** – \$1,693

84 of 339 Envelopes Used.

**Vacation** - Fr. Mike will be off the property from the afternoon of Sept. 17 thru Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be **no confessions** on Sat., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> & there will be **no Wednesday daily Mass** on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the 5:30 pm Mass on Wed., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PSR News** – All public school students, grades 1 - 8 are required to attend PSR classes held at our cluster partner, St. Augustine. Forms and schedules are available at the main doors of the church.

**Acme Cashback** - Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

## Holy Family Candle – Special Intention

**Planning a Future Full of Hope** – Our Listening Session will be held next Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1 – 4 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Your participation is vital to the process of the plan and we encourage everyone to participate. There will be one makeup session held for those who cannot come on Saturday: Tues., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall. Stay tuned for more information.

**Generations of Faith** - Registration is underway so be sure to sign up at the main doors of the church after Mass. We will be using a DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron entitled “Eucharist – Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence”. Could you adequately explain the Eucharist to a non-Catholic? How would you explain how Jesus is really present in the Eucharist to someone who asks? It is important to know our Catholic faith and be able to explain it to others. Come, see, learn and grow in your faith. The cost is just \$10 per person.

**RCIA** has begun at St. Augustine. If you know someone interested in becoming Catholic or in exploring the possibility, please have them call the rectory ASAP.

**Altar Society News** – Our membership drive will go on through the month of September. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Cost is \$10.

## History of Popes

#73 - Pope Theodore I - Pope from Nov. 24, 642 - death, May 14, 649 A.D. Theodore's father had been a bishop and was a native of Jerusalem, but Theodore himself was born Greek. He was a charitable pope, having given generously both to the poor & to further beautify churches in Rome. Theodore inherited a rather tenuous situation which persisted throughout his papacy. Pope John IV's condemnation of Monothelitism (that Christ had only one will) had caused further trouble in the Byzantine capital, where the emperor was trying to keep the surging Islamic army at bay & not alienate his already skeptical citizenry by trying to compromise. When Pyrrhus, a Monothelite & sitting patriarch, was deposed & exiled from the city for political reasons, Theodore wrote the emperor, Constans II, saying that the new patriarch, Paul, could not be formally recognized by Rome until Pyrrhus' deposition was made legal. Theodore also exhorted the emperor to renounce the Monothelite heresy. Pyrrhus approached the pope in 645 to recant his heretical beliefs. Theodore was pleased to welcome Pyrrhus back into the fold. Not long after, when Theodore was near death, Pyrrhus suddenly changed course & relapsed into his old heresy. Filled with rage, Theodore not only excommunicated Pyrrhus in the presence of gathered clergy, he also charged down into the tomb of St. Peter, dipped his pen in a consecrated chalice, then signed the official "act of anathema." It was said to be his only act of "untoward violence" in an otherwise peaceful reign. Theodore worked with the great saint, Maximus the Confessor, in helping resolve disputes of faith in Africa. Theodore was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. He's recognized as a saint in the Orthodox Church and his feast is celebrated May 18. What else was going on in the world at the time? The "Giant Wild Goose Pagoda", a Buddhist temple in China, was first erected around the year 645. It still stands today in modified form.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We continue to feature ministries & activities offered at our parish. This week **Spiritual Life:** Our **Prayer Chain** is made up of people dedicated to praying for the needs which are phoned into the rectory or chain leaders. These prayer needs are for those in immediate physical, mental, emotional or spiritual danger due to illness, accident, disease, struggle or long term disability. If you're a prayer warrior, call the rectory to be added to the chain and offer prayer for brothers & sisters in need. **Service: Church Cleaning Crew.** Ever wonder why the church always looks so clean and tidy? It's due to the efforts of our CCC group! If you are interested in keeping God's house in good shape and you enjoy vacuuming, dusting and straightening up, then this ministry is for you! The church is cleaned on Mondays and Fridays every week at a time mutually acceptable to parish staff and cleaners who work in teams and are scheduled once a month.

### 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. Call the rectory for more info or to share your stewardship.

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

**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.

**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.

**Adopt-A-Plot** - Plot holders, please be vigilant about weeding your plots & trimming bushes. Let's keep being a witness to what is possible in our neighborhood.

**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.

**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!

### *Other Events*

• **Full-time position - Executive Director:** The Community Pregnancy Center in Barberton is seeking qualified applicants who believe in & adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Position requires: proven leadership experience, a ministerial heart, organizational & problem-solving skills, strength in public speaking, oral & written interpersonal communications, & computer proficiency. Applicants may email a letter of application, resume & contact information for 3 references to [info@communitypregnancycenter.org](mailto:info@communitypregnancycenter.org).

**Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, D'Agnes's at White Pond. Food, Fellowship and Faith for Adults.

Dr. Harry Sivec, Clinical Psychologist, will speak on "From Brokenness to Community: Encountering Christ in and through Stress, Conflict, and Illness". \$10 Admission. 7 pm - appetizers; 7:30 pm - speaker. Cash bar.

• **St. Vincent-St. Mary High School:** Open House - Sun., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 11 am - 1 pm. Register at [www.stvm.com](http://www.stvm.com).  
*Scholarship/Placement Tests* - Saturdays: Oct. 14, 28 & Nov. 11, 8:30 am - noon & Nov. 11, 1 pm. - 4:30 pm. Saturday, Dec. 2, 8:30 am. - Noon (placement only). For info, contact Amy Bisesi-Barcelo at [abarcelo@stvm.com](mailto:abarcelo@stvm.com) or 330-253-9113 x 115.

• **Novena to St. Theresa** begins Sat., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> & ends on her Feast Day, Sun., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady of the Cedars of Mt. Lebanon, Maronite Catholic Church, Fairlawn. The novena prayers begin at 7 pm each day & include a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. On the Feast Day, Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm followed by the Novena Prayers & a light reception.