

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

Dec 16, 2018
Third 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 17		5:30 pm Richard Rea & John Pferschi by the Hudak Family	Hamilton	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	
Tues Dec 18				Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB Church Decorating 6:30 pm CH
Wed Dec 19		5:30 pm Special Intention by Dr. Rita Zelic	Hamilton	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Dec 20				Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38	
Fri Dec 21	Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor	5:30 pm Jerry Krummel by Pam Ciarlariello	Hamilton	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45	
Sat Dec 22		5:30 pm People of the Parish	5:30 pm Cole	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store Closed
Sun Dec 23	 Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Steve & Anna Zamesko by Steve & Toni Zamesko 11 am Vicky Franz by Franz Family	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

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.

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him. 1 Cor 2:9

Christmas - Masses on Christmas Eve are 5:30 pm and 10 pm. Mass on Christmas Day is at 10 am. Your last opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Saturday, Dec. 22nd. The rectory will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Day and Wednesday, Dec. 26th. There will be no Holy Hours Dec. 24 & 25. The Free Store will be closed Dec. 25th. Bingo will be open on Wed., Dec. 26th.

New Years - January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated Dec. 31st at 5:30 pm and Jan. 1st at 10 am. Liturgical Ministers are needed.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Items for the bulletin need to be submitted at least 10 days before the bulletin is to be distributed. All items for the Dec. 30th bulletin must be submitted to the rectory by Thurs., Dec. 20th.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

Liturgical Needs

Christmas Eve 5:30 pm - Lector: T. Cole; EMHC: need; Servers: M. Cole, need; M of H - need.

Christmas Eve 10 pm - Lector: need; EMCH: J & J. Osolin, B. Plasily, need; Servers: M. Keegan, L. Morgan, J. Wilson; M of H: S. Wilson, L. Wilson, need.

Christmas Day 10 am - Lector: V. Lackney; EMHC: R. Compton, need; Servers: R. Baker, need; M of H: need.

Church Decorating

Join us **this** Tues., Dec. 18th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

Christmas Greetings Across the Pews

Take this opportunity to share your Christmas Greetings with your parish family. Cost is \$1/greeting. Forms are available at all doors of the church & need to be returned with payment to the rectory by Dec. 20th.

Holiday on the Blvd.

Thank you to our Parish Activities Committee, our Cookie Elves, those who shared their stewardship of time to help, those who donated punch, prizes, gift packs & crafts and Giant Eagle in Barberton for their donation of hot dogs and buns. It was a wonderful day and we hope we made many new friends!

Advent Reflection from Loyola Press

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Paul urges us to "Rejoice in the Lord always." This joy is the key to having a grateful heart and being able to share that gratitude with others. As good stewards we can do this in many ways: by sharing the faith, encouraging and affirming others, giving to those in need, having a spirit of hospitality and welcome, praying for those who mourn and victims of injustice, working for peace and much more. Sometimes it's difficult to offer thanks and share joy, but the more time we spend with God in prayer, worship and reception of the Sacraments, the more we come to know His presence and His peace and that helps us develop a grateful heart and an attitude of gratitude. During this Advent season, let us strive to grow in our relationship with God, trust in His plan for our lives and practice living each day with a grateful heart for by doing so we can grow as good, faithful and fruitful stewards.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Giving Tree – Donations of scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, etc. can be placed on the Giving Tree near the altar. Items will be given to those in need who are serviced by our SVDP Food Pantry.

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.

Acme Cashback is ending soon! Be sure to place all your receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church.

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

COLLECTION REPORT Week Ending

	November 25	December 2
Sunday Offering	\$2561.60	\$4,456.00
Daily Offering –	37.50	860.00
Holy Day –	10.00	20.00
Total	\$2609.10	\$5,336.00
Weekly Budget to meet		
operating costs	\$4,590.00	\$4,590.00
(Shortfall) Over	(1,980.90)	746.00
St. Vincent de Paul –	\$135.00	\$285.00
Capital Improvements –	335.00	--
Debt Reduction –	--	418.00
Religious Retirement –	--	20.00

Envelopes used of 324 sent 70 83
 141 households have not used their envelopes in 2018

Other Events

- **Cancer Spirituality Group:** the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at St. Matthew Rectory, Akron, 11 am - 12:30 pm. For info, contact: Pat Flaherty, 330-628-5725 or everhiker@sbcglobal.net.
- **What Would You Ask Our Bishop?** What would you ask Bishop Perez if he was sitting at your kitchen table? The next episode of *Table Talk* featuring Bishop Perez will air on AM 1260 The Rock on Jan. 17th at 5 pm and will be re-broadcast Jan. 19th at 1 pm and Jan. 20th at noon. To be part of *Table Talk*, submit your questions by January 1st to tabletalk@am1260therock.com. For audio archive of previous episodes, visit www.am1260therock.com.
- **A Six-week Bereavement Support Series** will begin Tues, Jan. 15 from 7 to 9 pm at Our Lady of Victory Parish Center, Tallmadge. The evenings will provide insight, understanding and support to those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Grounded in faith and surrounded by those who care and understand, many common issues surrounding grief and healing will be discussed. For more information or to register please call 330-633-3672.
- **Catholics Returning Home:** Begins Wed., Jan. 16, 7 to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Victory Parish Center Library, 73 North Avenue, Tallmadge. This program is an opportunity for anyone wishing to bring healing to their relationships whether with God, His Church, others or even within their own hearts. For additional information, please call 330-633-3637.