

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



JOSEPH,
HUSBAND
OF MARY

March 18, 2018
Fifth 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 19	Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 pm Andy Ervin by Family	Wilson	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	
Tues Mar 20				Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 21		5:30 pm David M. Helke by Fr. Mike	Wilson	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Mar 22				Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59	
Fri Mar 23	Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	5:30 pm 95th Parish Anniversary	Wilson	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42	Personal Prayer 6 - 6:30 pm CH Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 24	Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm William & Elizabeth Greenland by Bea Clauss	Cole	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB Bake Sale After Mass HH
Sun Mar 25	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	8:30 am Founding Members of the Parish 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton Coffey	Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47	Bake Sale After Masses HH

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.
Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.
There were 6 Holy Hours last week.
And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. John 12:32

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, March 11, 2018
95 of 345 Envelopes Used.
Sunday Offering - \$3,329
Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$80

Please Note: This Sat., Mar. 24th will be the last opportunity before Easter for Confessions at I.C.

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 - Rita Blankenship

- The **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** will be held next weekend, 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. 24th & after Masses on Palm Sunday.
- Blessing of the Food** will be Sat., March 31st at noon in the Church.
- PreBaptism Class** - Tues., Apr. 17th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. This class is required for all parents seeking to have their children baptized.

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

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FAMILY

Deaths

Rita Mae Blankenship
Carol E. Klink
Mary Stith

New Parishioners

John Howe
David Roth

Lenten Reflection

At the Last Supper, Jesus taught us how to love others with humility when he washed the disciples' feet. The next day, he was stripped and beaten and crowds mocked him as he was walked through Jerusalem condemned to die as criminal. Human nature would cry out "How dare you do this to me? I don't deserve to be treated this way!" Instead, Jesus cried out "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." When we are hurt by another's sin, pray for the grace to follow Jesus' example and trust in our just and merciful Father to make all things right. Let the healing begin!

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 - 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.

Operation Rice Bowl – Our Lenten alms will support CRS, the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Containers may be turned in Easter weekend at the main doors of the church.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

Please remember that the Triduum is one service spread over three days, so we depart in silence on Thursday, arrive and depart in silence on Friday and arrive in silence on Saturday.

- ❖ **Holy Thursday** – 7 pm. The church will be open until 10 pm for prayer.
- ❖ **Good Friday** – 7 pm - includes reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross & reception of Eucharist. Rectory will be closed.
- ❖ **Easter Vigil** – 8 pm.
- ❖ **Easter Sunday** – 8:30 am, 11 am

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 – J. Langton, **Need**; Servers – J. Brown, L. Morgan, J. Wilson, R. Baker; Ministers of Hospitality – S. Wilson, L. Wilson, Disciples for Feet Washing – R. Compton, **Need** **11 Good Friday:** Narrator – P. Marcin; Speaker – J. Brown, EMHC – L. Morgan, V. Lackney; Servers – J. Wilson, R. Baker, R. Compton, **Need**, Ministers of Hospitality – S. Wilson, L. Wilson, **Need**
Easter Vigil: Lector – B. Langton, T. Cole, EMHC – B. Plasty, **Need**; Servers – M. Keegan, L. Morgan, J. Brown, J. Wilson; Ministers of Hospitality – S. Wilson; L. Wilson, **Need**. **Practice** – Mon., Mar. 26th, 7 pm.
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

- **Welcoming the Stranger: Faith Perspectives on Immigration and Migration:** Apr. 11, 5:30 pm – 9pm, Our Lady of the Elms. The Catholic Commission of Summit County is co-sponsoring an interfaith forum with the Akron Interfaith Immigrant Advocates on what the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths say about immigration & migration. The evening is free to attend and includes a simple meal. For info, call Diane Zbasnik at 216-939-3843.
- **Clear Path Hospice** is looking for volunteers to visit patients in Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities in the area. Free Hospice Volunteer Training. Call Terri DeGeorge, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for more information at 330-784-2162, ext. 1021.