

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 Dec 25	Nativity of the Lord	10 am Ann Blondin by M/M Domenick Felice	Baker	Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18	Rectory Closed
Tues Dec 26	Stephen, the First Martyr			Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22	Rectory Closed Free Store Closed
Wed Dec 27	John, Apostle & Evangelist Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Marcella Archual by Marilyn Costanzo	Keegan	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8	
Thur Dec 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs			1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18	
Fri Dec 29	Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm Baker Family by Family	Keegan	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35	
Sat Dec 30		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Cole	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store Closed
Sun Dec 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:30 am Karen Hardesty by Family 11 am David Gombasky by Betty & Scott	8:30 am Baker 11 am Compton Hamilton	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40	

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 is he who possesses Bethlehem in his heart, and in whose heart Christ is born daily. St. Jerome

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017

Sunday Offering – \$3,122.50

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$605

88 of 341 Envelopes Used.

Acme Cashback – The current earning period ends Dec. 30th. 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!

New Year's Day – The rectory & food pantry will be closed and there will be no Holy Hours. The **Holy Day** on January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, has been dispensed because it falls on a Monday. There will be no vigil Mass on Dec. 31st, but we will celebrate on Jan 1st at 9:30 am (no 5:30 pm daily Mass).

Bulletin – Due to the high volume of packages UPS handles this time of year and short holiday office hours, items for the upcoming bulletins **must be submitted at least 10 days** before they are to appear.

Holy Family Candle - Herald Family

Liturgical Ministers – Thank you for your stewardship.

Christmas Eve, 5:30 pm: Lector: T. Cole; EMHC: S. Mason, J. Conrad, D. White, Jr.; Servers: M. Cole, L. Morgan; M of H – S. Mason, **need**.

Christmas Eve, 10 pm: Lector: B. Langton, EMHC: J. Langton, J. & J. Osolin, C. & J. Eggert; Servers: M. Keegan, J. Wilson, **need**; M of H: L. Wilson, S. Wilson, L. Eggert, B. Plasity

Christmas Day, 10 am: Lector: V. Lackney, EMHC: K. & J. Sboray, R. Compton; Servers: R. Baker, **need**; M of H: **need**.

Jan 1, 9:30 am: Lector: B. Langton, EMHC: J. Langton; **need**; Servers: R. Baker, **need**; M of H: **need**.

The **rectory** will be closed Monday & Tuesday. The **food pantry** will be closed Monday. There will be no **Holy Hours** on Monday or Tuesday, however, **Holy Hours** may be made on Wednesday. The **Free Store** will be closed Tues., Dec. 26th and Sat., Dec 30th.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Dec. 27th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FAMILY

