

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



April 7, 2019  
Fifth 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 8		5:30 pm Walter, Christine & Thomas Bandelow by Family	Wilson	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20	
Tues Apr 9				Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB <b>Altar &amp; Rosary Society</b> 6 pm HH
Wed Apr 10		5:30 pm Laurel Fiocca by Family & Friends	Wilson	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Apr 11	Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr			Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59	
Fri Apr 12		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Wilson	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42	<b>Personal Prayer</b> 6 - 6:30 pm CH <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30 pm CH
Sat Apr 13	Martin I, Pope & Martyr	5:30 pm Chris McDonald by Charles J. Smith	Cole	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56	<b>Confessions</b> 9 am -10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - noon SB <b>Bake Sale</b> After Mass HH
Sun Apr 14	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Amanda Mills by Barberton Medical Records Dept.	8:30 am Brown 11 am Brewer Brewer	Lk 12:28-40; Is 50:4-2; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56	<b>Bake Sale</b> After Masses HH

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Mar 17	Mar 24
Sunday Offering -	\$3,180.50	\$4,308.00
Daily Offering -	255.00	110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,435.50</b>	<b>\$4,418.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget to meet operating costs</b>	<b>\$4,590.00</b>	<b>4,590.00</b>
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>(\$1,154.50)</b>	<b>(\$172.00)</b>
St. Vincent de Paul -	15.00	150.00
Capital Improvements -	45.00	25.00
Debt Reduction -	-	70.00
Black/Native Americans -	20.00	20.00
Holy Land -	2.00	-
Envelopes used of 271 sent	82	72

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

• **Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale** will be Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. **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 13<sup>th</sup> or after Masses on Sunday. Thank you for your support!

• **Altar & Rosary Society** - Tues., Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Please bring toothpaste or bar soap for SVdP.

• **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.

• **Communion Rite Posture** - Beginning the Second Sunday of Easter, we will be recommitting 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.

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

**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.

On those who waver have mercy. Jude 22

## Lenten Perspective

All through the Gospels, Jesus gives a consistent message urging us to offer mercy and forgiveness to others. We all stumble and fall at times in our lives. It is a sin of pride to believe that how we have offended God through sin is somehow more acceptable than how someone else has offended Him. Follow the example Jesus gave us by converting hearts through mercy, forgiveness and compassion instead of condemnation.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As stewards of the faith, I'm sure we'd all like to say that we are nothing like the scribes and Pharisees who brought the woman caught in adultery to Jesus. We'd like to think we would never hold the sins of another over them or make ourselves superior to those who are sinners, but if we're honest with ourselves, we know we can't make that claim. By holding their sins over them, we may even be more sinful! It's somehow easier to see the sin of another than it is to see our own; even harder to admit it. The next time we are ready to berate someone, let us remember the words of Jesus, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone..." Let us seek forgiveness and strive to forgive.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are in **desperate need** of **Altar Servers!** This ministry is open to students 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 & Candle bearers are needed; you may sign up at the main doors of the church as individuals, a family or as representatives of a ministry.

### Holy Week

7 pm Holy Thursday: Lector: B. Langton; EMHC: J. Langton, B. Tubo, **need 2**; Servers: R. Baker, J. Brown, L. Morgan, **need 1**; M of H: L. Wilson, S. Wilson

7 pm Good Friday: Narrator: P. Marcin; Speaker: J. Brown; EMHC: B. Langton, J. Langton; Servers: R. Baker, L. Morgan, **need 2**; M of H: L. Wilson, S. Wilson, **need 2**

8 pm Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: Lector: B. Langton, T. Cole; EMHC: J. Langton, **need 3**; Servers: M. Keegan, L. Morgan, J. Brown, J. Wilson; M of H: L. Wilson, S. Wilson, **need 2**

Parishioner **Dona Bischoff** passed away on Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> & her family is having a funeral Mass on Sat., Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. All are welcome to come and honor Dona and her contributions to parish life here at I.C.

**FORMED** – Hopefully you have had the opportunity to go in & check out all the amazing videos, movies, documentaries, children's resources and more so that you know what is available. NOW, we are excited to tell you that you may now register and begin to use all the resources that will be at your fingertips! You may also give the web address to friends and family so that, they too, may use the resources to grow in their Catholic faith. It's easy – here's what you do:

1. Go to your webbrowser and type in:  
[www.ickenmore.formed.org](http://www.ickenmore.formed.org)
2. Click on "Register Now"
3. Fill in the information requested
4. Create a password for yourself and confirm the password.
5. Check the box accepting the "Terms of Service".
6. Click "Create Account".

It's really that easy. For your friends and family to have access, they just need to do the same thing. So, click away and get registered today!

### Other Events

- **Divorced, Separated, & Widowed Catholics:** Mon., Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm (refreshments at 7:15 pm), Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Bldg. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. For info call Frank at 330-801-0527.
- **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.