

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 28, 2018
Fourth 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 |
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| Mon Jan 29 | | 5:30 pm Special Intention | Hamilton | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20 | |
| Tues Jan 30 | | | | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 – 19:3; Mk 5:21-43 | Free Store 4:30 – 7 pm SB |
| Wed Jan 31 | John Bosco, Priest Anointing of the Sick | 5:30 pm John, Ann Marie & Beth Ann Kovalchin by Kovalchin Family | Hamilton | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6 | Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH |
| Thur Feb 1 | | | | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13 | SVdP 11:30 am HH |
| Fri Feb 2 | The Presentation of the Lord | 5:30 pm Zachary Kramer by James Kramer | Hamilton | Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 | |
| Sat Feb 3 | Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Ansgar, Bishop Blessing of Throats | 5:30 pm People of the Parish | Burkhart | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34 | Confessions 9 – 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am – Noon SB |
| Sun Feb 4 | Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time | 8:30 am Rose Rauckhorst by Family 11 am Louis Kelley Family by Diane Sunderland | 8:30 am Baker 11 am Ortscheid Wilson | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39 | Chef Sign-ups & Ticket Sales for Soup for the Soul after all weekend Masses |

Sanctuary Lamp - Don Nauer

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 3 Holy Hours last week.

Come let us bow low and do reverence; kneel before our Lord who made us! For He is our God and we are His people.

Psalm 95:6-7a

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Sunday Offering. – \$4,179

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$146

110 of 345 Envelopes Used.

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

Grateful Giving

We began the in-pew process in October. Here are the 4th quarter collection amounts for 2016 and 2017 for comparison. Thank you for your stewardship!

| Year | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2017 | 18,254.40 | 18,889.55 | 35,593.14 | 74,754.09 |
| 2016 | 17,550.74 | 15,999.87 | 28,550.22 | 64,116.83 |
| Increase | 703.66 | 2,889.68 | 7,042.92 | 10,636.26 |

Holy Family Candle - Benjamin Blankenship

Soup for the Soul

We still have room for more chefs. Thank you to those who have already signed up – we're hearing about some delicious recipes! You may sign up after Masses to be a chef or you may buy tickets for just \$5! Mark your calendars and don't miss this family friendly, pre-Lenten event on Sun., Feb. 11th from noon – 2 pm. Chefs, we'd love it if you'd provide your recipes so we can share them with the parish.

Lenten Prayer Resources

Print: **The Word Among Us** has provided our parish with free issues of daily Mass readings and reflections for the Lenten season. Copies will be available at the doors of the church. One per household please.

Online: Visit bestlentenver.com/parishsignup to sign up to receive daily reflections from Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic. Text LENT to 22828 or sign up at LentReflections.com to receive daily messages from Bishop Barron and Word on Fire.

Big news is coming from the **Parish Activities Committee** so stay tuned and get ready to party!

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Jan. 31st at the 5:30 pm Mass.

History of Popes

#83 – **Pope Conan** (*pronounced COE-nuhn*) – Pope from October 21, 686 – death, September 21, 687. Conan was the son of a Thracian soldier and had been educated in Sicily. His attractive appearance, along with his character and advanced age, caused him to be a solid compromise candidate when rival camps couldn't decide on a new pope following the death of John V. Conan's presence in Rome as a priest was likely a result of Islamic attacks during the mid-7th century. Many Sicilian clergy took refuge in Rome during that time to avoid persecution. As pope, Conan welcomed the Irish St. Killian and his companions, making Killian a bishop and sending them out to evangelize in Franconia (southeast Germany). Pope Conan was very close with the new Byzantine emperor, Justinian II. The emperor informed Conan that he had recovered the canons of the Sixth Ecumenical Council and intended to abide by them. In addition, Conan's friendship with the emperor offered the Church some leniency on things like taxes paid to the government on Church income. Pope Conan died after a long illness exactly 11 months after taking office. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 687, Emperor Justinian II negotiated a peace treaty with the Islamic army and also removed 12,000 Christians from Lebanon in an effort to protect them.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Ever notice that all our prayers at Mass end with some version of, "through Christ our Lord" or "through our Lord Jesus Christ..."? Jesus is the entryway, the door, the portal through which we have access to the Father & so we pray to the Father in name of the Son, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is clear on this in Jn 14:1-14. Jesus says to Thomas, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." There is great power & authority in the name of Jesus and we see a powerful example of that in today's Gospel. The unclean spirits possessing a man in the Temple knew of Jesus and when he ordered them to leave the man they obeyed. The crowd was amazed at the authority Jesus commanded. Do you call upon the power of Jesus' name in your private prayer? Moreover, do you dedicate your stewardship, your efforts, your work and ministry to Jesus each day? You just might find it all has more meaning and purpose!

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

Let's Be Intentional!

Healthwise – Some suggestions: 1) Use the hand sanitizer that has been placed at all doors of the church. 2) If you aren't feeling well, do not drink from the cup at Communion. 3) Cough or sneeze into your elbow – not your hands. 4) During this flu season, wave or nod your head rather shake hands during the Sign of Peace. Let's show care and concern for one another.

In Our Worship - Some suggestions: 1) Move around and sit in a different spot in Church so you can meet more people and form stronger community. 2) Pick up the hymnal and sing – we are not spectators at Mass. The Liturgy Documents call for full, active, conscience participation SO sing and respond with enthusiasm. 3) Read the scriptures before you come (they are listed in the bulletin) and prepare yourself for Mass. 4) Be open to what God will reveal in the prayers, readings and homily.

Other Events

- **Free Mini Retreat for Caregivers:** A Day of Spiritual Renewal and Relaxation, St. Paul Parish, Akron, Feb. 17th, 11:30 am – 3 pm. The retreat is sponsored by Aseracare Hospice Foundation includes lunch, massage, music and art therapy. Call 330-801-0463 for more info. RSVP to Terry Nesline, St. Paul Adult Ministries, 330-724-1263.
- **30th Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction and Raffle:** Thurs., Mar. 1, 11am, Guy's Party Centre to benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County. Cost is \$25/person. Reservations are required and must be received by Feb. 19. Make checks payable to Women's Board of CCCS/SC and mail to Mikey Stewart, 45 Bermont Ave, Munroe Falls OH 44262. Include your name, address, and phone number. Please note if you have a seating preference. For info, visit ccdocle.org/summit-county/womens-board/luncheon.
- **Passion & Purpose for Marriage:** Mar. 3rd, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, St. Sebastian Parish. Led by bestselling author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt, this is an opportunity to learn and grow as a person of faith who strives to love in all their relationships. Snacks will be provided and you will receive a great swag bag to take home! Tickets are \$25 and are available from St. Sebastian Parish after Masses in January & February, online at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/Akron> or by calling 859-980-7900.