

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



August
Month of
The Blessed
Sacrament

August 19, 2018
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Aug 20	Bernard, Abbot & Doctor	5:30 pm Edward & Margaret Zwisler Family by Gene Ryan	Wilson	Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22	
Tues Aug 21	Pius X, Pope			Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Aug 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 pm Patrick Connor by Nancy Boito	Wilson	Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-6	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Aug 23	Rose of Lima, Virgin			Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14	
Fri Aug 24	Bartholomew, Apostle	5:30 pm Gertrude & Charles Costanzo Family by Gene Ryan	Wilson	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51	
Sat Aug 25	Joseph Calasanz, Priest	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Burkhart	Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Aug 26	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Ann Blondin by Lorie Papp 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	8:30 am Brown 11 am Hamilton	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69	

Sanctuary Lamp - 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.

He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luke 1:49

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, August 12, 2018

83 of 340 Envelopes used.

Sunday Offering. - \$3,325

Cap Imp./Debt. Red. - \$20

Masses- Praying for our loved ones who have passed and offering a Mass in remembrance is important to us as Catholics. If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. We are currently scheduling Masses for September 2018 through the end of 2019.

The **Acme Cashback** program is in full swing! Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church. Please purchase the qualifying Acme brands to maximize your savings and the cashback contribution to IC.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

R.C.I.A. - If you weren't able to attend the Inquiry Night, but are interested or know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or being fully initiated in the Catholic Church, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429

There will be a meeting of the **Parish Activities Committee** & the **Funeral Dinner Ministry Team** on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Joyfully Gifted - Mark your calendars for Sat., Oct. 6th & watch for more info on this exciting, upcoming event.

PSR - All public school students in grades 1-8, are required to attend PSR (Religion) classes. Classes are held at St. Augustine, Barberton. Forms can be found on the book rack. Call 330-745-1080 for updated fees & information.

Our Parish Lending Library in the basement of Hitch Hall is full of books about saints, church history, sacraments, scripture and more? Our 5-year plan references more effective use of our parish library so check it out before or after Mass or during the week during rectory hours. Feel free to sign out a book or two and do something for yourself and your faith life.

History of Popes

#103 – Pope St. Leo IV - Pope from April 10, 847 – death, July 17, 855. Leo, a Roman by birth, was a very devout and holy man. He was educated at the monastery of St. Martin in Rome, served as a subdeacon under Pope Gregory IV, then as cardinal & pastor of the Church of the Quatuor Coronati (“Four Crowned Martyrs”). Given the ruinous state of the city at the time, it appeared that the Roman nobility allowed Leo be chosen as the 102nd Successor of St. Peter as he endeavored to repair the churches damaged in the Saracen raids of 846. After being elected, he set about re-fortifying the area over the course of the next four years to protect Rome from further attacks. He had 15 towers completely rebuilt, restored the walls of the city, and built new walls on the right bank of the Tiber River. The newly-fortified portion was titled “The Leonine City” after the pope whose name literally means “lion” in Latin. St. Leo also organized a fleet to defeat the Saracen Army at sea in the 849 Battle of Ostia. Records indicate that the Italian ships were aided in their victory by an aptly-timed wind storm. In his later years, he held a meeting of bishops in Rome to address some disciplinary issues and to condemn an unruly bishop, Anastasius. St. Leo was spoken of by both his biographer and Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople, as a worker of many miracles and was buried in St. Peter’s. What else was going on in the world at the time? According to legend, in 850 an Ethiopian goat-herder named Kaldi noticed that his goats became energetic after chewing berries from certain plants. When Kaldi took the berries to a monk, the monk promptly threw them into the fire, but was drawn back by the attractive smell they produced. When other monks began to gather, they soon pulled the roasted berries out of the fire, ground them, and stewed them in hot water. Thus, coffee was born.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As stewards of the faith we must be vigilant against the temptations of the secular world as St. Paul reminds us in our second reading. He tells us “Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons, but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil.” There is so much in our world that can draw us away from God & our faith that we do indeed need to be watchful; from apathy to individualism, from greed to disrespect for life, we are surrounded. St. Paul’s remedy? Be filled with the Spirit! Call upon the gifts of the Spirit for guidance & inspiration. Make worship and your prayer life a priority and learn about your faith so you can grow in it & in your relationship with God. He also tells us to “give thanks always and for everything” for all we have, are and do are gifts from God. How do you show your gratitude? How effective a steward and a witness to the faith are you?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name – We are collecting **school supplies & new socks & underwear for school age children** to be distributed through the Free Store: pencils, pens, crayons, folders, rulers, paper, scissors, glue, erasers, etc. **Peter Maurin Center** – razors, shaving cream, Kleenex packs, lip balm, trial-size shampoos, soaps, conditioner, body lotion, mouth wash, tooth paste & tooth brushes.

Wall Painting – Painting on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays beginning at 4:30 pm. Please call the rectory to let us know if you’d like to come at another time.

Adopt-A-Plot – We’d like to remind plot-holders to weed their plots as things are getting a bit “weedy.” Thank you for your diligence.

Upcoming Stewardship Projects – John will need assistance with replacing glass block in front of the school. We will also need stewards to oil chairs in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for project dates.

Going out of town?

Find parishes & Mass times at www.masstimes.org.

Visiting another parish?

Stay up to date on what’s happening here by reading the bulletin online at www.ickenmore.org. Please remember: be a good steward and *continue to send in your envelopes*.

A New Parish Handbook is being created which will include parishioner names, addresses and phone numbers (like the old one). Please contact the rectory at 330-753-8429 or email your contact information to ickenmore@yahoo.com.

Other Events

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Aug. 20th, D’Agnesé’s at White Pond, 7 pm appetizers, 7:30 pm speaker. Fr. Peter Kovacina, Parochial Vicar, St. Anthony of Padua, Parma, will speak on “Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: Last Testament”. \$10 admission includes appetizers – Cash bar.

• Visitation of Mary Parish (formerly Annunciation) will hold their **10th Annual September Sensation** on Sat., Sept. 1st, beginning at 6 pm at Our Lady of the Cedars Church Hall in Fairlawn. Dinner, reverse raffle, silent auction, open bar, sideboards, 50/50, grab bags, Mystery Box and lots of fun! Single tickets with one dinner are \$75. A ticket with two dinners is \$100 and the “bargain of the day” is two tickets with two dinners for \$140! For more information, call 330-535-4141, ext. 12 or 330-592-4155.

• **Information Session:** Tues., Aug. 28, 7 - 8 pm, Dominican Sisters of Peace Akron Motherhouse, 1230 W. Market St. All Christian lay men & women are invited to learn more about the Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Peace & how to carry out the Gospel mission through prayer, study, community & ministry. For info or to register, contact Colette Parker, OPA at 330-835-5688 or cparker@oppeace.org.

• **Retrouvaille:** Sept. 14 – 16. A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required. For more info or to register, please visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230.