Deaths

Florence Baker
Michael C. Pifer
Armand Nerone

Christmas Eve Reflection

Tonight “a great light” shines forth (Is 9:1); the light of Jesus’ birth shines all about us. How true & timely are the words of the prophet Isaiah which we have just heard: “You have brought abundant joy and great rejoicing” (9:2)! Our hearts were already joyful in awaiting this moment; now that joy abounds & overflows, for the promise has been at last fulfilled. Joy and gladness are a sure sign that the message contained in the mystery of this night is truly from God. There is no room for doubt; let us leave that to the skeptics who, by looking to reason alone, never find the truth. There is no room for the indifference which reigns in the hearts of those unable to love for fear of losing something. All sadness has been banished, for the Child Jesus brings true comfort to every heart. Today, the Son of God is born, and everything changes. The Saviour of the world comes to partake of our human nature; no longer are we alone and forsaken. The Virgin offers us her Son as the beginning of a new life. The true light has come to illumine our lives so often beset by the darkness of sin. Today we once more discover who we are! Tonight we have been shown the way to reach the journey’s end. Now must we put away all fear and dread, for the light shows us the path to Bethlehem... So when we hear tell of the birth of Christ, let us be silent and let the Child speak. Let us take his words to heart in rapt contemplation of his face. If we take him in our arms and let ourselves be embraced by him, he will bring us unending peace of heart. This Child teaches us what is truly essential in our lives. He was born into the poverty of this world; there was no room in the inn for him & his family. He found shelter and support in a stable and was laid in a manger for animals. And yet, from this nothingness, the light of God’s glory shines forth... This Child, whose face radiates the goodness, mercy and love of God the Father, trains us, his disciples, as Saint Paul says, “to reject godless ways” & the richness of the world, in order to live “temperately, justly and devoutly” (Tit 2:12)... Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too, with eyes full of amazement & wonder, gaze upon the Child Jesus, the Son of God. And in his presence may our hearts burst forth in prayer: “Show us, Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation” (Ps 85:8). (*Excerpts from Pope Francis’ Christmas Eve Homily 2015*)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent as well as Christmas Eve today. In the Gospel we hear of Mary’s obedience to God’s will as she is called to be the mother of Jesus, the Christ, Son of the Most High God. As we move into Christmas, we read of the birth of the Christ Child, Emmanuel, which means God with us. God chose to enter our world to bring redemption and salvation to all who believe. How do we show our gratitude for this gift – the greatest the world has ever or will ever receive? Jesus doesn’t need presents to open, so how can we show Him how much we appreciate the precious gift of His life? Some suggestions might be: greater stewardship, more authentic worship, a willingness to cooperate more fully with His grace and His will, humility as we strive to be faithful in our discipleship & prayer lives, greater compassion in our service, a desire to grow in our Catholic faith and a zeal to share that faith with others. Jesus doesn’t need presents, He needs us.

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 will 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.

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.

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

Did you know our website www.ickenmore.org has links to Daily Mass Readings, reflections and articles from other Catholic websites as well as our parish news and bulletins? Take a moment to check it out and find something new every time you visit.

Other Events

• **Catholic Radio Christmas Programming:** Tune in to 1060 AM, the Living Bread Radio Network beginning at 3 pm on Christmas Eve for all of your favorite religious Christmas songs. Tune in on Christmas Morning at 8 am for a special presentation of "The Bible Story of Christmas," narrated by Bing Crosby. Listen on the radio, online, on their mobile app, or even through Amazon's Alexa! Tune to 1260 AM - The Rock for a variety of special programming from EWTN on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day celebrating this joyous season! Visit, www.am1260therock.com for the full schedule.

• **Catholics Returning Home:** A six-week initiative beginning Wed., Jan. 10th from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center Library at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 73 North Avenue in 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 information, please call 330-633-3637.

• **Retrouvaille Weekend** – Jan. 19 – 21, 2018, Cleveland. Retrouvaille (rediscovery), a lifeline for troubled marriages. A registration fee of \$150 is required. 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. Retrouvaille 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.

• **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.

Christmas Flower

Offering *In Memory /*

Honor of...

Adams, Julius by Mrs. Ora Adams
 Alouf, Tom by Mary Jo Bailey
 Andrews, Michael by Mary Jane Andrews

Baker, Florence by Richard Baker
 Baker, Florence by M/M Joseph Langton
 Bamberger, Howard & Susanna
 by Vincent, Beth Ann, Thomas & Sherry Jean
 Bamberger, Raymond

by Vincent, Beth Ann, Thomas & Sherry Jean
 Banko, Michael & Anna by M/M Domenic Felice
 Berfield, Carolyn by M/M Joseph Langton
 Berquist, Ed & Sarah by Mrs. Betty Geddes
 Berquist, Helen by Mrs. Betty Geddes
 Blondin, Ann by M/M Allan McClellan
 Blondin, M/M Richard by M/M Joseph Langton
 Bonham, Ray & Jane by Melissa Keegan
 Borden, Martin & Ethelreda by Leonard & Eileen Borden
 Bralek, Michael & Corrine by Michael Bralek, Jr
 Brenenburg, Agnes & Edward
 by Vincent, Beth Ann, Thomas & Sherry Jean
 Brenenburg, Clara & Henry

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 Buhalak Family by Mary Jo Bailey
 Buhalak, Joseph & Ruth by Mary Jo Bailey

Capers, Dominic & Frances by Mrs. Earl Damron
 Caruso, M/M Guy by Family
 Case, John by M/M Robert Case
 Clauss, Howard by Beatrice Clauss
 Conrad, Donald & Margaret by M/M Tave Stanley
 Conrad, Joe & Nora by M/M Tave Stanley

