

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 Apr 1		5:30 pm Nicholas Routsos by Family	Burkhart	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54	
Tues Apr 2	Francis of Paola, Hermit			Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Apr 3		5:30 pm Chris McDonald by Steve & Toni Zamesko	Burkhart	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Apr 4	Isidore, Bishop & Doctor			Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	SVdP 11:30 am HH Adult Faith Enrichment 7 - 9 pm WH
Fri Apr 5	Vincent Ferrer, Priest	5:30 pm Mary Ann Duhon by Martha J. Klein	Burkhart	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Personal Prayer 6 - 6:30 pm CH Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Apr 6		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Cole	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - noon SB Life in the Spirit 1 pm WH
Sun Apr 7	Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Harry B. DeVoe by Family 11 am Robert Prough by Mary Pifer	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11	3rd Scrutiny 11 am Mass Life in the Spirit 6:30 pm WH

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Mar 17	Mar 24
Sunday Offering -	\$2,811.00	\$3,180.50
Daily Offering -	579.50	255.00
Total	\$3,390.50	\$3,435.50
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,199.50)	(\$1,154.50)
St. Vincent de Paul -	80.00	15.00
Capital Improvements -	575.00	45.00
Debt Reduction -	-	-
Black/Native Americans -	50.00	20.00
Holy Land -	7.00	2.00
Catholic Home Missions -	10.00	-
Envelopes used of 271 sent	76	82

129 households receiving bi-monthly Sunday Offertory envelopes have not used them in 2019

To receive your **2018 Contribution Statement**, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Mon. - Fri., 9 am - 4 pm.

AFE - Our next session is this Thursday, April 4th. Please read Chapter 3 and bring your Catechism.

Life in the Spirit Seminar - Waldeisen Hall, next Sat., Apr. 6th & Sun., Apr. 7th for inspiring talks, praise & worship, dinner, Mass, Healing Service & more. Call the rectory for more information.

Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale will be Apr. 14th & 15th. **We need all bakers** to help with baked goods as in the past; it's always appreciated! Donations may be dropped off after 4 pm in Hitch Hall on Sat., April 14th or after Masses on Sunday. Thank you for your support!

Altar & Rosary Society - Tues., Apr. 9th, 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Please bring toothpaste or bar soap for SVdP.

Mark your calendars for our next parish outing - Scotch Doubles at Charger Lanes on Apr. 27th. More info to come.

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.

May mercy, peace & love be yours in abundance! Jude 2

Lenten Perspective

We may feel guilt-ridden like the Prodigal Son or resentful like the older son, but the Gospel today calls us instead to be merciful like the father who was forgiving and understanding of his son. In relationships, we all make mistakes and need to forgive one another. Who do you know who needs your forgiveness and acceptance?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

How merciful is our God! We have the story of the Prodigal Son in this week's Gospel. How many times have we been Prodigals? How many times have we taken advantage of our Father's love and generosity? How many people do we know - family, friends, co-workers - who are Prodigals & think that their Heavenly Father could never forgive and welcome them home? How often have we failed to show mercy & forgiveness to others even when we have been forgiven by our Heavenly Father? Pope Francis in his encyclical, Rejoice and Be Glad quotes Lk 6:38, "The measure you give will be the measure you get back." In other words the Pope says, "the yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive, the yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive." Take some time to reflect on that. He also gives us a powerful image to consider "We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven." All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion." What might this world look like, how mighty might the Church be if we as members of the army of the forgiven marched (gently) into the lives of the fallen away; of those who think they can never be forgiven? As stewards of the faith, let us share our stories of forgiveness & mercy with those who need to hear them & prepare to welcome home fellow Prodigals.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical Ministers are needed for Holy Week, particularly EMHCs & Ministers of Hospitality. Please do not presume someone else will step forward. Please call the rectory to share your stewardship.

We are in **desperate need** of **Altar Servers!** This ministry is open to students 5th grade and up as well as adults – men and women. Please call the rectory with questions or to share your stewardship.

Church Housekeeping – We need 1 more steward for church cleaning one Monday each month. If you can help, please call 330-825-5949.

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.

Communion Rite Posture – Beginning the Second Sunday of Easter, we will be changing our Communion Rite posture to reflect the original policy, which was established in 2003. We will remain standing after the Lamb of God, throughout the distribution and reception of Holy Communion and the singing of the Communion Hymn, until the end of the distribution of Holy Communion. Once the last person has received Holy Communion and the Communion Hymn ends, we may kneel or sit for private prayer.

Lenten Season

The 3 pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

Prayer – attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour here or at St. Augustine (doors open during daylight hours, after dark call 330-690-9661), go to confession, make Fridays special by coming to 5:30 pm Mass, stay for private prayer time & then pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, pray for fellow parishioners and for the sharing of your stewardship.

Fasting & Abstinence - Good Friday is a day of fasting (for those 60 years old & under) & abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence from meat & meat products (beginning at age 14).

Lenten Almsgiving - This year we are partnering with John Carroll University to provide clean water filters for Honduras. Collection boxes with a ministry description for which our alms will be used may be found at the main doors of the church. Put in daily change, eat a simple meal & put the money saved into your container; be creative! Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent. We ask you to be generous as you help the people of the Honduras to receive filters that will give them the clean water we take for granted. Spring cleaning? Remember the Free Store. Toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

Lenten Fridays: 5:30 Mass, prayer time, Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Cross and Candle bearers are needed and you may sign up at the main doors of the church as individuals, a family or as representatives of a ministry.

Pre-Baptism Class – Tues, Apr. 30, 7 pm, Hitch Hall. This class is required for all requesting baptism for their children. Please call the rectory for info.

FORMED – Check out the possibilities at www.formed.org

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Other Events

• **K of C Lenten Fish Fry:** 4:30 pm – 7 pm, every Friday through April 19, K of C Hall, 2055 Glenmount Ave. Adult prices range from \$8 to \$11; children prices range from \$4 to \$9. For info or quicker seating for groups of 6 or more, call 330-773-3410. *For info on Parish Fish Frys*, visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events.

• **Lenten Reflections:** Queen of Heaven, Green, Tues., Apr. 2nd, 7 pm. Dr. Edward Parisi will present "The Crucifixion in the Eyes of a Physician." Tues., Apr. 9th, 7 pm. Karen Eckart will present "Holy Land History: Sites from the New Testament."

• **7 Last Words of Christ:** Sun., Apr. 14, 7:30 pm, St. Sebastian Church. The choirs of St. Sebastian Parish and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will present Theodore Dubois' famous choral work. All are welcome; no cost.