

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord

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 Jan 7	Raymond of Penafort, Priest	5:30 pm David Perez by I.C. Parish Staff	Hamilton	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mk 4:12-17, 23-35	
Tues Jan 8				1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Jan 9		5:30 pm Thomas B. Smith by Fr. Mike	Hamilton	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Jan 10				1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22	
Fri Jan 11		5:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. George DeVoe 50 th Wedding Anniversary	Hamilton	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16	
Sat Jan 12		5:30 pm Marcella Archual by Joseph & Patricia Arabia	Morgan	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - noon SB
Sun Jan 13	The Baptism of the Lord	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Ellie Abreth by Mary Stallman	8:30 am Baker 11 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.
Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

*All the days of the earth, seedtime & harvest, cold & heat,
summer & winter, and day & night shall not cease. Gen 8:22*

COLLECTION REPORT *Week Ending*

	<i>December 16</i>	<i>December 23</i>
Sunday Offering	\$3,100.00	\$4,461.25
Daily Offering -	350.00	150.00
Holy Day -	195.00	268.00
Total	\$3,645.00	\$4,879.25

Weekly Budget to meet

operating costs	\$4,590.00	\$4,590.00
(Shortfall) Over	(\$945.00)	289.25

St. Vincent de Paul -	\$73.00	25.00
Capital Improvements -	30.00	2,500.00
Debt Reduction	162.00	30.00
Religious Retirement -	100.00	-

Envelopes used of 324 sent 62 98
136 households have not used their envelopes in 2018

Bulletin Deadline - Items for next weekend's bulletin need to be submitted by 10 am on Monday.

SVdP Food Pantry - December report: we provided food for 154 people in 46 households.

Holy Family Candle - Special Prayers For My Son

- **Adult Faith Enrichment** - There will be no sessions in January or February; our next session will be March 7.
- **Pre-Baptism Class** - The next class will be held Tues., Jan. 29th in the St. Augustine Rectory at 7 pm. This class is required for all parents seeking baptism for their children.

Thank you to all the Liturgical Ministers who stepped forward to share their stewardship for the Christmas & Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses: Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality and Musicians. If you have an interest in helping with one or more of these areas, please call the rectory.

Misplaced Christmas Greetings

May His Peace, Love & Joy fill you to overflowing this Christmas Season.
The Fabbros

Peace & Love this Christmas. Chris McDonald Family

May the Christ Child's birth bring peace, love and blessings to you all. Merry Christmas & wishes for a wonderful New Year.
Tom & Eileen Clark

Wishing you all the joys that make it feel like Christmas. Merry Christmas!
The Masons - Gene & Sandy

Merry Christmas & Blessings to you all!
The Damron Family

History of Popes

118 – Pope Sergius III - Pope from January 29, 904 until death, April 14, 911. Sergius was a native of Rome and a prominent member of the party opposed to the late Pope Formosus. Sergius had been consecrated by Pope Formosus in the late 800s and served as bishop of Caere, a city 30-40 miles northwest of Rome. Once he was chosen as pope, he declared all of Formosus' appointments null and void and the rule that bishops could not transfer dioceses to become pope to be reinstated once again. These points reveal a lot about Sergius, since both applied to him. Sergius was best known for being a man of ambition. Six years before becoming the legitimate pope, Sergius tried to wrest the papacy from Pope John IX, but was unsuccessful. Once he found himself validly in office, he imprisoned the Antipope Christopher in the same prison where Leo V (the rightful pope) was being kept, and likely put both of them to death. Being in league with Theophylact, the Roman senator, and his wife, Theodora, Sergius may have fathered an illegitimate child with their daughter, Marouzia. That son would become pope himself in 931, and is known as John XI. One of the good things Sergius III did during his papacy was to completely restore the Lateran Basilica in Rome, which had fallen into disrepair. Sergius died April 15, 911 and is buried in St. Peter's Basilica. What else was going on in the world at the time? Many saints were working for good in the Church at that time, despite Sergius' leadership. One of them, St. Wenceslaus I, Duke of Bohemia, better known as "Good King Wenceslaus," was born in 907.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek, *epiphaneiam* which means "manifestation" or disclosure/revelation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of God, through His son Jesus, to the whole world – not just to the Jewish people. This is illustrated by the presence of the Magi from the East – East meaning Arabia or somewhere east of Palestine. They were not religious scholars and most certainly not from the Hebrew nation. They were most probably scientists – wise men – who knew about astrology, navigation and how to calculate time by watching the configuration of the stars; they may or may not have had ties to royalty. Their presence signifies that the Good News of God, the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer was meant for all people & all nations of the world. The Magi recognized the royal line, the King, in the infant Jesus and gave him gifts appropriate for a King. What will you give to Jesus by means of your time, talent and treasure? How will you pay homage or pay tribute to the One who came to save and set you free? The new year is a wonderful time to reflect on all God has given you and commit to greater stewardship to the Church as a gift to your Lord.

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.

Acme Cashback - The current earning period has ended and it's time to gather all your Acme receipts and place them in the baskets by the doors of the church. Every receipt counts!

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 for 2019.

Other Events

- **Theology on Tap Akron:** Wed., Jan. 9th, 7 pm, Panini's Bar & Grille, 4200 Steels Pointe, Stow. Come experience faith, fellowship & food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's and listen to Sr. Agnes Therese Davis, T.O.R., Ministry Coordinator at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery, talk on "The Privilege of Being Poor: St. Francis and the Freedom of Poverty." \$5 admission includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who wish to purchase drinks.
- **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 Ave., 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 information, please call 330-633-3637.
- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Jan. 21st, D'Agnes's at White Pond. Dominic Colucy, MTS, DRE, Basilica of St. John the Baptist & St. Peter Catholic Church, Canton, will speak on "God Wills It! An Introduction to the Crusades". 7 pm - appetizers, 7:30 pm - Speaker. \$10 admission includes appetizers – Cash bar. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish.
- **Retrouvaille Weekend:** Jan. 25 – 27. RETROUVAILLE, which means "rediscovery", can be a Lifeline for troubled marriages. It is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For info, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.