

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January  
Month of the  
Holy Childhood  
of Jesus

December 31, 2017  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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 1	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	9:30 am <b>William Lieb</b> by Lieb & Ammerman Family	Baker	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	Rectory Closed Food Pantry Closed No Holy Hours
Tues Jan 2	Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors			1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Jan 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	5:30 pm <b>Bernadette &amp; Vincent Gandolfi</b> by Fr. Mike	Keegan	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Jan 4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious			1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42	SVdP 11:30 am HH
Fri Jan 5	John Neumann, Bishop	5:30 pm <b>Jack &amp; Mary Norman</b> by Lawrence Rohr	Keegan	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51	First Friday Communion Calls
Sat Jan 6	Andre Bessette, Religious	5:30 pm <b>Larry Sutter</b> by Fr. Mike	Morgan	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Jan 7	The Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 am <b>People of the Parish</b> 11 am <b>George Pifer</b> by Beverly & Jim Lino	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	

## 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.

*Accompany us, heavenly Mother of the Redeemer, through the year that begins today, and obtain from God the gift of peace... for all humanity.* Pope Benedict XVI

## COLLECTION REPORT

*Due to the early submission of the bulletin, the report for Sunday, Dec. 24 will appear in next week's bulletin.*

### 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!

### 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.

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

## Holy Family Candle - Families

### 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. 31<sup>st</sup>, but we will celebrate on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am (no 5:30 pm daily Mass).

**Liturgical Ministers** - Thank you for your stewardship.  
Jan 1, 9:30 am: Lector: B. Langton, EMHC: J. Langton; **need**; Servers: R. Baker, **need**; M of H: **need**.

### Generations of Faith

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

### 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.

**Thank you** to all who came to decorate the church. It looks beautiful! Thank you for your care and attention to detail!



## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Church in Rome wished to honor the virgin Mother of God during the Christmas season and so established the *Natale S Mariae* (Anniversary of St. Mary) on January 1 in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "Mary, the all-holy-ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the *dwelling place* where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." In her, the "wonders of God" that the Spirit was to fulfill in Christ and the Church began to be manifested." (721) "In Mary, the Holy Spirit *manifests* the Son of the Father, now become the Son of the Virgin. She is the burning bush of the definitive theophany. Filled with the Holy Spirit she makes the Word visible in the humility of his flesh. It is to the poor and the first representatives of the gentiles that she makes him known." (724)

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and anytime we think of "family" all kinds of memories come flooding into our minds: "Remember when dad did that? Remember how delicious our family Thanksgiving meals were? It was so nice to gather with extended families for picnics on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I really hated some of the chores I was given. It was hard to say goodbye. It was tough when mom was sick and dad lost his job, but we sure pulled together as family." Did you ever wonder what family life was like for Mary, Joseph and Jesus? They sure didn't have the modern conveniences we enjoy or the grocery and clothing stores we take for granted. Did they disagree and get angry at one another on occasion? Family time and family values were important as they should be today, but our society and our personal priorities have damaged what God intended. As stewards of everything God has given us, we are stewards of our families. How healthy are your family relationships? How strong are your family values? Are they based on secular values or on those given by God? May one of our New Year's resolutions center on strengthening our families and leading them to holiness.

### 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.

**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.

**Bulletin** – all items to be included in the bulletin must be submitted to the rectory by 10 am on Mondays.

Did you know our website [www.ickenmore.org](http://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*

• **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**: A six-week initiative beginning Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

• **Financial Peace University**: St. Hilary Faculty Lounge, 6:45 – 8:30 pm, Wednesdays beginning Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. A 9 week series based on the teachings of Dave Ramsey, author & talk show host, that will teach you how to save money, eliminate debt, build a financial plan and retire with a nest-egg. Cost is \$100. For more info, contact Jim Bennett 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 more reservations or information, please call Molly at 330-490-7581, or email [mromano@walsh.edu](mailto:mromano@walsh.edu).

• **Retrouvaille Weekend** – Jan. 19 – 21, 2018, Cleveland. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? The Retrouvaille program may help. 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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

• **Cancer Spirituality Group**: Meetings are twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at St. Matthew Rectory, Akron from 11 am - 12:30 pm. For more info, please contact: Pat Flaherty at (330) 628-5725 or at [everhiker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:everhiker@sbcglobal.net).