Damron, Denver by Mrs. Earl Damron
 Deceased Knights of Columbus by Christopher Eggert
 Deceased Members of Renewal Team #1 by Mrs. Donald Todd
 Doll, Anna by M/M John Miller
 Durant, Ray by Mary Jo Bailey

Eggert Family by Christopher Eggert
 Eggert, Ronald by Christopher Eggert
 Eggert, Steve by Christopher Eggert
 English, Sis by M/M John Friend

Fallon Family Living & Deceased by Mr. Chuck Fallon
 Faw Family by Melissa Keegan
 Felice, Chris by M/M Ed Roeger
 Felice, Joseph & Rose by M/M Dominic Felice
 Fox, Jan by Mr. Dale Fox
 Friend, John & Janie by M/M John H. Friend

Gabor, George by M/M Robert Ryan
 Gardner, Steve by Mrs. Pauline Gardner
 Gardner, William by Mrs. Pauline Gardner

Gardner, Justin & Anna by M/M Richard Novitsky
 Geddes, Jerry by Mrs. Betty Geddes
 Geig, Betty by Mary Jane Andrews
 Greenland, William & Elizabeth by Bea Clauss
 Greenland Family by Bea Clauss
 Gruic Family by M/M Mark Gruic
 Guenther Family by Mary Jo Bailey

Hafler, Mrs. Judy by Tom Hafler
 Hafler, Mrs. Mary by Tom Hafler
 Haggerty, Dan & Sylvia by Mrs. Earl Damron
 Hardesty, Karen Marie by Mary Jo Bailey
 Hardesty, Ryan Mitchell by M/M Joseph Langton
 Heim, Robert 'Bob' by Christopher Eggert
 Hemminger, Clyde by M/M Joseph Pangburn
 Hemminger, Clyde by M/M Mark Gruic
 Herold, Tom Sr. & Jr. by Mary White
 Herold, Tom Sr. & Jr. by Anne Herold & Family
 Holtz/Hosier Family by Sandra Mason
 Homan, Frank by M/M Joseph Langton
 Howe, Charles (Father) by Mr. Edward Howe
 Howe, Dorothy (Mother) by Mr. Edward Howe

ICC Holy Hour Ministry
 by Vincent, Beth Ann, Thomas, Sherry Jean Rister
 ICC Shut-in Ministry
 by Vincent, Beth Ann, Thomas, Sherry Jean Rister
 Immaculate Conception Church by M/M John Friend

Jarvis, Frank & Gilda by Linda Kerns
 Jarvis, Frank Jr. by Linda Kerns
 Jarvis, William by Linda Kerns
 Johnson Family by Mrs. Donald Todd
 Johnson, Mark by Melissa Keegan
 Jones, Dan & Dorothy by Richard Baker
 Jones, Margaret by Richard Baker

Kauslick, M/M Joseph by Mr. Joseph Kauslick
 Kauslick, Paula by Mr. Joseph Kauslick
 Keegan Family by Melissa Keegan
 Keegan, Ralph & Ina by Melissa Keegan
 Keenan, Terry by M/M Allan McClellan
 Keenan, M/M Tom by M/M Allan McClellan
 Kerns, Frank by Linda Kerns



Kidd, Jeremy by Mary Jane Andrews
Kissner, Shirley by M/M Joseph Langton
Knight, Gary by Mrs. George Pifer
Kovac, Jeanne by Beatrice Clauss

Lackney, Eleanor by Vince Lackney & Lori Hanson
Lackney, Joseph by Vince Lackney & Lori Hanson
Langton, M/M Wally by M/M Joseph Langton
Lawless, Tom by M/M Allan McClellan
Lawless, Tom by M/M Joseph Langton
LoCicero, Angeline by Mrs. Earl Damron

