

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 May 27	Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Memorial Day	9:30 am Patrick Steurer by Family	Keegan	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a	Rectory Closed No Holy Hours
Tues May 28				Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Free Store 4:30 pm – 7 pm SB Parish Pastoral Council 7 pm HH
Wed May 29	Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Amanda Mills by Gene & Ed Svoda	Keegan	Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-15	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur May 30				Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20	
Fri May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 pm 50th Anniv. of Ordination Fr. Sam Ciccolini	Baker Morgan	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56	
Sat June 1	Justin, Martyr	5:30 pm Chris McDonald Dr. & Mrs. A. Rakoci	Burkhart	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28	Confessions 9 – 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am – Noon SB
	Seventh Sunday of Easter	8:30 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Baker	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or	
Sun June 2	The Ascension of the Lord	11 am Vicky Franz by the Franz Family	11 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20	

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.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The statutes of the Lord are true, all of them just. Psalm 19:10

Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Sam - May 31, 1969 Fr. Mike - June 8, 1974

Birthdays: Fr. Sam – May 30 Fr. Mike – June 7

Parish Library – Part of our 5 Year Plan is greater use of our extensive library in Hitch Hall. We encourage you to stop by during the week or before or after Mass to see the library and begin to check out books for summer reading. Beginning Pentecost Weekend (June 8-9) there will be selections available for check-out on the tables by the main doors. Be sure to stop by!

Memorial Day is Monday, May 27th. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am; there will be no 5:30 pm Mass. Veterans and their families are invited to Hitch Hall for coffee and pastries after Mass. Lector is needed. The rectory will be closed and there will be no Holy Hours.

There will be **no Confessions** on Saturday, June 8th.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., May 29th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Tues., May 28th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Altar & Rosary Society Dinner - Tues., June 11, 6 pm Hitch Hall. Menu: Pasta bar with Gardner pies for dessert. RSVP to Lorie at 330-322-7414 before June 9. Please bring bar soap for our SVdP food pantry.

Upcoming Events:

May 31st Fr Sam 50th Anniversary Mass at 5:30 pm.

Reception following in Waldeisen Hall for those who called in their RSVPs.

June 20th – Kenmore Free Store Open House, 5 – 7 pm.

Come for a tour of the store.

July 4th – Independence Day – Mass at 9:30 am.

July 12th – I.C. Night at the Rubber Ducks.

July 25th – Life Line Health Screening, Waldeisen Hall.

Cookie Elves: We have 2 upcoming events with which we need your help. The first is the reception for Fr. Sam – cookies & brownies may be dropped off at the rectory by 3 pm or at the hall after 4:30 pm. Your dessert items are needed & appreciated! The second event is the Kenmore Free Store Open House on June 20. Watch for more info.

Please keep **Lisa Ortscheid** in your prayers as she will be confirmed next Sunday at St. Augustine Church.

Easter Reflection from Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, in today's Gospel Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to inspire, strengthen, and defend his followers. Speaking to his disciples the night before he dies, Jesus tells them that he and his Father will send another *Parakletos*. The word, from *kaleo* (to call) and *para* (for, or on behalf of) designates something like an advocate or a lawyer, someone who would plead on behalf of another, offering support and encouragement. Jesus will depart physically from the scene, but he and his Father will send the Spirit as a friend. This is the supporter, the Advocate who will inspire Christians up and down the ages. When the martyrs went to their deaths, it was with the help of the Holy Spirit; when the missionaries went to proclaim the faith in hostile lands, it was the Holy Spirit who pleaded on their behalf; when Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling, it was the Holy Spirit who lifted him up; and when Thomas Aquinas wrote his theological masterpieces, it was at the prompting of the Advocate. What is the Advocate prompting you to do today?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Ever have to make a difficult decision or choice? How do you go about finding resolution? Do you ask family & friends for their opinions or make a pros and cons list? Have you tried prayer?? Have you sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit? In our Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples about the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, whom the Father will send in His name. In our first reading we see a wonderful example of the Apostles calling upon the Holy Spirit to make an important decision which impacts the Church from then on. An advocate is one who defends, one who pleads on another's behalf; an intercessor. Allow the Holy Spirit to plead on your behalf; to intercede to the Father in the name of the Son so that your decisions will honor God and your fellow man.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Kenmore Community Meal - The partnership between I.C. & Park United Methodist has expanded to include a free community meal which will be served in Waldeisen Hall on the last Tuesday of the month from 5 – 6:30 pm. The first meal will be served on June 25th and is open to everyone, so come enjoy a free meal and enjoy fellowship with neighbors. **Ways to help:** There are many ways you can support this new ministry besides coming to have a meal: help in the kitchen (all food will be prepared onsite), be a greeter or a server and help keep costs down by placing requested items in the basket at the front entrance of the church. Requested items: jars of spaghetti sauce, Italian or ranch salad dressing, canned chicken, cream of chicken soup, chicken & beef broth or stock, boxes of jello or pudding, cake mixes, canned fruit and veggies, boxes of rice, coffee, creamer, sugar. This new ministry can make a huge impact for Christ in our neighborhood so call the rectory to help and drop donated items in the basket. IC Pride – Catch It!

Adopt A Plot – We will have many guests coming to property over the next few weeks, so let's all work together to make the property look beautiful!

We are in **desperate need** of **Altar Servers** which is open to students 5th grade and up as well as men and women. Please call the rectory.

Pentecost will be celebrated June 8 – 9. We ask you to wear something red to Mass to honor the Holy Spirit. Mother Mary's Music Makers will begin pre-Mass music at 10:45 am.

Step Up! Our 5-Year Plan calls for us to "Personally invite fallen away or inactive Catholics to participate in the life of the parish." Fr. Mike has instituted the Step Up! program to address this part of our plan. He is asking parishioners to step up to be part of a team of missionary disciples who will go in teams to visit our brothers & sisters who have become inactive Catholics. Training will be provided and practice sessions will be offered before our teams go out. Please pray about your participation in this most important ministry and its impact on our parish future. Please call the rectory to sign-up and join with other dedicated parishioners. Flyers may be found at the doors of the church.

	Week Ending	
	May 12	May 19
Sunday Offering -	\$3,442.00	2,877.00
Daily Offering –	370.00	-
Total	\$3,812.00	\$2,877.00
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	\$4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(778.00)	(1,713.00)
St. Vincent de Paul –	100.00	30.00
Capital Improvements –	71.00	780.00
Envelopes used of 269 sent	84	73
113 households receiving bi-monthly Sunday Offertory envelopes have not used them in 2019		

FORMED – Registration is open! Please share this info with friends and family so they may use the resources to grow in their Catholic faith. Here's what you do:

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

You can also download it on Google Play or the AppStore! If you are having trouble registering, please call the rectory.

Other Events

• **Women's Night of Prayer & Adoration:** Wed., May 29th, 6:30 pm in the church at Queen of Heaven, 1800 Steese Rd., Uniontown. Join their Women of Purpose Ministry for a special night of prayer, Exposition, Adoration, Rosary, Benediction, and songs of praise. Fellowship & dessert will follow in the church basement. No need to RSVP.