

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

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 19		5:30 pm Bob Kelly, Jr. & Sr. by Fr. Mike	Brewer	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	
Tues Feb 20				Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Feb 21	Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Thomas Palecek, Jr. by Fr. Mike	Brewer	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	Contemporary Choir 6: 45 pm CH
Thur Feb 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle			1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	
Fri Feb 23	Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Brewer	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	
Sat Feb 24		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Burkhart	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Feb 25	Second Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Michael & Corrine Bralek by Family 11 am James E. Ulichney by Elizabeth Chimento	8:30 am Baker 11 am Ortscheid Wilson	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10:13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10	

Sanctuary Lamp - Deceased Members of the DeVoe Family Holy Family Candle - Rita Blankenship

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.

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord, for I did not come to call the just but sinners. Mt 9:13

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Sunday Offering. - \$3,477

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$573

98 of 345 Envelopes Used.

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

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 this Wed., Feb. 21st at the 5:30 pm Mass.

• **Thank you** to all of our excellent **chefs** for the Soup for the Soul event. It was a great success! Thank you to the **cookie elves** and **all who helped** set up & clean up. The selection of soups was amazing and tasty! If you have not given us your recipe, please do so soon so we can make them available. You can e-mail them to cincybengalswin@yahoo.com. The Parish Activities Committee thanks **you** for your participation & appetites!

• **Parish Pastoral Council** - Tues., Feb. 27th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

• **Generations of Faith** - Join us in the church at 7 pm on Thursday, March 1st for an enlightening session on the Mass presented by Fr. Mike. Because we are meeting in the church, there will be no refreshments. Doors of the church will open at 6:45 pm. Make a decision to do something that will help you grow in your Catholic faith!

• Mark your calendars for Mar. 17th as the Parish Activities Committee will host a **St. Patty's Day / 95th Anniversary Celebration** from 7-10 pm in Waldeisen Hall. This will be a fun evening with music, dinner, and much more. Tickets are \$21 a couple or \$10.50 a person including children 11 and up. Children 10 and under are free. More details to follow including R.S.V.P and ticket info.

Lenten Reflection

John 14:27 reads "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." How often do we let the people and events around us disturb our peace? How often do we let worry and fear fill our minds with anxiety instead of having faith and trusting in the Lord? This Lent make an effort to be aware of how often the enemy attempts to rob us of the peace our Lord offers us.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Intentional Lent – Prayer: 1) Celebrate daily Mass. 2) Make a Holy Hour. 3) Use a Lenten resource for daily reflection. 4) Pray as a family. 5) Come to pray the Stations of the Cross. 6) Pray for family members who have fallen away and for people you find difficult. 7) Ask forgiveness of those you have hurt. 8) Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 9) Come to Generations of Faith on March 1. Fasting: 1) Skip a meal & pray for those who will go hungry. 2) Turn off your mobile devices and spend time with your family, read scripture, read stories of the saints, read a daily reflection. 3) Turn off TV and take a walk. 4) Recognize the behaviors & attitudes that are not of God, ask forgiveness and allow God to heal. 5) Fast from ego, power and prestige and do something to help others. Almsgiving: 1) Collect alms in your Rice Bowl to benefit CRS. 2) Give of your stewardship to help your neighbor in the Free Store. 3) Visit an elderly neighbor. 4) Make cards for our shut-ins or residents at nearby care facilities. 5) Join a church ministry. 6) Make restitution for a wrong. 7) Seek forgiveness and forgive. We all have good intentions, but intentions don't get us very far. Let's be intentional about Lent and be open to what God wants to do.

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 at the main doors.

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?

Let's Be Intentional!

Healthwise – 1) Use the hand sanitizer that has been placed at all doors of the church. 2) If you're not 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 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 & 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.

Other Events

• **Theology on the Rocks**: Mon., Feb. 19th, D'Agnes's at White Pond. 7 pm-appetizers & at 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" and program includes breakfast, lunch and presentations. Visit www.cmfneo.com for registration and more info.

• **Passion & Purpose for Marriage**: Mar. 3rd, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, St. Sebastian Parish. Led by bestselling author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt. Snacks will be provided. 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.