

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

September
Month of The Seven
Sorrows of Mary



September 24, 2017
Twenty-Fifth 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 25 | | 5:30 pm James Lambert by Lee Ann Lambert | Wilson | Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18 | |
| Tues Sep 26 | Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs | | | Exr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21 | Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Listening Make-up Session 6:30 pm HH Parish Council - 7 pm HH |
| Wed Sep 27 | St. Vincent de Paul, Priest | No Mass | | Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6 | |
| Thur Sep 28 | Wenceslaus, Martyr; Laurence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs | | | Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9 | |
| Fri Sep 29 | Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels | 5:30 pm Fr. Tom Duggan by Alberta Kunkel | Wilson | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51 | |
| Sat Sep 30 | Jerome, Priest & Doctor | 5:30 pm Mary & Frank LaRocca by Karen Getz | Morgan | Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45 | No Confessions Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB |
| Sun Oct 1 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Howard Claus by wife, Bea | 8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Coffey Compton | Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32 | |

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.

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Lk 8:15

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Sunday Offering – \$2,844 * Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$570
82 of 335 Envelopes Used.

Vacation - Fr. Mike will be off the property thru Oct. 6th. There will be **no confessions** on Sat., Sept. 30th & there will be **no Wednesday daily Mass** on Sept. 27th or Oct. 4th. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be next celebrated at the 5:30 pm Mass on Wed., Oct. 25th.

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

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.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

•**Planning a Future Full of Hope** – Makeup session this Tues., Sept. 26th at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall for those who were not able to attend on Saturday. Your participation is vital to the process of the plan and the plan is vital to our future. **Please call the rectory to RSVP.**

•**Generations of Faith** - Registration is underway at the main doors of the church after Masses. We're using a DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron entitled "Eucharist – Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence". Could you explain the Eucharist to a non-Catholic? Could you explain how Jesus is really present in the Eucharist to someone who asks? It's important to know our Catholic faith & be able to explain it to others. Come, learn & grow in your faith. The cost is just \$10/person.

•**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tues., Sept. 26th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

•**SVdP Blanket Sunday Collection** will be held Oct 7 & 8 to aid the needy. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FAMILY

Deaths

Shirley Kissner
George Pifer

History of Popes

#74 - Pope St. Martin I - Pope from July 21, 649 - death, Sept. 16, 655. A native of Tuscany and of noble birth, Martin was highly educated & was acclaimed for his charity to the poor. Prior to being pope, Martin served as papal nuncio in Constantinople, being ordained to the office of deacon during that time. He was also a Basilian, having belonged to the monastic order of St. Basil. Pope Martin I was the first pope in many decades to take office without imperial consent. He did this in order to convene a council in Rome to deal definitively with the Monothelite heresy -- that Christ had only one will -- which much of the East had succumbed to believing. Many attempts were made on Martin's life at the behest of the emperor & the Patriarch of Constantinople. One of the miracles related to Pope St. Martin I involved an assassination attempt on his life by one of Emperor Constans II's henchmen, Olympius. During Mass, Olympius planned to receive Holy Communion from Martin, which would allow him to come close enough to slay the pope. However, Olympius later testified that he was suddenly struck blind, preventing him from carrying out the plan. St. Martin I is best known for suffering for the faith and for being the last martyred pope. He was arrested along with St. Maximus the Confessor and taken to the island of Naxos in the Aegean Sea, having been accused of many trumped up charges. Martin's letters indicate he was kept at Naxos for a year, then taken to Constantinople. After arriving, he was left on the ship's deck for hours to be jeered at by spectators. He was moved to a prison for 93 days where he suffered from hunger, thirst, and cold. On Dec. 19, 654, he was brought before the Senate, who attempted to force Martin to endorse heresy which he refused to do. He was then taken into an open area, stripped nearly naked, loaded with chains, & dragged through the streets of the city. He was then thrown into another prison, where he stayed for 85 days. The emperor, in a moment of mercy, exiled him to Cherson in lieu of a death sentence where he lived four more months, despite a widespread famine in the region. What else was going on in the world at the time? The first major hospital in Paris, the Hotel-Dieu de Paris, was founded in 651 by Bishop St. Landry and was dedicated to St. Christopher.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We continue to highlight ministries & activities offered at our parish. Everyone can do something! What will you do? **Parish Life: Bingo** raises much needed parish funds while offering a social opportunity for our patrons. Bingo begins at 11 am on Wednesdays - doors open at 9:30 am. Love to play? Come join us! What to help out? We have many ways to do so: callers, kitchen help, floor workers, Instant Bingo sellers and more. Call the rectory with questions or to sign up. **Liturgical: Altar Servers** serve at the altar of God & assist the priest at Mass during the week, on weekends, for funerals & weddings and special liturgies such as Holy Days of Obligation & Holy Week. This ministry is open to students (girls and boys) from the 5th grade up as well as adults (women & men). Training will be provided by the staff and you will receive schedules every 3 months. Interested - call the rectory.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Funeral Dinner Ministry - We are in great need of people willing to provide a dish for a funeral meal. We also need men and women willing to serve meals. 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.

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 - Like to sew? Why not use your skill to make dresses which will be sent to the missions. Patterns will be provided. Donations of lightweight fabric & trim appreciated. Call the rectory to 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.

Operation Christmas Child - It's time to collect items and assemble your shoeboxes! Brochures are available at the main doors of the church which will help you in packing your shoeboxes. Notable changes: no candy or toothpaste; shipping cost - \$9. OCC boxes may be found at Hobby Lobby or Chik-Fil-A, use one of your own or a plastic container which can be re-used to catch rain water or store items. Thank you. More information to follow.

Other Events

• **Free Community Dinner:** Last Tuesday of each month at Park United Methodist Church from 5 - 7 pm. All welcome.

• **Caring & Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., Sept. 25th from 7:30-9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Parish Community Center - McIntyre Room. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For info call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

• **High School Events: St. Vincent - St. Mary - Scholarship-Placement Tests** - Saturdays: Oct. 14, 28 (Nov/Dec dates to come). Contact Amy Bisesi-Barcelo at abarcelo@stvm.com or 330-253-9113 x 115. **Hoban Open House** - Sun., Oct. 8, 1 to 3pm. **Scholarship/Placement Tests** - Saturdays, Oct. 14 & 21. \$20 test fee. Call 330-849-2149 or visit www.hoban.org.

Our Lady of the Elms Girls Night Out event on Sat., Sept. 30, 6 to 8 pm for girls in grades 6-12 at the Elms Athletic Complex, 3360 Ira Rd. Registration at <http://www.theelms.org/fest/> is required. Contact Melanie Drouin at 330-703-2622 or email mdrouin@theelms.org.

• **First Friday Club Luncheon:** Fri., Oct. 6, Tangier Restaurant, 532 W. Market St., \$20. Doors open at 11 am; Bishop Nelson Perez speaks at noon. Reserve no later than Mon., Oct. 2 by sending a check to the FFC of GA, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307. For more info, call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.