

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH




November  
Month of  
The Souls in  
Purgatory

November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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 Nov 27		5:30 pm <b>Bernadette Gandolfi</b> by Fr. Mike	Wilson	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4	
Tues Nov 28				Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm SB <b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> 7 pm HH
Wed Nov 29	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	5:30 pm <b>Vicky Franz</b> by Franz Family	Wilson	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Nov 30	Andrew, Apostle			Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	<b>G of F Team</b> 6:45 pm WH
Fri Dec 1		5:30 pm <b>Stephen &amp; Mary Anne Stock</b> by Family	Wilson	Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33	<b>First Friday</b> <b>Communion Calls</b>
Sat Dec 2		5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	Cole	Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 - Noon SB <b>Holiday on the Blvd.</b> 11 - 3 pm WH
Sun Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent 	8:30 am <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members</b> <b>of the Altar &amp; Rosary Society</b> 11 am <b>Ralph &amp; Ina Keegan</b> by Family	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Compton Hamilton	Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37	

## 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.

*Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, the thoughts of my heart before you, Lord, my rock & my redeemer. Ps 19:15*

## COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017*

**Sunday Offering** - \$3,557.50

**Cap. Imp./Debt. Red.** - \$607

100 of 341 Envelopes Used.

**Journey through Advent Forms** are available at the doors of the church. Be sure to pick one up for everything you need to know for the upcoming holy season of Advent.

**Holy Day** - Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - a Holy Day and our Patronal Feast Day and we invite you to wear something blue to Mass to honor our Blessed Mother. Mass schedule: Vigil - Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tues., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

**G of F Team** will meet at 6:45 pm in Waldeisen Hall on Thurs., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Generation of Faith** - Our next session will be on Thurs., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Our topic of discussion will be "The Eucharist as Sacrifice." Please bring your Bibles and Catechisms with you.

## Altar & Rosary Society News

**Communion Sunday** - Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 am Mass.

**Christmas Dinner** - Tues., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, Hitch Hall.

Cost is \$10/person and menu includes beef tips, noodles, veggies, salad, rolls and Gardner pies for dessert. RSVP to Lorie at 330-322-7414 by Tues., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring deodorant for our SVdP pantry.

**Acme Cashback** - Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church.

*The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass.*

## Grateful Giving

**Reflection: You are gifted** – We are used to hearing the term “gifted” applied to people of exceptional ability or talent. Yet each of us is gifted. Through God’s grace, each of us has strengths, gifts, talents & abilities without which the Body of Christ, the Church, is incomplete. This key dimension of stewardship – the use of our gifts in service to others – is the one many Catholics have the most trouble with. We can see ourselves, with prayer and sacrifice, giving more of our time and our treasure. But talent? That’s for those *other* people, the “gifted ones, we think. The term “talent” for a gift with which we have been entrusted by God comes from Jesus’ Parable of the Talents, where it originally meant a valuable coin. Like the stewards in the parable, entrusted with valuable commodities by our Master, will we hide them away in fear, or invest them for great return? Spend some time this week thinking about the gifts that you alone can share with our parish community and the wider world – and then plan to share them. “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

**Program Update** – Our Grateful Giving program continues to meet with success. To date, 101 households have increased their weekly contribution in response to the letter from Fr. Mike, representing a combined weekly increase of \$1,107.15. The average increase in the weekly offering is \$10.85. If you have not already done so, please use the special Grateful Giving envelope to indicate your new level of giving, and use your regular envelope packet for succeeding weeks.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We sure have a lot going on here! **Spiritual Life: the Life in the Spirit Seminar** is meant to help people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through the workings of the Holy Spirit. The 2 day seminar features speakers, a healing service, praise & worship and a series of talks. It is held each year in the spring. **Parish Life: Shut-in Ministry** is designed to minister to those in the parish who are sick and shut-in at home by taking them the Holy Eucharist and visiting with them. The Eucharist is administered by our priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion but we welcome parishioners who would like to accompany the EMHC to visit with shut-ins.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**CareCards** are a wonderful way to let members of our parish who are unable to join us due to health issues know they are remembered & cared for. **Christmas is coming**, so please take a few moments to sign a Christmas card for someone who is shut-in. Cards will be delivered with First Friday Communion on **Dec. 1**. Unsigned cards are available at the table at the main doors of the church. Please sign a card, add a cheery note, do not seal the envelope & drop in the basket on the table.

**Holiday on the Blvd** – Once again the parish will be a trolley stop for Holiday on the Boulevard on Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cookie Elves – we need cookies, brownies and other finger-food type treats, & lots of them, to be dropped off at Waldeisen Hall after 9 am on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Help is needed setting and cleaning up, serving snacks and greeting visitors. If you are able to assist for a few hours, call the rectory to share your stewardship.

**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.

**Funeral Dinner Ministry** – We are in need of people willing to provide a dish for a funeral meal and men and women willing to serve meals. You’re only called into service when we have funeral dinners & we rotate teams and meal providers. Call the rectory for more info or to share your stewardship.

**Liturgical Ministers** are needed for Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, Christmas & New Years: **Dec: 7, 5:30 pm** – EMHC, M of H; **Dec 8, 7 pm** – Lector, EMHC, M of H.; **Christmas Eve 5:30 pm** – EMHC, M of H.; **Christmas Eve 10 pm** – Lector, EMHC, Server, M of H; **Christmas Day 10 am** – EMHC, Server, M of H. The Holy Day on New Year’s Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, has been dispensed because it falls on a Monday. There will be no vigil Mass on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, but we will celebrate on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am (no 5:30 pm daily mass). Liturgical Ministers needed.

Thank you to everyone who participated in **Operation Christmas Child**. We were able to deliver 37 boxes to one of the local drop-off sites. On behalf of the children who will receive your loving gifts in the name of Jesus – thank you and may God bless you.

Thank you to all who donated turkeys and desserts and who chose to serve their neighbors at the **KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner**. What a beautiful experience; what a blessed night. Thank you!

**Bulletin** – Due to the high volume of packages UPS will be handling through Christmas & holiday office hours, items for the upcoming bulletins **must be submitted at least 10 days** before they are to appear.

## Other Events

• **Caring & Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

• **Retrouvaille Weekend** – Jan. 19 – 21, 2018, Cleveland. Retrouvaille (rediscovery), a lifeline for troubled marriages is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths and consists of a weekend experience with six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more info or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

• **Caregiver Support**: The Summit Adult Day Services’ support group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 10 am at 812 Biruta St. For info, call 330-762-2000. Free care provided for the older adult while caregivers attend the meetings.