

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 11, 2018
Sixth Sunday in 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 12		5:30 pm James H. Sutphin (Jimmy)	Hamilton	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13	
Tues Feb 13				Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Feb 14	Ash Wednesday	7 pm Charlotte Zagar by P.A. Grant	Hamilton Compton	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	
Thur Feb 15				Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25	
Fri Feb 16		5:30 pm Ruth Faix by Family	Hamilton	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15	
Sat Feb 17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Burkhart	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Feb 18	First Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society 11 am Victoria Milo by Nana Bernadette	8:30 am Baker 11 am Ortscheid Wilson	Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15	

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.

Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you. 2 Pt 5:7

COLLECTION REPORT Sunday, February 4, 2018

Sunday Offering. - \$4,254.50 **Cap. Imp./Debt. Red.** - \$465
94 of 345 Envelopes Used.

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

Rite of Election will be celebrated next Sunday at the Cathedral of St. John for all in RCIA who will be coming into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 5:30 pm Mass next Saturday with our Candidate, Dennis Canter.

An Evening of Confession will be celebrated in all Catholic Churches in the diocese on Wed., Feb. 28th from 5 - 8 pm. Do you know someone who has been away from the church and is seeking to come home? Invite and come with them to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the healing power of God. There will be no 5:30 pm Mass that evening. Suggestion - parishioners try to come to Confession on Saturdays, 9 - 10 am during Lent.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated Wed., Feb. 21st at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Altar & Rosary Society Communion Sunday - Sun., Feb., 18th, 8:30 am Mass.

Let's Be Intentional!

Healthwise - 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. 3) Cough or sneeze into your elbow - not your hands. 4) During this flu season, wave or nod rather than shake hands. Let's show care and concern for one another.

Worship - 1) Move around & sit in a different spot in Church so you can meet more people & form stronger community. 2) Pick up the hymnal and sing - we are not spectators at Mass - SO sing & 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 & 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 blessings of the day, 9) encourage and affirm one another, 10) find a common ministry.

Congratulations to those certified as Lay Ecclesial Ministers by Bishop Perez last Saturday. May they be blessed for their service.

History of Popes

#84 – **Pope John VI** – Pope from Oct. 30, 701 – death, Jan. 11, 705. John VI was born at Ephesus around the year 655. Due to the declining Byzantine Empire, territories in & around Rome were attacked by Gisulf, a duke of the Lombard Kingdom. John VI, being a resourceful man, was able to persuade Gisulf to stop attacking the area by sending priests to his camp & paying ransom for those held captive by the duke. Other accomplishments by John VI included aiding a persecuted St. Wilfrid, bishop of York. He is known most for saving the emperor's representative, the Exarch of Ravenna, from attack and probable death at the hands of Roman militias when he traveled through Rome due to how poorly popes had been treated by the imperial crown for many decades prior. What else was going on in the world at the time? King Aethelred I, the Anglo-Saxon king of Mercia in England, resigned his throne in 702 after a 30-year reign. Aethelred opted instead for a monastery in Bardney, becoming a monk and serving as abbot there until his death.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name – During Lent, we ask you to use your **Rice Bowl** containers to help the poor through Catholic Relief Services. **Personal Hygiene collection** – We continue to collect hygiene items for the homeless which go to the Peter Maurin Center: razors, shaving cream, Kleenex packs, lip balm, trial-size shampoos, soaps, conditioner, body lotion, mouth wash, tooth paste and tooth brushes. **ADDITION:** In a recent conversation with school officials from Kenmore cluster schools a need has arisen right here in Kenmore. Did you know there are many homeless families with children in our schools? It's true and these families need help. You can help in several ways: 1) Donate regular size hygiene items. 2) Donate non-perishable food items which will be given to students so they have food on the weekends. 3) Adopt a family and commit to providing a **Backpack of Love** each weekend with items such as small cereal boxes, breakfast & snack bars/cookies, cup of soup, cans of soup, small cans of chili, wieners or beans, etc. To adopt a family, please call the rectory and we will call the schools to make arrangements. **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 6:30 pm on the Fridays of Lent. Candle and cross bearers are needed and you may sign up as individuals, as a family or as a ministry group.

Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th. 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), check out the online sites listed in the bulletin, attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour here or at St. Augustine (doors open during daylight hours, after dark call 330-690-9661, go to confession, make Fridays special by coming to 5:30 pm Mass, staying for private prayer time & 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 – Operation Rice Bowl – This year our Lenten alms will support **Catholic Relief Services** which carries out the commitment of U.S. Bishops to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. CRS is the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Included with the Rice Bowl Container you will find Lenten recipes, daily Lenten reflections and more. Drop in your spare change daily, eat a simple meal once a week and put the money saved into your container, drop in money saved from what you give up for Lent. There are many ways to collect your alms to help the poor & needy in our world. What will you do?

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. Pick up a copy of **Perfectly Yourself** by Matthew Kelly which goes with the bestlentever program below. **Online:** Visit 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 to receive daily messages from Bishop Barron and Word on Fire.

Mark Your Calendars for a St. Patty's Day/ 95th Parish Anniversary celebration which will take place on Sat., March 17th in Waldeisen Hall from 7-10 pm. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Other Events

- **A Lent To Remember:** Sts. Peter & Paul, 169 W. Clinton St, Doylestown, Tuesdays, Feb. 13th – Mar. 20th, 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.
- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Feb. 19th, D'Agnes'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.
- **Answer the Call Men's Conference:** Sat., Feb. 24th, 8 am – 4 pm. Registration is \$38 before Feb. 20th, then \$40 at the door. Theme is "Developing Your Relationship with Christ" & program includes breakfast, lunch and presentations. Visit www.cmfneo.com for registration and more info.