

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

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 16 | | 5:30 pm James H. Sutphin (Jimmy) | Keegan | Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 | |
| Tues Apr 17 | | | | Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35 | Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Pre-Baptism Class 7 pm HH |
| Wed Apr 18 | | 5:30 pm Bob Kelly, Jr. & Sr. by Fr. Mike | Keegan | Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40 | Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH |
| Thur Apr 19 | | | | Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51 | |
| Fri Apr 20 | | 5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family | Keegan | Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 | |
| Sat Apr 21 | Anselm, Bishop & Doctor | 5:30 pm Mary Ann Duhon by Fred & Joan Kasburg | Burkhart | Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 | Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB |
| Sun Apr 22 | Fourth Sunday of Easter | 8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr | 8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer | Act 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18 | |

Sanctuary Lamp - Rita Blankenship

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

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.

Answer me when I call, my saving God. When troubles hem me in, set me free; take pity on me, hear my prayer.

Psalm 4:1

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Sunday Offering. - \$3,192.05

82 of 340 Envelopes Used.

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$212

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.

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. The next available dates are Mon, Apr. 23rd & Fri., Apr. 27th,

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

•**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tues., Apr. 24th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

•**May Crowning** will be celebrated at 6:45 pm on Thurs., May 3rd in the church. We encourage you to come, give thanks to our Blessed Mother for her intercession and bring flowers to adorn her altar. Following May Crowning, all are invited to Waldeisen Hall for a presentation on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Coming Soon - KaBOOM! Playground in Kenmore

On June 23, 2018, the United Way & the City of Akron will partner with KaBOOM! (a national non-profit dedicated to bringing play to children) to create a playground at Prentice Park. There will be a kick off meeting on Apr. 25 at Innes CLC. From 4 - 5 pm, kids will have the chance to draw their dream playground. From 5 - 8 pm, adults are invited to the first planning meeting to learn about the project, join the planning committee if they desire and review the children's drawings to select equipment & colors. A light meal will be provided by Whole Foods. RSVP to Julie Caruso at 330-510-1453 or email icaruso@uws Summit.org.

History of Popes

#87 – Pope Sisinnius (pronounced suh-SIHN-ee-uss) – Pope from Jan. 15, 708 – death, Feb. 4, 708. Little is known of Pope Sisinnius other he was the son of a man named John and was born in Syria. He was consecrated on January 15, 708, but was already very elderly and suffered from gout at the time of his election. The illness was bad enough that Sisinnius couldn't feed himself, but he nevertheless remained a man of strong character. His key accomplishment was ordering the restoration and fortification of Rome's walls, which was later carried out by Pope St. Gregory II and proved to be important years later during attacks by both the Lombards and the Saracens. Sisinnius died on February 4 and was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. He is fifth on the list of shortest papacies, having only been in office for 21 calendar days. It's thought that Pope Sisinnius' successor, Pope Constantine, was his brother. It marked the first of two instances of popes coming from the same immediate family. The other occurred just 50 years later with Stephen II (752-757) & Paul I (757-767). What else was going on in the world at the time? In 708, the magnificent French island Le Mont-Saint-Michel (French for St. Michael's Mount) was first dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As the Baptized, we are disciples of Christ & stewards of the faith. Have you ever had the opportunity to share your Catholic faith with others? Did you allow God to use you as His instrument or did you retreat? Have you ever denied knowing Christ or that you are Catholic? Do you know anyone who has? St. Peter reminds us that we have a God who is merciful and forgiving, but also that we have to be willing to recognize our sinfulness and seek repentance and conversion of heart. St. Luke tells the story of two disciples who had been on the road to Emmaus - a nowhere place which, to this day, has never been identified – who encountered the Risen Christ on the road. Going the wrong way, wandering, Jesus helped them turn back to him by opening up the scriptures to them and sharing Eucharist with them. He then appears again and again opens their minds to the scriptures. The scriptures, the Eucharist and the rest of the Sacraments help to keep us going in the right direction, following Jesus. These gifts from God are so wonderful that we should want to share them with all we meet. As stewards of the faith, let us seek repentance for the times we failed to be faithful disciples and strive to grow in and share our faith with joy and confidence.

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

- **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, 943 Kenmore Blvd. Doors open at noon for a tour, light lunch; short presentation at 12:45 pm. Please park in the library parking lot and walk up the alley to enter First Glance.
- **Embrace Clinic & Care Center** (aka Community Pregnancy Center) men's ministry runs a series of classes called Steadfast Fathers, and is in need of male volunteers to help facilitate these classes. Call 330-825-1990 for info.
- **Spirit @ Work:** May 5th, 9 am – 7 pm, Holy Angels Church, 18205 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls. A day-long Charis retreat for young adults in their 20's and 30's who are making decisions about career, vocation or relationships. Sunday liturgy and an opportunity for Reconciliation are included. \$35 covers materials, snacks & meals. To register, visit www.charis.org or email Sr. Kate Hine, SND at khine@ndec.org.
- **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.
- **Cancer Spirituality Group:** the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at St. Matthew Rectory, Akron, 11 am - 12:30 pm. For info, contact: Pat Flaherty, 330-628-5725 or everhiker@sbcglobal.net.
- **Caregiver Support:** Summit Adult Day Services' support group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 10 am at 812 Biruta St. For info, call 330-762-2000. Free care provided for the older adult while caregivers attend the meetings.