

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February  
Month of  
The Holy  
Family



February 4, 2018  
Fifth 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 Feb 5	Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	5:30 pm <b>Regina Jenkins</b> by Family	Keegan	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56	
Tues Feb 6	Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs			1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Feb 7		5:30 pm <b>Louis A. Dirker</b> by Fr. Mike	Keegan	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Feb 8	Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita, Virgin			1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30	
Fri Feb 9		5:30 pm <b>Mary Jane Wheeler</b> by Joe & Martha Sarlouis	Keegan	1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37	
Sat Feb 10	Scholastica, Virgin	5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	Burkhart	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Feb 11	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time  World Marriage Day	8:30 am <b>Florence Baker</b> by Kovalchin Family 11 am <b>Deceased Family Members of Bob &amp; Kathy Doerr</b>	8:30 am Baker  11 am Ortscheid Wilson	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45	<b>Soup for the Soul</b> 12 - 2 pm WH

## Sanctuary Lamp - Rita Blankenship

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

**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.

*"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"* Mk 4:40

### COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, January 28, 2018*

**Sunday Offering.** - \$3,619 **Cap. Imp./Debt. Red.** - \$55

86 of 345 Envelopes Used.

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

### Lenten Prayer Resources

**Print:** **The Word Among Us** (daily Mass readings and reflections) for the Lenten season, will be available at the doors of the church. One per household please.

**Online:** Visit [bestlentever.com/parishsignup](http://bestlentever.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](http://LentReflections.com) to receive daily messages from Bishop Barron and Word on Fire.

For all things Lent, pick up a copy of **Journey through Lent** next Sunday at the doors of the church.

**St. Vincent de Paul** - January report: we provided food for 232 people in 74 households.

**Soup for the Soul** - Sun., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from noon - 2 pm.

All the chefs are set & ready! Now calling all **Cookie Elves** for some sweet treats! Tickets are \$5 each, ages 5 & under are free!

**Lenten Season** begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm; no 5:30 pm Mass.

The 3 pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

**Prayer** - Pick up a copy of Word Among Us (available at the doors of the church next weekend), check out the online sites listed in the bulletin, attend daily Mass, make Fridays special by coming to 5:30 pm Mass, staying for private prayer time and then praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, pray for fellow parishioners and for the sharing of your stewardship.

**Fasting** - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all between 18 & 59 years old, allowing a person to eat one full meal, two smaller meals, not to equal one full meal with no in-between meal snacks. *Abstinence* (from meat and meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14.

*Fridays in Lent* are days of complete abstinence.

**Almsgiving** - Use your Rice Bowl to collect alms for Catholic Relief Services & help the poor worldwide; also try the recipes they provide.

**Altar & Rosary Society Communion Sunday** - Sun., Feb., 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am Mass.

## History of Popes

**#83 – Pope St. Sergius I** (*pronounced SUHR-jee-uss*) – Pope from Dec. 15, 687 – death, Sept. 8, 701. . Pope St. Sergius I was of Syrian descent and like his predecessor, lived in Sicily & came to Rome in the 670s to avoid the Islamic battles of that time. One of the hallmarks of Sergius’ papacy was dealing with a rogue council in Constantinople called by Emperor Justinian II in 692. The “Quinisext Council,” as it came to be called, was a desperate attempt to unify the whole Church in her disciplines as a way to fight the growing Muslim presence. Justinian pretended like Sergius approved, going so far as coercing the one Western bishop present, Basil of Gortyna, into signing the council’s decrees to force the pope’s support. But Sergius denounced the council’s findings and even refused to receive a copy of the council documents, saying that he “would rather die than consent to such erroneous novelties.” The emperor demanded the pope be arrested, but the Byzantine Empire held little power over Italy by that time. Sergius then included the **Agnus Dei** (or **Lamb of God**) chant in the Mass representing his adamant opposition to the Quinisext Council, which, among other things, had tried to omit all depictions of Christ as Lamb. Sergius had many dealings with the Church in England, ordaining St. Willibrord as a bishop & sending him to evangelize Germany, restoring St. Wilfrid to his see, & requesting the Venerable Bede as one of his key advisors. What else was going on in the world at the time? The first major structure of Islamic architecture, the Dome of the Rock, was completed in Jerusalem in 691. Octagonal in shape & iconic for its massive golden dome, it’s thought to have been modeled after a Byzantine church called the Church of the Seat of Mary, whose ruins were discovered in the 1990s.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Have you ever felt the way Job felt in the first reading – hopeless and in despair? Have you ever felt like the entire world is against you & life is nothing but drudgery? Take heart & do not let the Great Deceiver turn a life given by God into nothing but misery. We have a God who is faithful and who is true to His promise never to leave nor abandon us – Job forgot this, we can not. God is with us in good times & bad, offering strength, courage and healing. We are called to witness to this in our own lives & to spread this Good News to all people. Do you know someone who is suffering, who feels alone and abandoned, for whom life is drudgery? Be stewards of the faith and share Jesus with them. Help them to recognize the blessings in the midst of the difficulties and do the same yourselves!

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Kenmore Free Store Update** – As of Dec. 31, 2017 we have 1729 registered families representing 4,222 people, about 1/3 of whom are active on a regular basis. We minister to people from a large variety of zip codes, but the majority of shoppers come from Kenmore, 44314, followed by 44203 and 44306. In 2017, 36,266 total items were “purchased.” The combined total of items “purchased” from the store’s opening in 2014 through 2017 is 100,368! That does not count items offered as “unlimited” (do not count against their month allotment). We can use more help sorting through items so please consider sharing your stewardship with the store and join with parishioners and friends to help others.

### **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.

**Family Life** – 1) Pray together, 2) say grace at meals, 3) parents bless children as they leave the house, 4) spouses bless one another, 5) talk about the homily after Mass, 6) read scripture together, 7) show respect for one another, 8) recount the blessing of the day, 9) encourage and affirm one another, 10) find a common ministry.

### *Other Events*

- **A Lent To Remember:** Sts. Peter & Paul, 169 W. Clinton St, Doylestown, Tuesdays, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm in the school (approx. an hour). Presentation on the transforming power of mercy sponsored by Formed.org Adult Education.
- **Queen Of Hearts (Shrove Tuesday) Card Party:** Feb. 13, 5-9 pm, St. Augustine School Gym. Tickets are \$8 pre-pay and \$10 after Feb. 4 or at the door. Tickets available for purchase at the St. Augustine rectory, 330-745-0011.
- **Free Mini Retreat for Caregivers:** A Day of Spiritual Renewal and Relaxation, St. Paul Parish, Akron, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – 3 pm. Call 330-801-0463 for more info. RSVP to Terry Nesline, St. Paul Adult Ministries, 330-724-1263.
- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, D’Agnese’s at White Pond, 7 pm-appetizers, 7:30 pm-speaker. Bernard Smith, Ret. Prosecutor, U.S. Dept. of Justice will present “Two Popes, Two Catechisms and the Death Penalty”. \$10 Admission includes appetizers. Cash bar.
- **Passion & Purpose for Marriage:** Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, St. Sebastian Parish. Led by bestselling author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt. 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 February, online at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/Akron> or by calling 859-980-7900.