

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 11, 2018  
Fourth 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 Mar 12		5:30 pm <b>Mary Ann Duhon</b> by Fred & Joan Kasburg	Coffey	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54	
Tues Mar 13				Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm SB <b>Altar &amp; Rosary Society</b> 6 pm HH
Wed Mar 14		5:30 pm <b>Walter, Christine &amp; Thomas Bandelow</b> by Family	Coffey	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Mar 15				Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	
Fri Mar 16		5:30 pm <b>Baker Family</b> by Family	Coffey	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	<b>Personal Prayer</b> 6 - 6:30 pm CH <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 17	Patrick, Bishop	5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>95<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary</b> (observed)	Cole	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon SB <b>Anniversary/St. Pat Event</b> 7 pm WH
		8:30 am <b>Florence Baker</b> by Joe & Beth Langton 11 am <b>Deceased Family Members</b> <b>of Bob &amp; Kathy Doerr</b>	8:30 am Baker  11 am Hamilton Coffey	Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33	
Sun Mar 18	Fifth Sunday of Lent				

## Sanctuary Lamp - Benjamin Blankenship

**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.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my refuge; of whom should I be afraid? Ps 27:1*

## COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, March 4, 2018*

110 of 345 Envelopes Used.

**Sunday Offering.** - \$5,132.51 / **Cap. Imp./Debt. Red.** - \$315

**Hall Rental Change** - The Diocese has informed us that all hall rentals for non-parish events must be covered by the diocesan special event insurance at a cost of \$100; no personal coverage from a homeowner's policy or private insurance. Therefore we are forced to charge \$100 for each non-parish use of the hall (showers, parties, etc.). The parish will not retain any of the rental money, but will continue to cover expenses such as paper products & utilities. We will honor all current contracts as written but the new policy is effective immediately.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

• **Altar & Rosary Society** will meet this Tues., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Please bring deodorant & bar soap for SVdP. The **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** will be held the weekend of March 24 & 25 in Hitch Hall. We encourage all bakers to help with donations of their delicious baked goods - they're always appreciated and make our sale a success. Items can be dropped off in Hitch Hall after 4 pm on Sat., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> & after Masses on Palm Sunday.

• **St. Patrick's Day & 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event - Next Sat., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>**, Waldeisen Hall, 7 - 10 pm. Tickets are \$21/ couple or \$10.50/person (kids 10 & under are free); includes dinner (corned beef & cabbage, chicken, green beans, potato, bread & butter, dessert), D.J. & more!  
*RSVPs with payment are due this Monday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>!*

• **Life in the Spirit Seminar** - Join us in Waldeisen Hall on Sat., Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> & Sun., Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> for inspiring talks (speakers include Fr. Mike, Fr. Pete Colletti, Fr. Jacob Bearer & Larry Vuillemin of Heart to Heart), praise & worship, dinner, Mass, Healing Service & more. Call the rectory for more information.

## Lenten Reflection

**Prayer** – As Catholics, we all know the Lord's Prayer and say it regularly. This Lent, be intentional in your prayer and spend time reflecting on each line and discerning what it is that we are really saying to God. When we say "Our Father" do we recognize He is the Father of all and we are all brothers and sisters in the Lord? "Hallowed be thy Name" – do we recognize His proper place in our lives and revere Him? Do we really want to be forgiven as we forgive?

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Intentional Lent – **Prayer:** 1) Celebrate weekday 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. **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 in and through us.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**In His Name** – During Lent, we ask you to use your **Rice Bowl** containers to help the poor through Catholic Relief Services. **Peter Maurin Center** – razors, shaving cream, Kleenex packs, lip balm, trial-size shampoos, soaps, conditioner, body lotion, mouth wash, tooth paste & tooth brushes. **Kenmore schools:** Help homeless families with children: hygiene items, non-perishable food items (small cereal boxes, breakfast & snack bars/cookies, cup of soup, cans of soup, chili, wieners or beans, etc.) and fruit.

**Adopt-A-Plot** – Plot holders, take a little time to enjoy this pleasant weather and do a little cleanup and maintenance on your plot. Clean out dead foliage, pick up trash, start planning!

**Operation Rice Bowl** – Our Lenten alms will support **Catholic Relief Services** the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Drop in your spare change daily, eat a simple meal once a week & 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?

**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. First available dates are: Mon., Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> and Wed., Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

### 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, meet more people, form stronger community. 2) Pick up the hymnal, sing & respond with enthusiasm. 3) Read the scriptures before Mass (listed in the bulletin). 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 blessings of the day, 9) Encourage and affirm one another, 10) Find a common ministry.

### Holy Week Liturgical Ministers

**Palm Sunday:** 5:30 & 11 am – **Need** "Speaker"  
**Holy Thursday:** Lector – B. Langton; EMHC – **Need**;  
Servers – J. Brown, L. Morgan, J. Wilson, **Need**,  
Ministers of Hospitality – **Need**  
**Good Friday:** Narrator – P. Marcin; Speaker – J. Brown,  
EMHC – L. Morgan, V. Lackney; Servers – J. Wilson,  
**Need**, Ministers of Hospitality - **Need**  
**Easter Vigil:** Lector – B. Langton, T. Cole, EMHC –  
**Need**; Servers – J. Brown, L. Morgan, J. Wilson,  
**Need**, Ministers of Hospitality – **Need**  
**Easter:** 8:30 am – Lector – J. Conrad; EMHC: L.  
Borden, B. Langton, Jh. Osolin; Server – R. Baker,  
**Need**; Minister of Hospitality – R. DeVoe, T. Hafler;  
11 am – Lector – N. Zickefoose; EMHC – S. Mason,  
L. Hamilton, C. Eggert, **Need**; Servers: G. Hamilton,  
L. Coffey; Min. of Hosp. – M. Friend, L. Wilson, **Need**

### Other Events

•**Theology On Tap Akron:** Wed., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at Ray's Place of Fairlawn, 25 Ghent Road. We welcome all adults in their 20's and 30's to come listen to Beth Davis, Dir. of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School, speak on "Unbound, Redeemed: He's not done with you yet." Admission is \$5 & includes appetizers. The bar will be open for beverage purchases. Want to connect with other Catholic 20 - 30 year olds? Check out [www.cyacleveland.org](http://www.cyacleveland.org).

•**Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>, D'agnese's at White Pond, Akron, 7 pm appetizers, 7:30 pm speaker. Topic: God's Providence Alive at Julie Billiard Schools by Lannie Davis-Frecker, President-CEO, J. B. Schools. \$10 admission includes appetizers - Cash bar. J

•**Cancer Spirituality Group:** the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at St. Matthew Rectory, Akron, 11 am - 12:30 pm. For info, contact: Pat Flaherty, 330-628-5725 or [everhiker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:everhiker@sbcglobal.net).