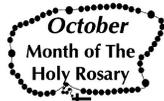


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



October 6, 2019

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall  
 SB - School Basement  
 R - Rectory CH - Church  
 WH - Waldeisen Hall

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Observance	Mass Time & Intention	Server(s)	Readings	Event/Meeting
Mon Oct 7	Our Lady of the Rosary	5:30 pm <b>Dick Blondin</b> by M/M Joe Langton	Keegan	Jon 1:1 – 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37	
Tues Oct 8				Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 pm – 7 pm <b>SB</b> <b>Altar &amp; Rosary Society</b> 6 pm <b>HH</b>
Wed Oct 9	Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; John Leonardi, Priest	5:30 pm <b>Dorothy Gabelman</b> by Family	Keegan	Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4	
Thur Oct 10				Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13	
Fri Oct 11	John XXIII, Pope	5:30 pm <b>Patrick Steurer</b> by Family	Keegan	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26	
Sat Oct 12		5:30 pm <b>Chris McDonald</b> by Irene & Norman Stubbs	Burkhart	Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28	<b>Confessions</b> 9 – 10 am <b>CH</b> <b>Free Store</b> 9: 30 – Noon <b>SB</b>
Sun Oct 13	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>People of the Parish</b> 11 am <b>Deceased Family Members</b> <b>of Bob &amp; Kathy Doerr</b>	8:30 am Langton 11 am Compton	2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19	

**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.

*Out of my distress I called to the Lord & he answered me. From the womb of Sheol I cried for help & you heard my voice. Jon 2:3*

**COLLECTION REPORT**

Week Ending	Sept 22	Sep 29	Qtr End 9/30
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$2,652	\$3,828	\$46,942.71
<b>Daily Offering –</b>	\$100	\$150	\$5,245.50
<b>Holy Day Offering –</b>			\$966.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,752</b>	<b>\$3,978</b>	<b>\$53,154.21</b>
<b>Weekly Budget to operating costs</b>	<b>\$3,945</b>	<b>\$3,945</b>	<b>\$55,875.00</b>
<b>(Shortfall) Overag</b>	<b>(\$1,193)</b>	<b>\$33</b>	<b>(\$2,720.79)</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul –</b>	\$35	\$25	\$951.00
<b>Cap. Improvements –</b>	\$22	\$75	\$2,020.00
<b>Debt Reduction –</b>		\$150	\$1,934.00
<b>Other Gifts –</b>			\$1,710.00
<b>Holy Father –</b>			\$315.00
<b>World Mission –</b>			\$5.00

Envs used of 263 sent 68 78

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

➤ **Altar & Rosary Society** – this Tues., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Please bring bar soap & shampoo for SVdP.

➤ **PreBaptism Class** – next Tues., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. This class is required for all parents seeking to have their children baptized.

➤ **Community Meal** – Our next meal will be Tuesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6:30 pm and we will be celebrating Oktoberfest! We'd also like to invite all children to come in costume as we will have a Halloween parade and hand out treats! Join the fun!

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. Forms are available in the pews.

**Liturgical Ministers** are needed for the All Saints Vigil and Holy Day Masses. Please call the rectory to share your stewardship; please don't presume everyone else will call!

