

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



**July 23, 2017**  
**Sixteenth 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 24	Sharbel Makhluf, Priest	5:30 pm <b>Tom Alouf</b> by Family	Compton	Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42	
Tues July 25	James, Apostle			2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm <b>SB</b>
Wed July 26	Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary <b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	5:30 pm <b>Fr. Albert A. Kunkel</b> by Kathleen Klise	Compton	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm <b>CH</b>
Thur July 27				Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17	
Fri July 28		5:30 pm <b>Marie Abraham</b> by Michael Bralek	Compton	Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23	
Sat July 29	Martha	5:30 pm <b>Franco Fanizzi</b> by Tony Bowers	Morgan	Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am <b>CH</b> <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon <b>SB</b>
Sun July 30	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>Andy Ervin</b> by Family 11 am <b>People of the Parish</b>	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Coffey Brewer	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52	

**Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention**

**Holy Family Candle - 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.  
*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made  
 heaven and earth. Ps 124:8*

**COLLECTION REPORT**  
*Sunday, July 16, 2017*  
**Sunday Offering – \$2,437**  
**Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$880**  
 79 of 339 Envelopes Used.

**Baseball** – The deadline to RSVP for our IC Night at the Rubber Ducks is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't be left out! Talk to your families and friends and make plans to join us. You do not have to attend both games - come when you can – leave when you need to leave. Seating is just to the right of home plate behind the safety net so come, enjoy a night out and cheer on the home team. RSVP forms are available at all doors of the church.

**Loud & Clear!** The repairs to the church's sound system have attracted a \$1000 donation from an anonymous worshipper! Such stewardship will enable more "adventures in home improvement". Gigantic thanks for your generosity!!  
*Fr. Mike*

**R.C.I.A. Information Night** is coming up on July 31<sup>st</sup>. There are many unchurched in our area and it is our responsibility as the Baptized and as Disciples to encourage them to seek the Lord. Fr. Mike or Melissa will be happy to answer any pre-meeting questions. Let us build up our parish and the Church.

**Pastoral Council** - Our next "Planning to Plan" meeting will be this Tues., July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall. All council members are urged to attend this important meeting.

**In His Name** - We are collecting packaged cracker snacks, breakfast bars, snack bars, etc. for families sitting vigil at the Hospice on Ridgewood Rd. Please be aware of expiration dates. Please place donations in the basket by the main doors. The Peter Maurin Center collection is ongoing.

**The FEST** - Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, Center for Pastoral Leadership, Wickliffe. Join Catholics from throughout the diocese for a day of faith, family & fun including free concerts by national recording artists, raffles, outdoor Mass, fun activities & displays, fireworks & more. Affordable food or bring your own. Visit [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us) for details. **Bus to The FEST:** \$12 for roundtrip & t-shirt. Call Visitation of Mary rectory at 330-535-4141 for info.

***The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., July 26<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass.***

## History of Popes

**#67 – Pope Boniface IV** - *Pope from Aug./Sept., 608 – death, May, 615.* Boniface IV was born in the province of Valeria in the Byzantine Empire and his father was a doctor named Johannes. Prior to being pope, he served, like the Boniface before him, as a deacon under Gregory the Great. He was elected pope either on Aug. 25 or Sept. 15, 608. It's thanks to St. Boniface IV that the Church possesses the old Roman Pantheon -- the temple originally built to Roman gods Jupiter, Venus, & Mars - as one of its oldest existing churches. The Byzantine emperor, Phocas, gave the pagan site to the Church as a gift, which Boniface promptly converted into a church dedicated to "St. Mary ever a virgin and all martyrs." It's now known as "Santa Maria Rotunda" and can still be visited by pilgrims to the Eternal City. As pope, he helped the relatively new English Church & its bishop, Mellitus, answer vital questions on the monastic life, among other things. St. Boniface IV loved the monastic life so much that he had his own residence turned into a monastery & eventually retired there. He was buried in St. Peter's Basilica, and his remains have been moved three times since: once in the 10th or 11th century, once in the 13th century by Boniface VIII, and finally to the existing St. Peter's Basilica in October of 1603. His feast day is celebrated on May 25. What else was going on in the world at the time? The Muslim prophet Muhammad began spreading the message of Islam.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our first reading describes God as one who judges with clemency & governs with leniency, in other words, God is merciful even though He is the "master of might." God, who has mastery over all things & whose might is the source of justice chooses mercy, love, forgiveness, generosity & gives them to us as an example by which to live: "And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; & you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins." This mercy is again illustrated in the parables in the Gospel; weeds not pulled up lest the wheat get uprooted; the smallest of seeds becomes a large bush giving shelter & shade, a small amount of yeast mixed with flour rises to make bread. We are created in God's image. Are we merciful & generous in the things we do and say, in the way we treat others, in the sharing of our time, talent and treasure. Do we emulate God's example in ways which would bring others into the Church and into right relationship with God? Take some time this week in prayer to reflect on the image of God you portray.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

**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.

**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 teams who set-up, serve and clean-up when we have a meal. Remember you're only called into service when we have funeral dinners and we try hard to rotate teams and meal providers. Please reach out to minister to others during difficult times. You may call the rectory for more information or to share your stewardship.

**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 ICM but should be a registered parishioner in the area.

**CareCards** – To participate, purchase or make a card of encouragement, 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.

**Bingo Kitchen** is in need of help. Can you spare a Wednesday morning even once or twice a month? Call the rectory to sign-up.

## Off-Site Events

• **Caring & Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., July 24<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.

• **What Does Human Trafficking Look Like in Summit County?** Free program sponsored by the Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, July 29<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of the Elms High School Commons from 9 am until noon. A light lunch will be served & presentations given by representatives of the FBI, Rape Crisis Center, hotel industry, county Court, & a survivor of human trafficking. A training session for those wishing to volunteer will be held from 1 to 2 pm. Call Sr. Barbara at 330-835-5737 to register by July 24.

• **"I Take You At Your Word" Concert:** Julie Carrick, Catholic Recording Artist, Speaker, Radio Producer & Host, is coming to Nativity of the Lord for an evening event entitled "I Take You At Your Word", a Eucharist-focused music & spoken word mission being presented Mon., Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 pm & lasting approximately 1 ½ hours. There will be a free will offering.

• **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima:** St. Anthony Padua, Akron, invites you to visit the Our Lady of Fatima statue on the 13<sup>th</sup> of any month from May to October; one indulgence can be gained per day. For info, visit [www.stanthony-akron.com](http://www.stanthony-akron.com).