

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 14, 2018
Second Sunday of 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 Jan 15		5:30 pm Andrew Cheslock, Jr. by Fr. Mike	Compton	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22	
Tues Jan 16				1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Church Undecorating 6:30 pm CH
Wed Jan 17	Anthony, Abbot	5:30 pm Ambrosio Ranaldi & Richard Rea by Ida Rea	Compton	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6	
Thur Jan 18				1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12	
Fri Jan 19		5:30 pm Mary Loretta January by IC Parish Staff	Compton	1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19	
Sat Jan 20	Fabian, Pope & Sebastian, Martyrs	5:30 pm Jeanne Kovac by mother, Bea Clauss	Morgan	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Jan 21	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:30 am Frank J. Powell by James Caruso 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	Jon 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20	Chef Sign-ups and Ticket Sales for Soup for the Soul after all weekend Masses

Sanctuary Lamp - Deceased Family of Bob & Kathy Doerr Holy Family Candle - Peace of Mind

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

*All the earth falls in worship before you; they sing of you,
sing of your name!* Psalm 66:4

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$3,140.50

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$180

82 of 345 Envelopes Used.

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Sunday Offering - \$3,619.50

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$141

Special Gift. - \$10,000

82 of 345 Envelopes Used.

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

St. Vincent de Paul - December report: we provided food for 181 people in 59 households.

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!

Church Undecorating - This Tues., Jan. 16th, beginning at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tues., Jan. 23rd at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Pre-Baptism Class - Tues., Jan. 23rd, St. Augustine Rectory, 7 pm. This class is required for all parents seeking baptism for their children.

Soup for the Soul

Sun., February 11th, noon to 2 pm, Waldeisen Hall. We are looking for up to 15 Chili/Soup Chefs so be sure to sign up beginning this weekend in the back of the Church. If you sign up we would like for you to provide your recipe so we can put a packet together and share with the parish. Tickets are \$5 each & can be purchased from Parish Activities members after Masses.

Family News Corner

Congratulations to **Nicole Shoemaker**, granddaughter of parishioner, Mary Jane Andrews. Nicole graduated Cum Laude from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. Way to go, Nicole!

History of Popes

#81 – Pope St. Benedict II – *Given name: Benedictus Sabellus* – Pope from June 26, 684 – death, May 8, 685. Benedict II, a Roman by birth, served the Church for most of his life. His defining qualities included a vast knowledge of Scripture and a great singing voice. His contemporaries loved him as both priest & pope for his generosity, commitment to the poor, and his humble nature. Though little is known about Benedict II's life, these qualities alone led to him being venerated as a saint. Benedict II, like Leo II before him, reigned for less than a year and died on May 8, 685 at the age of 50. Pope St. Benedict II is known for abolishing the need for emperors to confirm papal elections. Benedict was chosen to succeed Leo II in 683, but wasn't able to take office until mid-684 due to a rule that required approval from the emperor before consecration could take place. Once in office, Benedict was thus motivated to work out a deal with the East, substantially cutting the time it took between election and consecration for future popes. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 684, Halley's Comet was observed in Japan.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The Church has now entered into what is known as the "Ordinary Time" of the Liturgical Calendar. That doesn't mean that nothing is happening; it just means that it's not the Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week or Easter season. Ordinary Time makes up the majority of the Church's calendar. This week's readings see lots of things happening. Samuel is called by God & after he realizes (with the help of Eli) that it is indeed God calling, he answers by dedicating his life to God. St. Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us and challenges us to live lives that are morally pleasing to God. In the Gospel, we see Jesus calling his first disciples and inviting them to come and see what He has to offer. John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God – Temple talk for the one who is going to be sacrificed for the many – the long awaited Messiah; the Christ. Andrew and Simon came to see and their lives were transformed – beginning with Simon's name which Jesus changed to Peter. In this new year, in this Ordinary Time of the year, to what is God calling you? Are you open to hear His call? Are you willing to cooperate with His grace and surrender to His will?

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.

Bingo & Bingo Kitchen is in need of help. Can you spare a Wednesday morning once or twice a month?

Is Your Parish Registration Record & Emergency Contact Information Up to Date?

If you haven't updated your record since the census years ago, please contact the rectory to verify your data is correct.

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.

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

Other Events

• **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 reservations or info, call Molly at 330-490-7581, or email mromano@walsh.edu.

• **24 Hour Prayer Vigil for Life** at Holy Family, Stow, begins Fri., Jan. 19th with Mass at 7 pm followed by Pro-Life speaker Christy Bailor, the rosary led by the Knights of Columbus #10936, procession to chapel and continuous rosary until closing Mass at 5 pm on Sat., Jan. 20th.

• **9 Days for Life Novena:** Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up for daily text messages or emails focused on cherishing the gift of every life. Novena is from Jan. 18th through Jan. 26th.

• **Authentic Masculinity:** Jan. 27th, 8:30 am – 4 pm, 2nd Annual Men's Conference, St. Matthew Church, 2603 Benton Ave., Akron. \$10 admission. Day includes talks, music, adoration, opportunities for confession, breakfast & lunch for attendees; dinner for men & their families at 5 pm. Open to men 18 & up. For info and registration call 330-733-9944.

• **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, call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

• **Cancer Spirituality Group:** Meetings are twice a month on the 2nd & 4th 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.