Mason/Hartman Family by Sandra Mason
Maurer, Ray & Donna by M/M Gerald Meyers
McClellan, M/M Paul by M/M Allan McClellan
McConnaughey, Mary Jo by Ronald McConnaughey
McDonald, Freer by M/M C. McDonald
McDonald, Virginia by M/M C. McDonald
McGrath, Susan & John by M/M Stephen Vargo
Meyers, John & Florence by M/M Gerald Meyers
Miller, Kay by M/M John Friend
Miller, Pearl A. (mother) by Shirley Petrich
Miller, William J. (brother) by Shirley Petrich
Milo, Victoria by Mrs. Earl Damron
Molnar, Joseph by Betty Molnar
Moyer Family by M/M John Sboray

Noirot, M/M Paul by Mr. Joseph Kauslick
Novitsky, Stephen & Theresa by M/M Richard Novitsky

Ochs, Eileen & Cyril by M/M Joseph Pangburn
Orlando, Sam by Pat Orlando
Orlando, Sam by M/M Allan McClellan
Osolin, Don by M/M John Osolin
Ostervich, Ed & Sophie by M/M Joseph Ostervich
Owen, Frederick & Kaye by Leonard & Eileen Borden

Pangburn, Shirley by M/M Joseph Pangburn
Pangburn Family by M/M Joseph Pangburn
Pifer, George by Mrs. George Pifer
Pifer, Mike by Mrs. George Pifer
Powell, Frank J. by Family
Prough, Earl by Mrs. George Pifer
Prough, Martha by Mrs. George Pifer
Placanica, Florence by M/M Tom Clark
Placanica, Joseph by M/M Tom Clark

Ranaldi, Ambrosio by Ida Rea
Rea, Richard by Ida Rea
Redovian, Vickie by M/M Richard Novitsky
Reed, Helen by M/M Joseph Langton
Rister, Sam & Ellie Lee
by Vincent, Beth Ann, Thomas & Sherri Jean
Ruckman, Brad & Karla by Mrs. Patricia Ruckman
Ruckman, Eric & Evan by Mrs. Patricia Ruckman
Ruckman, Ike - Health & Blessings by Patricia Ruckman
Ryan, Robert & Patricia by M/M Robert Ryan

Saxon, Michael & Ann by M/M Robert Saxon
Sboray Family by M/M John Sboray
Scarborough, Carl & Harue by M/M John Osolin
Schimmoeller, Don & Ken by Mary Jane Andrews

Schimmoeller, Mary by Terri Shoemaker
Schimmoeller, Myron & Mary by Mary Jane Andrews
Schimpf, Elsie by M/M Daniel Brewer
Sendelbach, Irene by M/M C. McDonald
Sendelbach, John by M/M C. McDonald
Shira, Fred & Evelyn by Mr. Ronald McConnaughey
Smith, Gary by M/M Joseph Ostervich
Smith, Mike & Betty by M/M Joseph Ostervich
Smith, Paul by Melissa Keegan
Soss, Helen by Mary Jane Andrews
Special Intentions by Christopher Eggert

Tholt, Joseph & Helen by M/M Robert Saxon
Todd, Don by Mrs. Donald Todd
Todd Family by Mrs. Donald Todd
Tubo, Lisa by the Family
Tubo, Lou by the Family

Ulichney, Andrew & Pascalene by Mrs. Patricia Ruckman
Ulichney, Bernadene by Mrs. Patricia Ruckman
Ulichney, James E. by Mrs. Patricia Ruckman
Ulm, Mary by M/M John Friend

Vanca, Vincent, Jr. by Ms. Lynn Vanca
Vanca, Vincent, Jr. by Mrs. Martha Vanca
Vargo, Helen & Steve by M/M Stephen Vargo
Vargo, Ryan by M/M Stephen Vargo

Walsh, Margaret Ann by M/M Tave Stanley
Weidlich, M/M George by M/M Joseph Pangburn
Weidlich Family by M/M Mark Gruic
Witzl, Ethel (mother) by M/M Frank Witzl
Witzl, Anton (father) by M/M Frank Witzl
Witzl, Anna (sister) by M/M Frank Witzl
Witzl, Keith (son) by M/M Frank Witzl
Wood, Natalie by M/M Joseph Ostervich

Zamesko, Steve & Anna by M/M S. Zamesko Jr.
Zganjar, Robert by Mrs. Robert Zganjar

