

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



July 2, 2017
Thirteenth 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 July 3	Thomas, Apostle	5:30 pm Wheeler Family by Robert Berardino	Keegan	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29	
Tues July 4		9:30 am Patrick Steurer by Family	Keegan	Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27	Rectory Closed Free Store Closed No Holy Hours
Wed July 5	Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Elizabeth of Portugal	5:30 pm Thomas Morgan by Linda Morgan	Keegan	Gn 21:1-5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34	
Thur July 6	Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr			Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8	SVdP 11:30 am HH
Fri July 7		5:30 pm John & Marian Zalar by Family	Keegan	Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13	
Sat July 8		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun July 9	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Margaret Jones by Baker Family 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Coffey Brewer	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.
 There were 6 Holy Hours last week.

The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost. Luke 19:10

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Sunday Offering – \$2,994

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$60

95 of 339 Envelopes Used.

Honoring Our Military Service Personnel

Air Force:

SSGT Jason Kindred, nephew of Melissa Keegan,
 stationed at Offutt AFB, Nebraska

TSGT Vincent Schuyler, grandson of Bea Clauss,
 stationed in North Dakota

SSGT Steven Schuyler, grandson of Bea Clauss,
 stationed in North Carolina.

Navy:

E-4 Jacob Pifer, grandson of George & Mary Pifer,
 stationed in Guam

Ian Besaw, grandson of Tom & Eileen Clark, stationed
 in San Diego

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

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

IC Night at the Rubber Ducks - RSVP flyers are out so check your calendars, talk to your family & friends and plan to join us Friday night, Aug. 11th for a double header and fireworks!

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.

Graduating Students - Please let us know your plans! Are you beginning your career, starting college? Call the rectory and let us know so we can celebrate your achievements!

Parish council – Special meeting on Thurs., July 13th at 7 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Please make every effort to attend; if you can't be there, please call the rectory.

Acme Cashback - Due to your participation, the parish received \$1,380.15! Thank you for your support and keep turning those Acme receipts in!

History of Popes

#64 – Pope St. Gregory the Great - *Pope from Sept. 3rd, 590 - death, Mar. 12th, 604.* Born to an aristocratic Roman family around 540, Gregory was a public servant into his thirties before retiring to be a monk. He was a fan of St. Benedict, devoting a whole book to the saint's life & miracles, and encouraged the spread of monastic life during his papacy. Pope Pelagius II called Gregory away from his life of solitude in order to serve as papal nuncio in Constantinople. After the pope's sudden death from the plague, Gregory was elected on February 3, 590 and reluctantly accepted. As pope, he was most known for being a great writer and teacher, having authored four books, several sermons, and over 850 letters that still survive to this day. It was Gregory who is credited with spreading the faith in England -- he sent St. Augustine of Canterbury and companions there as evangelists -- and for keeping the faith alive among the Franks (ancestors of the French). Due to the depleted infrastructure in Rome by that time, Gregory handled everything from feeding Rome's poor, to managing the vast amounts of property owned by the Church, to rebuilding aqueducts & discussing the most profitable ways to use cattle. A meticulous and generous man, he left the Church in far better shape than he found it, hence his title, "The Great." St. Gregory's fingerprints are all over several liturgical customs that still exist today. The Our Father's current placement in the Mass, various prayers recited according to liturgical season, and some additions to the Roman Canon all originated from him. The Gregorian Chant, though it bears his name, perhaps only came from Gregory in seed form; the first appearance of it appeared nearly three centuries after Gregory's death. St. Gregory, now recognized as a Doctor of the Church, died on March 12, 604. He was acclaimed as a saint almost immediately. His feast day is celebrated September 3 in the Latin (Western) Church and March 12 in the Eastern, Anglican, and Lutheran Churches. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 597, The King's School was founded in Canterbury, England by St. Augustine & his Benedictine brothers and is still in operation today; it's believed to be the oldest continuously-operating school in the world.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Jesus lays out the life of a disciple for us in today's Gospel. He makes it clear that we must place Him first in our lives, above our spouses, children, family, work, play; everything. That sounds a bit harsh & we may think our loved ones should surely come first, but it is only through Christ that we learn to love, forgive & relate. It is by following His ways and His direction that we gain everlasting life. We've all tackled projects that come with directions – when we follow the directions our projects are successful; when we don't we end up with a mess. Our lives can be like that too. When we follow the directions and example of Christ we will achieve eternity with Him, when we don't, well... How is your project coming along? Are you following the directions Jesus gave you or have you gone off the page & the path He set? As a reflection of God's image, do you engage in the communal life of the Church or are you a lone wolf? Do you accept all the good gifts God has given you and share them with others or do you hoard them? It's tempting to take things into our own hands and follow our own desires rather than follow God's lead, but that is in opposition to God's plan and what it means to be a disciple. Our way may seem easier at first, but we'll soon be mired down, weighed down by self-imposed problems and life will become a burden. Follow God's plan, share what you have with others, give purpose to your life, be part of the solution, give Him thanks in worship and prayer and your reward will be heavenly!

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

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.

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.

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". 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.

•**Theology on Tap Akron:** Wed., July 12th, 7 pm, On Tap at the Harbor. Theology on Tap invites all adults in their 20's & 30's to come listen to Gerard Neugebauer, Mayor of Green speak on "The Public Life." \$5 admission includes appetizers. Cash bar for those who would like to purchase beverages.

•**Bus to the Fest:** Sun., Aug. 6. \$12 for roundtrip & t-shirt. Call Visitation of Mary rectory at 330-535-4141 for info.