

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



April 29, 2018
Fifth 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 30	Pius V, Pope	5:30 pm Patricia & Jerry Hardesty 60th Anniversary by Family	Brewer	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26	
Tues May 1	Joseph the Worker			Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed May 2	Anthanasius, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Religious Vocations by Akron Serra Club	Brewer	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur May 3	Philip & James, Apostles			1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14	SVdP 11:30 am HH May Crowning 6:45 pm CH Generations of Faith 7 pm WH
Fri May 4		5:30 pm Steve Zamesko by Steve & Toni Zamesko	Brewer	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17	
Sat May 5		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun May 6	Sixth Sunday of Easter	8:30 am Florence Baker by Mary Jo Bailey & Janet Brown 11 am Jean Herbstreet by John McGuckin	8:30 am Baker 11 am Compton Wilson	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17	

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 3 Holy Hours last week.

Whoever has my commandments & observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

John 14:21

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Sunday Offering. – \$3,710

94 of 340 Envelopes Used.

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$10

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.

May Crowning will be celebrated at 6:45 pm this 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.

Altar & Rosary Society will meet next Tues., May 8th at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Please bring bar soap and toothpaste for our SVdP Food Pantry.

The Knights of Columbus Council 3410 will be selling Charity Cash Bonanza raffle tickets at the main doors of the church after all Masses next weekend, May 5-6. The K of C supports our parish in many ways by donating funds for special programs, volunteering at bingo, supporting our food pantry, free store & more. Tickets are \$5 and \$1.50 will be donated back to the parish for each ticket sold here. \$108,000 in prize money will be awarded with the top prize being \$414 per month for 10 years.

History of Popes

#89 – Pope St. Gregory II (given name - Gregorius Sabellus) – Pope from May 19, 715 – death, Feb. 11, 731. Gregory, the son of Roman nobility, worked within the Church for most of his life, primarily in the treasury, a prestigious choir & the papal library. As a deacon, Gregory helped Pope Constantine reach a compromise with Emperor Justinian II. As the Byzantine influence over Italy and the West decreased, Pope St. Gregory II was responsible for saving the great city of Ravenna in 727 as both the Lombards and the Saracens were looking to take power. St. Gregory II also dealt with a new heresy that sprung up in the East known as *iconoclasm*, the destruction of images of Christ and the saints, whether in painting or in sculpture. The new emperor, Leo the Isaurian, after driving the Muslim army from Constantinople, apparently found an appreciation for Islam's ban on representations of the human form. Leo sought to ban all holy images from Christendom. The emperor's first major action was to destroy a famous image of Christ that hung over the doorway to the imperial palace. The act sparked a riot, so Leo asked for Gregory's support. Gregory replied that he was in favor of the images. A great rift between East and West was a byproduct of this heresy, though the pope worked tirelessly to educate the people and firmly rule that the West would continue its rich tradition of icons and statues. However, he died before iconoclasm could be fully quashed. St. Gregory II commissioned the English monk St. Boniface and his companions to evangelize what is now Germany. Gregory, revered as a great man of superior holiness & intelligence, was honored as a saint almost immediately after his death. What else was going on in the world at the time? The Visigothic Kingdom, which had existed for nearly 300 years, came to an end around the year 720, with the Muslim army's conquest of their territory in southwestern France and the Iberian Peninsula (Spain, Portugal, Andorra).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we have the beautiful image of God the Father as the vine grower, Jesus as the vine and all of us as branches of the vine. At baptism we are claimed for Christ & become His disciples. We are charged with sharing the message of the Good News, being Christ's hands & feet in ministry on earth and building up the Body of Christ. Tall order? It may seem so, but we have been given the Holy Spirit to guide us, we have the sacraments to strengthen us and we have Jesus, the True Vine who has shown us the way to eternal life through His words & actions. As long as we remain in Jesus through prayer and worship and continue to nurture our relationship with Him, we will grow in faith, use our stewardship for the good of the Church and glorify the Father. The Father prunes us on a regular basis so that we will bear much fruit for the Kingdom, but if we do not remain in Jesus, if we hide our faith, if we do not live Gospel values, share our stewardship or involve ourselves in ministry, we risk being taken away by the Father. Let us strive to be faithful disciples who cling to the Vine for strength and nourishment as we continue our life-long journeys of faith.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Adopt-a-Plot – Now that it looks as though winter may be done, we encourage you to begin to tend your plots by weeding, picking up debris, etc.

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 are knowledgeable about planting and growing fruits and veggies and would be willing to step forward as a Garden Supervisor, please call the rectory. If you are interested in having a garden or sharing a garden with family and friends, please call the rectory. There is no cost other than purchasing the seeds and plants you want to grow.

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. We will also need stewards to oil chairs in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for more info.

Other Events

• **May Crowning, Rosary and Social:** May 6, 5 pm, Loyola Retreat House. Event is co-sponsored by Queen of Heaven Parish & Loyola. A Pizza Social will follow. Please bring lawn chairs. Registration appreciated but not required. Freewill Offerings will be accepted. Registration form at www.loyolaretreathouse.com. For info, call 330-896-2315.

• **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.

• **50th Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Sun., July 29, 2:30 pm, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Martin Amos presiding. The deadline for registration is Mon., June 25, in order for the couples' names to be included in the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Booklet. Register at www.ccdocle.org/mfm.

• **Embrace Clinic & Care Center** (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.