

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

September
Month of The Seven
Sorrows of Mary



September 2, 2018
Twenty-First 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 Sep 3	Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor Labor Day	9:30 am Eileen Orban by Family		1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30	Rectory Closed No Holy Hours
Tues Sep 4				1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Parish Activities & Funeral Dinner Ministry 7 pm HH
Wed Sep 5	Teresa of Calcutta, Religious	5:30 pm Amanda Mills by Bob & Vilma Saxon	Hamilton	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Sep 6				1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11	
Fri Sep 7		5:30 pm G.J. & Angie Caruso by Family	Hamilton	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39	
Sat Sep 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23	No Confessions Free Store 9:30 - Noon SB
Sun Sep 9	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Michael & Corrine Bralek by Family 11 am Domenic & Barbara Boito by Nancy Boito	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 5 pm.
Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.
There were 2 Holy Hours last week.
This I command you: love one another. John 15:17

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, August 26, 2018
82 of 340 Envelopes used.
Sunday Offering. – \$2,595.50
Cap Imp./Debt. Red. – \$101.50

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.*

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.

Fr. Mike will be off the property from Sept. 6th - Sept. 27th. Please note the following changes: **No Confessions** Saturdays, Sept. 8, 15 & 22. **No 5:30 pm Mass** on Wednesdays, Sept. 12, 19 & 26. **No Anointing** of the Sick in September.

Holy Family Candle - For Healing

There will be a meeting of the **Parish Activities Committee** & the **Funeral Dinner Ministry Team** this Tues., Sept. 4th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. All are welcome.

Generations of Faith has a new name "Adult Faith Enrichment". We invite all adults to join us this year as we learn about how we are called to be holy. In October, November & December we'll use Bishop Robert Barron's video series: Untold blessings – 3 paths to Holiness as we seek to discover how to reach our ultimate goal – to be saints. We will take the winter months of January & February off and then in March, April & May, we will study Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudete et Exsultate – On the call to Holiness in Today's World. Each household will receive a copy of the exhortation which is only 88 pages in length. Sessions are held on the 1st Thursday of the month from 7 – 9 pm. Doors open at 6:30 for fellowship. We ask that you think & pray about joining us to enrich your Catholic faith. Registration will begin the weekend of Sept. 15-16 & the cost will be \$10/person. Schedules will be available next weekend.

Labor Day – Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. There will be NO 5:30 pm Mass. The rectory will be closed and there will be no Holy Hours.

History of Popes

#105 – Pope St. Nicholas the Great - Pope from Apr. 24, 858 – death, Nov. 13, 867. Born in Rome to a noble family around the year 800, Nicholas was well-known for his holiness, goodwill, intelligence, & ability to lead even before being elected pope. He was a subdeacon under Pope Sergius II and a deacon under St. Leo IV. With the Holy Roman Empire in shambles and Christian morality in a sad state of decay, Nicholas the Great led the Church through a time where things could easily have descended into anarchy. During his time in office, Nicholas continued to restore churches and was an active proponent of the religious life as he himself lived monastically. Many bishops of the time were living worldly & decadent lives, so one of Nicholas' hallmarks was reforming and renewing the standards to which bishops and priests should be held. He twice excommunicated the archbishop of Ravenna, John, for basically being a tyrant who extorted his subordinate bishops, imprisoned his priests, forged papal documents & abused the pope's representatives. Nicholas also battled with Hincmar, archbishop of Reims, over the pope's supremacy. When the emperor Lothair II left his lawful wife, Theutberga, to marry another woman, the area bishops, who were in Lothair's pocket, approved of his decision, as did a meeting of bishops where papal representatives were bribed. Nicholas convened his own meeting where he reversed the decision & excommunicated his representatives. Lothair, besieging Rome for two days, couldn't discourage Nicholas despite his being practically imprisoned without food in St. Peter's during that time. Lothair ultimately reconciled to the pope & retreated. Nicholas dealt with another case involving marriage as Judith, princess of Italy, had married Baldwin, Count of Flanders without her father's consent. Frankish bishops demanded Judith be excommunicated. Nicholas urged leniency and preferred instead to protect the inherent freedom of marriage. What else was going on in the world at the time? Sts. Cyril and Methodius, the great missionary brothers and co-patrons of Europe, began what became known as their "Mission to the Slavs." Among their many acts was inventing the Cyrillic alphabet and the first Slavic literary language, into which they eventually translated the Bible. Some Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches still use "Old Church Slavonic" (the original language) in their liturgies.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We have a wonderful reminder of what stewardship is about in our reading from St. James, "All good giving & every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." Everything we have, are & do is gift from God! "He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits, but what exactly are first fruits? The Catholic Encyclopedia explains the first fruits of man, animals, fleece, trees, grain, wine, oil and what was grown in the fields as sacred to God and were to be offered to the Lord. The people of the Old Testament offered God the very first of their products, animals, toil – not what was left at the end. The church, as the new Israel, is referred to as the first fruits of God, Christians possess the first fruits of the Holy Spirit & Jesus is called the first fruit of dead as He was the first to rise to new life. How do you give back to God – from your first fruits or from what's left over after you've pretty much wiped out your paycheck? James also reminds us that as Children of God & disciples of Jesus we are called to welcome the Word of God that was planted in our souls and not only that, but to be doers of the Word – not just hearers. There is much to be done at the parish – how are you sharing your stewardship? James warns us to keep ourselves unstained by the world so let's take some time this week to pray, worship and focus on the things of heaven.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name – We are collecting packaged cracker snacks, breakfast bars, snack bars, etc. for families sitting vigil at the Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service on Ridgewood Rd. Please place your donations in the basket by the main doors. The Peter Maurin Center collection is ongoing.

Wall Painting – 2nd coat is ready to be applied. You may come to paint during the week beginning at 9 am until dark.

Upcoming Stewardship Projects – We will need stewards to oil chairs in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for project dates.

You are **Joyfully Gifted!** Are you interested in finding out more about yourself, growing in your faith & your spiritual life? Not sure where you fit in your parish? Join us on Sat., Oct. 6th from 9 am – 3 pm in Waldeisen Hall to discover the spiritual gifts God has given you. Continental breakfast, lunch & materials are included. There is no cost to attend. Do something for yourself & our parish and plan to join us for this informative and enjoyable day. Please call the rectory to register.

PSR – All public school students in grades 1-8, are required to attend PSR (Religion) classes. Classes begin Sun., Sept. 16th are held from 9 – 10:15 am at St. Augustine. Forms can be found on the book rack. Call 330-745-1080 for updated fees & info.

Position Opening: Part-time (c. 18 hrs/week) Maintenance Supervisor. Visit our parish website www.ickenmore.org for job description & application.

Acme Cashback - Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church.

Other Events

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