


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December  
Month of The  
Immaculate  
Conception

Dec 2, 2018  
First Sunday of Advent

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 Dec 3	Francis Xavier, Priest	5:30 pm <b>Alice Beavers</b> by Jacqueline Cutright	Compton	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11	
Tues Dec 4	John Damascene, Priest & Doctor			Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Dec 5		5:30 pm <b>Steve A. Kertesz</b> by AAC Auxillary	Compton	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Dec 6	Nicholas, Bishop			Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21-24-27	<b>SVdP</b> 11:30 am HH <b>Adult Faith Enrichment</b> 7 - 9 pm WH
Fri Dec 7	Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor <b>(Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception Our Parish Feast Day)</b>	5:30 pm <b>Michael Nazrallah</b> by Lawrence Rohr	Compton	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	
Sat Dec 8	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	11 am <b>Ora Adams</b> by Bill & Nancy Mangieri 5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	11 am Hamilton 5:30 pm Cole	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	<b>Confessions</b> 9 am -10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon SB <b>Feast Day Luncheon</b> After 11 am Mass WH
Sun Dec 9	Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am <b>Joseph Buhalak</b> by Family 11 am <b>Deceased Family Members of Bob &amp; Kathy Doerr</b>	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6	

## Sanctuary Lamp - Rita 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.

*All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth toward those who honor his covenant and decrees. Psalm 25:10*

**Bambinelli Sunday** - On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children & their families gather in St. Peter's Square for a special papal blessing of the Christ Child, "Bambinelli," figure from their Nativity scene. We invite all households to bring their Bambinelli to Mass the weekend of December 15 & 16 for a special blessing.

**Early Bulletin Deadlines** - As we enter into the Christmas Season, we will need to submit the bulletin early through the end of the year due to the magnitude of packages UPS will be handling. Items for the bulletin will need to be submitted at least 10 days before the bulletin is to be distributed. All items to be included in Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> bulletin must be submitted to the rectory by Thurs., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Decorating** – 6:30 pm on Tues., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intentions

➤ **Adult Faith Enrichment** – this Thurs., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30 pm for fellowship & snacks. Topic – Path #3 "Your Life Is Not About You."

➤ **Holy Day of Obligation** – Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation and our parish feast day. Masses: Vigil, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm & Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. To honor our Blessed Mother, wear something blue to Mass. **Light Luncheon** following the 11 am Mass in Waldeisen Hall. No cost, but RSVPs are required by this Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Liturgical Ministers needed:** Vigil: Lector – S. Mason, EMHCs, Servers – R. Compton (need 1), MofH – Meyers, Meyers; Dec. 8: Lector – B. Langton, EMHC – J. Langton (need more), server – G. Hamilton (need 1), MofH - need. Please call the rectory.

➤ **Altar & Rosary Society News - Bake Sale** – Huge thanks to everyone for their donation, service & support of our bake sale. Once again you made it a success. **Christmas Dinner** – Tues., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Main course: Chicken Primavera. Cost is \$10/person. RSVP to Lorie at 330-322-7414. Please bring toothpaste and bar soap for our SVdP pantry.

### Advent Reflection from St. Pope John Paul II (excerpt from December 1, 1996 Homily)

Regem venturum, Dominum, venite adoremus! (Come let us worship! The King is coming!) With this exhortation, the Advent liturgy brings us each day into the mystery of the God who comes. It speaks of a first and second coming of Christ: the first on the night of Bethlehem, when the Son of God became man and was born of the Virgin Mary, the second will be at the last judgement. Over time, the Church's reflection on the coming of God into the world has been further extended and has recognized a first coming in creation at the beginning of time, and a second in the Incarnation for the redemption of the world. Both the first and second comings have already taken place, we live however, in expectation of the third coming of Christ, in which creation and redemption will find their definitive fulfilment. He, who redeemed the world once and for all, must achieve the great recapitulation of creation, and especially of human history, in order to bring all things to that fullness which can only be found in God. Regem venturum Dominum, venite adoremus!

#### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Happy Advent! As we begin to decorate our homes for Christmas, let us remember to take time to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. We, of course, prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, but the Gospel reminds us that we need to be looking to the future as well, to Christ's return at the end of time. The Gospel narrative is frightening and makes it clear that we are going to be vigilant and ready. How do we do this? It is through prayer, worship, stewardship of time, talent and treasure, being accountable, being charitable, loving others, living by Gospel values, witnessing to the faith and bringing others into the Body of Christ. As you stand before the Son of Man will you be prepared? Let us take time this Advent to reflect on and act upon that which we are called to do so that we will be prepared to welcome Jesus now and at the end of time.

#### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Bingo** - Thank you to those who stepped forward to help with clean up. We'd like to have a few more so we can form teams. Please call the rectory.

**In His Name** – We are collecting warm socks for men, women and children to be distributed to the homeless by Hoban High School through **Project Hope**. Also collecting hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, etc. for the Peter Maurin Center and the Free Store; toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

**CareCards** – If you wish to send a Christmas or greeting card to a shut-in for the month of December, please be sure it's turned in by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** to all who shared their stewardship for the **KMA Thanksgiving dinner** by cooking, donating and/or serving. 658 meals were served!

**Soup for the Soul 2018 Recipe Booklets** are finished and available on the bookrack at the main doors of the church. One per household please.

**All Things Advent** – Be sure to pick up a copy of Journey through Advent available at the doors of the church. This form contains information on the many things that will be happening over the next few weeks – Holy Day Mass times, Confession and Communal Penance Services, Bambinelli Sunday, AFE, rectory hours, church decorating and more.

#### COLLECTION REPORT

	November 11	November 18
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	\$3,010.39	\$3,271.00
<b>Daily Offering –</b>	476.00	183.00
<b>Holy Day –</b>	355.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,841.39</b>	<b>\$3454.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget to meet operating costs</b>	<b>\$4,590.00</b>	<b>\$4,590.00</b>
<b>(Shortfall) Over</b>	<b>(\$748.61)</b>	<b>(\$1,136.00)</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul –</b>	\$35.00	\$30.00
<b>Capital Improvements –</b>	45.00	30.00
<b>Debt Reduction –</b>	60.00	550.00
Envelopes used of 324 sent	74	81
141 households have not used their envelopes in 2018		

**Lector Training** – Tues., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. Must have a clear speaking voice, good communication skills and a love for Sacred Scripture.

**Masses** - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory. We're currently scheduling Masses for December through the end of 2019. The stipend is \$10.

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

#### Other Events

• **Diocesan Young Adult Retreat Claimed by Love**: Invite a friend or loved one (age 18 - 39) to John Carroll Univ. on Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 am - 3 pm. For info, visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search Claimed by Love 2018 or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/330273684219112/>

• **Advent Retreat "Mary in Advent: A Preparation for the Feast of Feasts"** will be held Dec. 8 - 9 at Loyola Retreat House and will be directed by Fr. Paschal Petcavage, OSB. For more info or to register, call 330-896-2315 or visit [LoyolaRetreatHouse.com](http://LoyolaRetreatHouse.com).

• **Cancer Spirituality Group**: the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at St. Matthew Rectory, Akron, 11 am - 12:30 pm. For info, contact: Pat Flaherty, 330-628-5725 or [everhiker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:everhiker@sbcglobal.net).

• **Theology on Tap**: Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Harbor Front Grille & Party Center. Fr. John Valencheck, Pastor, St. Sebastian, will talk on "The Secret Message within Your Church." Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who would like to purchase beverages. Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's.