

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

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 9	The Annunciation of the Lord	5:30 pm Tecla & Salvacion by Marietta Abutal	Wilson	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38	
Tues Apr 10				Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm HH
Wed Apr 11	Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm Louis A. Dirker, Jr. by Fr. Mike	Wilson	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Apr 12				Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36	
Fri Apr 13	Martin I, Pope & Martyr	5:30 pm Zachary Kramer by James Kramer	Wilson	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15	
Sat Apr 14		5:30 pm Mary Loar by Ida Rea	Burkhart	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Apr 15	Third Sunday of Easter	8:30 am Mary Stith by the Altar & Rosary Society 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	Act 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48	

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.
For it is the will of God that by doing good you may silence the ignorance of foolish people. 1Pt 2:15

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, April 1, 2018
Sunday Offering. – \$3,646
 83 of 340 Envelopes Used.
Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$250
Easter Offering. – \$4,315.50
 95 of 340 Envelopes Used.

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

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

Dennis Canter received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil. Dennis, welcome to the Catholic faith!

Holy Family Candle - Rita Blankenship

- Altar & Rosary Society** - Meeting Tues., Apr. 10th at 6 pm. Bring toothbrushes and/or toothpaste for SVdP.
- PreBaptism Class** – Tues., Apr. 17th 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. 14th & Sun., Apr. 15th 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.

Thank you to all liturgical ministers, members of music ministry, those who had their feet washed, those who helped move furniture and those who came to celebrate the Triduum. Your efforts truly made Holy Week intentional and powerful.

History of Popes

#85 – **Pope John VII** – Pope from Mar. 1, 705 – death, Oct. 18, 707. Greek by birth, John was born around the year 650 to parents Blatta and Plato; John's father was of high rank in the Byzantine government. John was known for having a high education, eloquent speech, and a pious nature. He loved to beautify and build churches, exemplifying his great Marian devotion by building a chapel dedicated to Our Lady in St. Peter's Basilica and restoring the church of Sancta Maria Antiqua (Ancient Church of St. Mary). He is perhaps best known for his trepidation in dealing with the Byzantine emperor, Justinian II, who had recaptured the imperial throne and wasted no time trying to intimidate John. Thirteen years earlier, Justinian had illicitly convened a rogue meeting of Eastern bishops -- known as the Quinisext Council. St. Sergius I, the pope at the time, completely denounced the council's findings. Justinian sent the Patriarch of Constantinople to John with his eyes gouged out, along with the Quinisext Council's decrees, expecting the pope to reconsider. John simply sent the documents back, deciding to do nothing with them. One of the pope's successes while in office was an appeal to Anglo-Saxon clergy that secular dress was inappropriate in public, and that clerical garb should be the norm. John died in a palace he had built on Palatine Hill in honor of his parents' memory. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 706, construction of the Great Mosque of Damascus (Syria) was commissioned by Islamic Caliph Al-Walid I. It is thought of as the fourth-holiest place in Islam.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We have in our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles a beautiful description of stewardship which paints an amazing picture of what our world might look like if we all practiced stewardship and lived as faithful disciples. It helps us to reflect on two important questions: How attached are we to our stuff? How much stuff do we need? Remember there is a big difference between what we *want* and what we actually *need*. Besides supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and The Kenmore Free Store, do we remember the poor in our prayers, do we support legislation, programs and ministries that will ease their burden? Do we work to change oppressive systems? Do we move out of our comfort zones to directly work, minister to and help those in need? St. John reminds us that "we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep His commandments." Let us strive to obey God's commands and intentionally live Gospel values every day. When we do that we will live lives based in love.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CareCards – 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 (don't seal the envelope) & place into the basket for completed cards.

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.

Community Garden – The former fenced-in playground space is being converted to a raised bed community garden. If you would like to be on the combined team (Park UM & IC) or if you are interested in growing a garden, contact the rectory.

Upcoming Stewardship Projects – John will need assistance with: 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. Stay tuned for more information.

Other Events

- **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. 9th, 7 to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Victory Parish Center Library & 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. 11th, 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. 16th, 7 pm D'Agnesé'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.
- **First Glance Open House:** Sun., Apr. 22nd, doors open at noon, 943 Kenmore Blvd. Tour, light lunch and a short presentation at 12:45 pm. Please park in the library parking lot and walk up the alley to enter First Glance.