

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

September
Month of The Seven
Sorrows of Mary



September 22, 2019
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Sep 23	Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Langton	Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18	
Tues Sep 24				Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB Kenmore Community Meal 5 - 6:30 pm WH Parish Council 7 pm HH
Wed Sep 25		No Mass		Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	
Thur Sep 26	Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs			Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9	
Fri Sep 27	Vincent de Paul, Priest	5:30 pm Betty Smith by Fr. Mike	Langton	Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22	
Sat Sep 28	Wenceslaus, Martyr; Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45	No Confessions Free Store 9:30 - Noon SB
Sun Sep 29	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Fr. Tom Duggan by Alberta Kunkel 11 am Charles Wilson by Wilson Family	8:30 am Brown Cline 11 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.
Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.
*Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed; save me that I
may be saved, for you are my praise.* Jer 17:14

AFE - Adult Faith Enrichment - Registration is now
underway so stop by the main doors after Mass to sign
up. The cost is just \$10 per person. The first session is
October 3rd. Let us grow together in our Catholic faith.

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Sept 8	Sept 15
Sunday Offering -	\$3,497.00	3,137.11
Daily Offering -	395.00	110.00
Total	\$3,892.00	3,247.11

Pastoral Council will meet this Tuesday, Sept. 24th at
7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Weekly Budget to operating costs	\$3,945.00	3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(53.00)	(697.89)

We are in **need of more Parish Pastoral Council
members** and are asking that you think about stepping
forward to share your stewardship for this important
council. Council members will speak next weekend at
all Masses about their experience. Forms will be
available in the pews.

St. Vincent de Paul -	60.00	25.00
Capital Improvements -	110.00	65.00
Debt Reduction -	20.00	
Other Gifts -	395.00	
Envelopes used of 264 sent	83	71

Community Meal - Join us this Tuesday, Sept. 24th
from 5 - 6:30 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Thank you for all
the wonderful donations; they are greatly appreciated!

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

Altar & Rosary Society - Our Membership Drive will run
throughout September. Envelopes are at the end of the
pews. Cost is \$10; men & women are welcome to join.

Schedule Changes - Fr. Mike will be off the property
until Sept. 28th. There will be no Confession on Sat.,
Sept. 28th and no 5:30 pm Mass on Wed., Sept. 25th.

Acme Cashback - Please place all Acme receipts in the
baskets by the doors of the church. Pick up items for the
community meal & help both the meal & the parish.

Masses - If you would like to schedule a Mass, please
call the rectory; the stipend is \$10.

History of Popes

#143 – Pope Benedict VIII - Pope from May 18, 1012 until death, April 9, 1024. Pope Benedict VIII was born around the year 980 with the name Theophylact of Tusculum. He was a member of the powerful Tusculani family that had been somewhat silently growing in power during the reign of John Crescentius. Crescentius had ruled Rome and handpicked the last three popes. Benedict VIII was a layman when he was thrust into the Chair of Peter, yet turned out to be a solid pope and ruler of the Church. Serving for the better part of 12 years, Benedict crowned a new emperor in Henry II of Germany, defeated the Saracens, and formed an alliance with the Normans. This pope was known best for holding an influential council of bishops at Pavia (Italy) in 1022. The council was called to build support for the growing monastic reform movement, which had originated at the Abbey of Cluny and had begun to take over the Church. Among the things addressed were rampant simony (selling of church positions or privileges), immorality among the clergy, and the rights of churches to their property. Pope Benedict VIII's family tree was flush with popes - he was succeeded as pope by his brother, John XIX and was an uncle to Pope Benedict IX (Pope No. 145, 147 & 150). His uncle was the infamous Pope John XII, and he was also related to Benedict VII, John XI, and Sergius III for a total of seven popes in one family. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 1014, Emperor Henry II asked Pope Benedict VIII to include the Nicene Creed in the Roman liturgy. When he agreed, it marked the first time the Creed had been used in the Mass since its creation in the 4th Century.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In the Gospel Jesus reminds us that, as the baptized, as children of the light, we cannot serve two masters. Who are the masters? God and the things of the world. We are called to live Gospel values, follow God's commandments, serve the poor, share the Good News with others and witness to our faith daily. The prophet Amos strongly criticizes and warns those who take advantage of the poor, "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!" How are you using your stewardship of talent and treasure to minister to those in need? St. Paul reminds us that we are to offer prayer for everyone – including those in authority, "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion." Regardless of political affiliation, do you use your stewardship of time in prayer to pray for the President and national, state and local leaders? Do you pray for your fellow parishioners & those who are inactive? St. Paul tells us that when we do so our efforts are pleasing to God who "wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." There are many things that distract us from what is really important, but Jesus reminds us, "You cannot serve both God and mammon (riches as the object of worship or greed). The choice is ours. Which do you choose?"

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Kenmore Community Meal - A free community meal served in Waldeisen Hall on the last Tuesday of the month from 5 – 6:30 pm. **Ways to help:** in the kitchen, as a greeter or a server. Help keep costs down by donating requested items in the basket at the front entrance of the church. Requested items: creamed soups, canned tomatoes, dessert mixes, canned fruit, canned chicken, vegetables, beef broth/stock, pinto, red & black beans. Thank you!

Adopt-A-Plot – Now is the time to cut back, cut down and clean out your plots. The grounds looked beautiful this summer. Thank you!

In His Name – We are collecting packaged cracker snacks, breakfast bars, snack bars, etc. for families sitting vigil at the Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service on Ridgewood Rd. Please place your donations in the basket by the main doors. The Peter Maurin Center collection is ongoing.

SVdP Blanket Sunday – The weekend of Oct. 5-6 marks the 33rd annual collection for blankets for the needy and is sponsored by the Diocesan SVdP. Due to a lack of storage space, monetary donations will be used for bulk purchases of blankets & other items needed for the homeless. For more info or to donate online visit www.svdpcle.org.

Other Events

- **Loyola Retreat House Reverse Raffle & Auction:** Wed., October 9, 6:30 pm, Guy's Party Center. This is a great opportunity to win \$3,000 and support Loyola Retreat House. For more information or to register, visit www.loyolaretreathouse.com or call 330-896-2315.
- **Married Couples Get-Away Weekend:** How would you like to learn more about your spouse and God on the same weekend? A Marriage Encounter Weekend is just around the corner, so make plans now to attend Oct. 11 - 13 at the Homewood Suites, Solon. Call Jack & Fran at 330-305-9963 or visit GreatMarriagesOhio.org for info or to sign up.
- **Retreat For LGBTQ Christians:** LGBTQ Christians and their family/friends are welcome to attend the 20th annual Emmaus retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma. The retreat begins Fri. Oct. 4th at 7 pm and ends Sat. Oct. 5th at 8:30 pm. The cost of \$95 includes a private single room and four meals. Fr. Steve Krupa S.J. is our guest speaker. Register online at www.jesuitretreatcenter.org. For more info, call JRC at 440-884-9300 or Sr. Marian Durkin at 330-659-5112 or email smd@srssofcharity.org.
- **50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass:** Sat., Oct. 12th, 10 am, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, the Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, presider & homilist. More info available at <http://www.ccdocle.org/mfm> or by calling 216-334-2974. Couples in the Diocese married 50 years or more may register at <https://ccdocle.wufoo.com/forms/50th-wedding-anniversary-mass-2019/>