

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January  
Month of the  
Holy Childhood  
of Jesus

January 7, 2018  
The Epiphany 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 Jan 8	The Baptism of the Lord	5:30 pm <b>Mary Elizabeth Smith</b> by Family	Coffey	Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11	
Tues Jan 9				1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Jan 10		5:30 pm <b>Stephen J. Halaiko</b> by Fr. Mike	Coffey	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Jan 11				1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45	
Fri Jan 12		5:30 pm <b>Shirley Kissner</b> by Family & Friends	Coffey	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12	
Sat Jan 13	Hilary, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	Morgan	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Jan 14	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>George &amp; Loretta Hudak</b> by Gerry & Loretta Hamilton 11 am <b>Deceased Family Members of Bob &amp; Kathy Doerr</b>	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42	

**Sanctuary Lamp - Deceased Family of Bob & Kathy Doerr**      **Holy Family Candle - Hope**

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 2 Holy Hours last week.

*Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of  
Christ dwell in you richly. Col 3:15a. 16a*

**COLLECTION REPORT**

*Sunday, December 24, 2017*

**Sunday Offering - \$3,858**

**Christmas Offering - \$445**

**Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$97**

75 of 345 Envelopes Used.

*Christmas, December 25, 2017*

**Christmas Offering - \$4,992.68**

**Sunday Offering. - \$874**

81 of 345 Envelopes Used.

*To receive your 2017 Contribution Statement, call the  
rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.*

**Acme Cashback**

The current earning period has ended. Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church. Every receipt counts! Last year we were #5 in total receipts, this year let's go for #1!

**Generations of Faith**

Due to the unpredictable nature of our Ohio winters, Generations does not meet in January and February. Our next session will be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Church Undecorating**

What goes up must come down & unfortunately that goes for our Christmas decorations. We will take down the decorations on Tues., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. Again, many hands make light work so we invite you to come and help.

**Pre-Baptism Class**

Tues., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. Augustine Rectory, 7 pm. This class is required for all parents seeking baptism for their children.

**Is Your Parish Registration Record & Emergency Contact Information Up to Date?**

If the composition of your household has changed & you haven't updated your record since the census years ago, please contact the rectory to verify your data is correct.

**Masses**

If you'd like to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. We are currently scheduling for 2018.

## History of Popes

#80 – **Pope St. Leo II** – Pope from August 17, 682 – death, June 28, 683. Not much about Leo's early life is known other than his given name was Leo Maneius; he was born in Sicily around the year 611 and his father's name was Paulus. His contemporaries spoke highly of him, mentioning him as a man of outstanding character, a lover of the poor, highly educated, and also a great singer. Leo, like many of his recent predecessors, restored several churches, but also built a new one - St. George's in Velabro, which would become, 12 centuries later, the titular church of Cardinal John Henry Newman. Pope St. Leo II confirmed the teachings of the Sixth Ecumenical Council or the Third Council of Constantinople (St. Agatho had died prior to its completion) and gave the official and infallible rejection to Monothelism, the heresy that claimed Jesus had two natures but only one will. Leo II's one clarification to the council's findings regarded Pope Honorius I, who had been condemned by the council along with the heresy itself. Decades before, Honorius had been negligent in not speaking clearly enough when denouncing Monothelism and thus gave the heresy a foothold to grow. Leo clarified, therefore, that it was not heresy for which Honorius was condemned, but instead for his carelessness & indirect damage to the Church. Though he was elected just a few days after the death of his predecessor, Pope St. Leo II wasn't consecrated pope until almost two years later. Basically, popes for the century prior had to pay a tax to the Byzantine Court when they were consecrated, but broken promises to the popes and some dispute over the terms were likely what caused the delay. What else was going on in the world at the time? Around 682, Chinese capital cities of Chang'an and Luoyang fell on hard times. Huge droughts, floods, plagues of locusts, and epidemics drove grain prices up due to food shortages.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The magi traveled many miles to offer homage (honor, respect, devotion, veneration, reverence) to the newborn King of the Jews. The magi were astronomers from Persia, the powerful empire to the east which both the Jews and the Romans detested. The magi held great power in Persia & were highly revered – in Israel they were considered foreigners & idolaters as they did not know, nor did they worship Israel's God. However, despite mutual spurning, there seemed to be a mutual attraction: "So there was a mutual repulsion between the Magi and the Jews – yet there was also a mutual attraction. If Jews had never felt drawn to the wisdom of the Persians, there would have been no need for warnings in the Bible and the Talmud (ancient Rabbinic writings). As for the Magi themselves: if they had never been tempted to know the God of Israel, why were they watching the sky for signs of a divine 'King of the Jews'?" (Scott Hahn, Joy to the World). They came bearing gifts of frankincense, gold & myrrh, all of which were regularly used in worship at the Temple and quite worthy of One who is God, King and Man. What do **you** offer Jesus? You probably don't have gold, frankincense and myrrh sitting around the house, but you have the gift of your life. The gifts of the Magi were all things created by God which were then given back to God. Your life was given to you by God so give it back to God. Give God your worship, your homage; dedicate all you do to God and share your time, talent and treasure with others and for the good of the Church. How will you honor God?

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**In His Name** – We are collecting warm socks at the main doors of the church for Hoban's **Project Hope** which serves the homeless. We continue to accept donations for the Peter Maurin Center which also serves the poor and the homeless in Akron. Please drop your donations in the designated basket by the main doors of the church.

**The Kenmore Free Store** – If your children and grandchildren received new toys for Christmas, please consider donating toys & games that are in good shape, but are no longer being used to the Free Store so that other children may enjoy them. Thank you. We can use help sorting clothes and assisting shoppers. Please call the rectory for more info.

**Mission Dresses** – If you would like to help in any way with this Corporal Work of Mercy, clothing the naked, please contact the rectory.

### *Other Events*

- **Theology on Tap:** Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Ray's Place of Fairlawn. Rev. Rob Ramser, Parochial Vicar of St. Ambrose will present "By whose name are we saved – Jesus is that you?" Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers.
- **Catholics Returning Home:** 6 week program beginning Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center Library at Our Lady of Victory, 73 North Ave., Tallmadge. This is an opportunity for anyone wishing to bring healing to their relationships with God, His Church, others or even within their own hearts. For info, call 330-633-3637.
- **Financial Peace University:** St. Hilary Faculty Lounge, 6:45 – 8:30 pm, Wednesdays beginning Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. A 9 week series that will teach you how to save money, eliminate debt, build a financial plan & retire with a nest-egg. Cost is \$100. For info, contact Jim at 330-836-5184 or [jnbenn1@yahoo.com](mailto:jnbenn1@yahoo.com).
- **March for Life Event:** Jan. 17, 6:30 pm, David Center, Walsh Univ. Kick off the March for Life with this free event featuring local speakers, who will speak on life issues. After the talks, there will be a blessing send-off for all those going to the March for Life. All are invited. Refreshments will be served – For reservations or info, call Molly at 330-490-7581, or email [mromano@walsh.edu](mailto:mromano@walsh.edu).
- **Authentic Masculinity:** Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 4 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Conference, St. Matthew Church, 2603 Benton Ave., Akron. \$10 admission. Day includes talks, music, adoration, opportunities for confession, breakfast & lunch for attendees; dinner for men & their families at 5 pm. Open to men 18 & up. For info and registration call 330-733-9944.