

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



April 22, 2018
Fourth 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 23	George, Martyr; Adelbert, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm Martha Vanca by Altar & Rosary Society	Compton	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10	
Tues Apr 24	Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr			Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Parish Pastoral Council 7 pm HH
Wed Apr 25	Mark, Evangelist Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Frank Powell by Family	Compton	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Apr 26				Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20	
Fri Apr 27		5:30 pm Special Intention	Compton	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6	
Sat Apr 28	Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Louis Grignion de Monfort, Priest	5:30 pm Loretta M. Harcar by Kreeger Family	Burkhart	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Apr 29	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Michaelene "Mickey" Sarver by Patricia Ruckman	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8	

Sanctuary Lamp - Rita Blankenship

Holy Family Candle - Answered Prayers

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.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Sunday Offering. - \$2,972

87 of 340 Envelopes Used.

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$570

CRS Rice Bowl Collection - Thank you to all who participated in our Lenten Alms collection to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Your sacrifice on behalf of those in need around the world allowed us to send a check to CRS for \$883.35. Special thanks to **Angie Meyers** who took Rice Bowls with her to Primo's - her efforts brought in \$261.22! Thank you all for thinking of our brothers & sisters around the world who are in dire need.

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 Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Apr. 25th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

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.

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.

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 jcaruso@uws Summit.org.

History of Popes

#88 – Pope Constantine – Pope from Mar. 25, 708 – death, Apr. 9, 715. Constantine, born in Syria around 664, succeeded his brother (Sisinnius) as pope and reigned for just over seven years. Rome suffered through a great famine for the first half of Constantine’s time as pope, but apparently enjoyed the exact opposite for the second half. During his time in office, Constantine welcomed many dignitaries to Rome, including two English kings, the Bishop of Worcester, and the Archbishop of Milan. He also received an authority-affirming letter from John, the Patriarch of Constantinople, which recognized that the, “apostolical pre-eminence of the Pope is to the whole Church, what the head is to the body.” Though relatively little is known about his life, Constantine was described as “a remarkably affable man”. When the Byzantine emperor Justinian II, a ruthless tyrant with a penchant for wanting his way at all costs, called Constantine to Constantinople, the pope showed no fear in facing the emperor and reached a compromise on their disputed issues. His fortitude was tested again, however, when Justinian was murdered and his usurper, a heretic named Philippicus, took the throne. The new emperor, wishing to reverse the findings of the Sixth General Council and bring back the heresy that Christ only had one will, sent the pope an edict with his intentions, along with Justinian’s severed head. Incredibly, the pope was unmoved, and utterly rejected the emperor’s authority in the West and ignored his insane gesture. Pope Constantine was the last pope to visit Constantinople, the city of his namesake (now Istanbul, Turkey), for more than twelve hundred years. It was Pope Paul VI’s visit there in 1967 which broke the 1257 year absence.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our first reading Peter is testifying before the Sanhedrin – the highest legal and religious council in Israel - about the healing he performed on a crippled beggar. He made it clear to this prestigious council of leaders that the healing that was witnessed came, not from him, but from Jesus; it was in the name of Jesus that the man was healed and saved. Peter offered himself to Jesus as an instrument to be used as needed and fully accepted the gifts and fruits of the Spirit available to him. Peter, who had previously denied Jesus when questioned, is now boldly addressing the most powerful council in Israel and professing faith in the Christ, “There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” The same Spirit that dwelt in Peter dwells in us. To what is Jesus calling you? As the Baptized and Confirmed, do you call upon the gifts & fruits of the Spirit in decision-making, discernment and prayer? Do you use your stewardship of time in prayer to seek God’s will? If God called you to a ministry that was outside your “comfort zone” would you obey and share your stewardship willingly? Let us take lesson from St. Peter – God can do amazing things if we are willing to cooperate with His grace. “If God calls you to it, He will see you through it!”

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

- **Free Community Dinner:** Last Tuesday of each month at Park United Methodist Church from 5 – 7 pm. All welcome.
- **Spirit @ Work:** May 5th, 9 am – 7 pm, Holy Angels Church, Chagrin Falls. A day-long Charis retreat for young adults in their 20’s and 30’s making decisions about career, vocation or relationships. Sunday liturgy & 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.
- **2018 Hoban Summer Camps:** For more info, visit hoban.org/academic-camps & hoban.org/sports-camps or call Dave Arbogast at 330-773-6658 ext. 265.
- **Priest & Religious Appreciation Dinner:** Show your support for the clergy & religious at our local parishes on Thurs., May 17, 6 pm cocktails (Cash Bar), 7 pm dinner, Knights of Columbus #3410, 2055 Glenmount Ave. Tickets are \$25. Reservations required by Mon., May 14th. Call 330-773-3410.