

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

September
Month of The Seven
Sorrows of Mary



September 23, 2018
Twenty-Fifth 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 24		5:30 pm Jim & Mary Ann McGowan Anniversary	Keegan	Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18	
Tues Sep 25				Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Pastoral Council 7 pm HH
Wed Sep 26	Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs	No Mass		Rv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Sep 27	Vincent de Paul, Priest			Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9	
Fri Sep 28	Wenceslaus, Martyr; Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs	5:30 pm Schimmoller Family by Mary Jane Andrews	Keegan	Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22	
Sat Sep 29	Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	5:30 pm Rev. Thomas Duggan by Alberta Kunkel	Morgan	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 - Noon SB
Sun Sep 30	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Matthew Noble by Betty Molnar	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	

Sanctuary Lamp - Benjamin Blankenship

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 4 Holy Hours last week.

**Long-suffering results in great wisdom;
a short temper raises folly high.** Proverbs 14:19

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, September 16, 2018 * 92 of 340 Envelopes used.

Sunday Offering. – \$2936 * **Cap Imp./Debt. Red.** – \$590

Joyfully Gifted Retreat – Have you registered yet for the upcoming retreat? You have indeed been joyfully gifted with at least one special charism by God. Do you know what it is? Come, explore, discover & learn about your charism and how it can best be used. There is no cost; continental breakfast, lunch & materials are included, but you must register by 4 pm on Monday, Oct. 1st. The retreat will be held in Waldeisen Hall Saturday, Oct. 6th from 9 am to 3 pm (breakfast & sign-in at 8:30 am. Mark your calendars and join us for a wonderful experience.

Fr. Mike will be off the property until Sept. 27th. Please note the following: **No 5:30 pm Mass** on Wednesday, Sept. 26. **No Anointing** of the Sick in September.

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

Holy Family Candle - Hope

➤ **Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday, Sept. 25th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

➤ **Joyfully Gifted Planning Team** – Final planning meeting Tues., Oct. 2nd at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall.

➤ **Adult Faith Enrichment** – Registration is now underway for an exciting, informative year of faith formation. This year we will study about how to reach our ultimate goal of sainthood using Bishop Robert Barron's video series: Untold Blessings – 3 Paths to Holiness & how to live a holy life in our world using the Apostolic Exhortation - On The Call To Holiness In Today's World by Pope Francis. The fee is only \$10 per person and we encourage everyone to attend.

➤ **Ministry Fair** – Our parish will follow the *Joyfully Gifted Retreat* with a Ministry Fair in the church after Masses Oct. 13th & 14th. New parish handbooks will also be coming out. **All** parish ministries and organizations are to have representatives present to answer questions about their groups so please find people to man your station after each of the Masses. Also, ministry boards may need to be updated – boards may be picked up at the rectory between 9–4 on weekdays.

➤ The **Altar & Rosary Society** membership drive runs through the end of September. Envelopes can be found in the pews & may be returned in the collection basket.

History of Popes

#108 – Pope Marinus I (*pronounced: MAH-rinn-ooce*) - Pope from Dec. 16, 882 – death, May 15, 884. The son of a priest, Marinus was appointed as a subdeacon at the age of 12 under Leo IV and was involved in the church most of his life. Marinus was well established as a diplomat, having been sent east to Constantinople three times, once to preside over the Fourth Council of Constantinople in 869 before becoming pope. His election to succeed John set a new precedent for where popes could come from, considering that he was already a bishop in another diocese at the time of his election. Never before had a bishop been allowed to move dioceses to become Bishop of Rome after a law written over 400 years earlier at the Council of Nicaea required that clergy not be transferred from their home diocese. As pope, Marinus was moderate in relation to his predecessor's policies, affirming some and disregarding others. He absolved and reinstated Formosus, who would become pope in the early 890s, as a peace offering to end the tensions between factions in Rome. Marinus held great respect for King Alfred of England and as a result allowed Anglo-Saxons living in Rome to reside there tax-free. Marinus was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 883, the Abbey of Monte Cassino, built in the 6th Century by St. Benedict of Nursia, was sacked & burned down by the Saracens.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We have lessons in stewardship & humility this weekend in our readings. In the first reading “the wicked” who are focused only on themselves and their own needs set out to torture and kill “the just one” because he is seen as an obnoxious intruder who threatens their close-minded, selfish existence (a foreshadowing of passion and death of Jesus). St. James urges us to seek the wisdom that can only be found in God. The selfishness of those described in Wisdom has no place in the Kingdom. We are challenged to steer our passions towards the things of Heaven, and to the good of others, not our own gain. Jesus put it all together in one powerful statement, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” It is not about us – never has been, never will be. It is about using our gifts, our charisms, for the good of others; it is about giving of ourselves to those in need and when we do that we receive Jesus and the One who sent Him. If you are looking to learn more about your charisms or would like to discover what they are, join us from 9 am to 3 pm on Sat., Oct. 6th for the *Joyfully Gifted Retreat*.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo is in desperate need of clean-up help on Wednesdays at 2 pm. Duties include: trash removal, sweeping, vacuuming, cleaning glass and cleaning bathrooms. Many hands make light work and this can be done in an hour. Please call the rectory.

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.

Cookie Elves – We need your gifts and talents to provide desserts for our October 6th Joyfully Gifted Retreat. Your tasty treats will be served with lunch for all our guests. Please drop off all cookies and baked good at the rectory on Friday, October 5th. Thank you for your stewardship.

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

EMHCs – Regina Health Center in Richfield is looking for EMHCs to help distribute Communion to their residents during the weekday 11 am Mass. Communion is distributed to all those in the Chapel and all who cannot get to the Chapel, but are watching Mass live in their rooms. If interested, please contact Melissa. We may be able to form a small I.C. team and carpool. Summa Health is also looking for EMHCs to distribute Holy Communion to their Catholic patients at the Akron City Campus. Contact Pat Mills at 330-615-4036 or email pmills@summahealth.org.

Operation Christmas Child – It's time to think about filling your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Brochures with suggestions may be found at the main doors of the church.

185th Anniversary Mass – This year marks the 185th anniversary of the first Catholic priest to visit the Akron area. All Akron parishes are invited to a special Mass this Thur., Sept. 27th at 7 pm at St. Vincent Parish. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo & Bishop Martin Amos will be there to help celebrate.

Other Events

• **Caring & Sharing** session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Mon., Sept. 24th from 7:30-9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

• **Building Racial Harmony Series:** “Understanding the African-American Experience: An Attempt to Strengthen Cross-Cultural Relationships”, 3 pm, Sun., Sept. 30, Our Lady of the Elms Motherhouse, Speaker, Dr. Tania Lodge, will share insights from her work as Clinical Director of the Minority Behavioral Health Group. The event is free and open to the public.

• **Finding Peace:** An Adult Evening Retreat, Fri., Oct. 5th, 5:15 pm–9:30 pm, St. Augustine. Speaker: Fr. Robert (Bobby) McWilliams. No cost, but a free will offering will be taken. Free child care provided, but must be registered by Sept. 28th. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church or online at <http://www.staugustinebarberton.org>. For info, email dre.staugustine@gmail.com or call 330-745-1080.

• **Silent Sorrow – Mass for those who have suffered Miscarriage, Infertility or Neo-Natal Death:** Sun., Oct. 7, 5:30 pm, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the celebrant.