

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



**April 1, 2018**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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 Apr 2		5:30 pm <b>Frank Powell</b> by Family	Morgan	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15	
Tues Apr 3				Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm <b>SB</b>
Wed Apr 4		5:30 pm <b>Nancy Smith Stockdale</b> by Fr. Mike & Smith Family	Morgan	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35	
Thur Apr 5				Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48	<b>SVdP</b> 11:30 am <b>HH</b> <b>Generation of Faith</b> 7 pm <b>WH</b>
Fri Apr 6		5:30 pm <b>Gerald E. Hardesty</b> by Dick & Mary Lou Novitsky	Morgan	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14	
Sat Apr 7		5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	Burkhart	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15	<b>Confessions</b> 9-10 am <b>CH</b> <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon <b>SB</b>
		8:30 am <b>Florence Baker</b> by Mary Jo Bailey & Janet Brown	8:30 am Brown	Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31	
Sun Apr 8	First Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	11 am <b>Christine Juntunen</b> by LITS Team Members	11 am Brewer Brewer		

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

## Holy Family Candle - Benjamin 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.

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad!*** Psalm 118:34

### COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, March 25, 2018*

92 of 345 Envelopes Used.

**Sunday Offering.** – \$3,383.26

**Cap. Imp./Debt. Red.** – \$60

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

Let's make Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> a lucky day! Mark your calendars for Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> for **I.C. Night at the Rubber Ducks** and watch for more information in the coming months.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our **Altar & Rosary Society Palm Sunday Bake Sale** through donating, setting up, working the sale, cleaning up afterwards or purchasing the wonderful baked goods. Special thanks to Acme for their generous donation of doughnuts. Well done!

•**Generations of Faith** – this Thurs., Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> in Waldeisen Hall. Topic – Real Presence Part 1. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Bring a snack to share.

•**Altar & Rosary Society** - Meeting Tues., Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Bring toothbrushes and/or toothpaste for SVdP.

•**PreBaptism Class** – Tues., Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. This class is required for all parents seeking to have their children baptized.

•**Life in the Spirit** – *Are you looking for a closer relationship with our Lord? Do you sometimes feel there should be something more?* Join us Sat. Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> & Sun., Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> in Waldeisen Hall. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 for 2 people. Your experience will include inspirational talks by Fr. Mike, Fr. Jacob Bearer, local attorney Larry Vuillemin, and Fr. Pete Colletti all directed to reignite the fire of the Holy Spirit in your life. Program also includes praise and worship, Saturday Vigil Mass followed by dinner and a healing service. Reservation forms are available at the doors of the church. Call the rectory for more info or to register.

### Family News Corner

Congratulations to **Abigail & Daniel Brewer** on achieving Honor Roll Status at Hoban High School this quarter!

## Easter Reflection

If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can bring about the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, or even your sin can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. At times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the *Via Dolorosa* (the Way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win - the Resurrection won with Christ and will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! Happy Easter!



### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The Resurrection of the Lord is something we, as stewards of the faith, should shout from the rooftops. Jesus the Christ has risen from the dead. He has conquered sin and death, brought salvation to the world and opened the gates of heaven to all who believe! In Preface I from the Masses for the Dead it states, "Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven." Jesus' resurrection opens the way to life everlasting and his victory becomes our redemption. How many people do you know who NEED TO HEAR THIS GOOD NEWS? Will YOU be the one to share this joyful news with them? Today we recall our baptism – the sacrament that brought us into the Church, the Family of God and made us Children of God. We renew our baptismal promises and in so doing reject Satan, his works and empty promises and profess our belief in God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How well do our lives reflect these promises? How well do you share your time, talent and treasure with the Church to further its missionary activity and bring others to Christ? As we celebrate the Resurrection, let us be more intentional about our worship, our daily witness, our charitable actions and our relationships with others and with our God. Alleluia – He is Risen!

### 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.

**CareCards** – Please keep them coming! Those who have received the cards have told us how nice it has been to receive the cards and know they are being thought of and prayed for. To participate, purchase a card of encouragement or use one from the basket in the back of the church, add a short note and sign your name. Put the card into the envelope (do not seal the envelope) & place into the basket for completed cards.

**Upcoming Stewardship Projects** – John will need assistance with the following: sealing the back wall of the courtyard, painting the wall around the parking lot, replacing glass block in front of the school, fixing the overhang at the back door of the rectory. We will also need stewards to oil chairs in the sanctuary.

**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.

### *Other Events*

- **Encounter School of Healing**: April 7, 9 am – 4 pm followed by 5 pm Vigil Mass, St. Francis de Sales, Akron. The school is designed to instruct Catholics in the Power of the Gospel for Healing. A healing service, open to the public, will begin at 7 pm. Those who attend the healing school will have the opportunity to be on healing prayer teams for the healing service. To register, visit <https://encounterministries.us/encounter-school-of-healing-akron>.
- **Welcoming the Stranger: Faith Perspectives on Immigration & Migration**: Apr. 11, 5:30 pm – 9 pm, 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.
- **Catholics Returning Home**: A six-week initiative begins Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Victory Parish Center Library and continues each Monday through May 14. This is a great opportunity for anyone seeking to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ or to become more connected or participate more fully in the Church. For more info, call 330-633-3637.
- **Theology on Tap Akron**: Barley House in Akron, Wed., Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. Fr. Bob McWilliams (our Fr. Bobby) Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph - Strongsville, will speak on "Baconmas: A Delicious Taste of Heaven." \$5 Admission includes appetizers. Bar available for beverage purchases. Come experience faith, fellowship, & food with other young adults.
- **Theology on the Rocks**: Mon., Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm D'Agnes'e's at White Pond. Dr. Matthew & Elisabeth Akers will address "Our Journey to Catholicism." \$10 Admission includes appetizers. Bar available for beverage purchases.
- **Six-Week Bereavement Support Series** will begin Tues., Apr. 17 from 7 to 9 pm at Our Lady of Victory Parish Center. The evenings will provide insight, understanding and support to those who mourn the loss of a loved one. For more info or to register please call 330-633-3672.