**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.

**SVdP Food Pantry** – September report: we provided food for 207 people in 64 households.

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

## History of Popes

**#145, 147 & 150 – Pope Benedict IX** - Pope from October 1032 - September 1044, April - May 1045, November 1047 - July 1048. Pope Benedict IX, born Theophylactus of Tusculum, was pope three times. His family had been in power in Rome for years by this point. Benedict's father secured his 20-year-old son the papacy, seeing the office as a sort of family heirloom to be passed on. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* clearly states that Benedict was, "a disgrace to the Chair of Peter." **First term** (1032-1044) - He spent the early years in Germany with Emperor Conrad possibly because Rome was becoming increasingly hostile to Benedict's tyrannical family. When Conrad died in 1039, Benedict returned to Rome. His habits of sexual immorality stirred up a hefty opposition against him. A crowd drove Benedict from the city in 1044. **Second term** (1045) - Benedict's opponents had elected Sylvester III, the Bishop of Sabina, to rule but Benedict quickly gathered an army and retook the throne in the spring of 1045. Barely a month passed before Benedict decided he'd rather get married than be pope. His godfather, Fr. John Gratian, receptive for his degenerate godson to leave the papacy, paid Benedict something in the ballpark of \$20 million by today's equivalent. Gratian then became Pope Gregory VI. **Third term** (1047-1048) Benedict, dissatisfied with his resignation, returned to Rome in 1046 to retake the throne. No one seemed to care as all regarded Gregory VI as true pope. Pope Clement II followed after a council asked Gregory to resign. It was only after the Clement's death that Benedict seized the throne by force in November 1047. In July 1048, German troops forced him from the city. He was excommunicated a year later for refusing to appear on simony charges. He was sent to live out the rest of his days at the Abbey of Grottaferrata. The abbot of the monastery recounted that before his death in 1056, Benedict was repentant for his sins, did penance, and was welcomed back into full communion with the Church. He was the last layman to ever be elected pope. What else was going on in the world at the time? In the year 1033, the 1000-year anniversary of the death of Christ, panic was rampant across Europe after some harsh spring weather caused people to think the end of the universe was near and that Revelation's mention of 1000 years passing before the end of the world might be literal.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In times of difficulty, hardship and suffering we have two choices: we can doubt, give up and become hopeless or we can cling to our faith and the promises of God. Habakkuk doubted as he cried to the Lord for help, Timothy had doubts about whether he was strong enough to preach the Gospel and the Apostles had doubts about the strength of their faith. Each of them struggled, but they all sought what they needed from the One, True Source, God, and God granted them patience. As the tiny mustard seed patiently grows into a great tree, we grow in faith and love and we learn to be servants to others and instruments to be used by God as God sees fit. Let us keep in mind the words St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." We are never alone. God is always with us.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Free Store** – We are so grateful for all the donations, but we are also overwhelmed! Won't you consider joining with other parishioners and friends to help sort items? Your stewardship will be greatly appreciated.

**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: cream of mushroom soup, tomato juice, noodles, instant potatoes, sauerkraut, canned chicken, beef broth/stock, brown sugar, apple pie filling, brownie mix, , beverage mix, coffee. 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!

**SVdP Blanket Sunday** – this weekend, Oct. 5/6, marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.svdpcle.org).

**OCC – It is Operation Christmas Child time!** Pick up a brochure on the table at the main doors and start putting your shoebox items together. Please remember to take items out of their original packing as many of the countries involved have no good way of getting rid of waste.

### *Other Events*

•**Peter's Shadow Healing Prayer Ministry:** *Unbound* day of prayer & reflection, 8 am – 8:30 pm, Sat., Oct. 12 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Community Center, Cuy. Falls. Conference includes lunch, a dinner break & Mass. *Unbound* is a simple, gentle and powerful prayer ministry where you will learn how to claim the freedom that Jesus Christ promised! Registration is \$40/person & includes lunch & materials. Register online at [www.PetersShadow.org](http://www.PetersShadow.org) or contact the IHM Parish Office. Seating is limited. For more information, please call 234-206-0263.

•**Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference:** Sat., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Basil the Great Parish, Brecksville. Fr. Patrick Schultz, Mary Bielski & Laura Mary Phelps will talk about our call to be "Fearlessly Faithful." The day includes Mass with Bishop Perez, opportunities for prayer, confession and Eucharistic adoration. Visit [www.cleatholicwomen.org](http://www.cleatholicwomen.org) to register or for more information.

•**Sacred Steps to Peace - Catholic Divorce Recovery:** General Session meetings will begin Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Parish in Wadsworth at 7 pm. Meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month; a full calendar will be given out at the first session.