

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December  
Month of The  
Immaculate  
Conception

December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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 Dec 30		5:30 pm <b>Mona McLaughlin</b> by Jim McLaughlin	Keegan	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40	
Tues Dec 31	Sylvester I, Pope <b>Holy Day Vigil</b>	5:30 pm <b>Oscar &amp; Nora Rohr</b> by Lawrence Rohr	Morgan	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18	<b>Free Store Closed</b>
Wed Jan 1	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	***10 am*** <b>Chris McDonald</b> by Kelly, Jerome & Bert	Baker	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	<b>Rectory Closed</b>
Thur Jan 2	Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors			1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	<b>No Food Pantry</b>
Fri Jan 3	Holy Name of Jesus	5:30 pm <b>Jerry Krummel</b> by John & Pam Ciarlariello	Keegan	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34	
Sat Jan 4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	5:30 pm <b>Thomas Kreeger</b> by the Kreeger Family	5:30 pm Wilson	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Jan 5	Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 am <b>Don White, Sr.</b> by the Novitsky Family 11 am <b>People of the Parish</b>	8:30 am Cline 11 am Hamilton	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	

## 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 made last week.

Let them praise your great & awesome name:

*Holy is he.* Ps 99:5

## COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Dec 15	Dec 22
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$3,789.00	Due to the
<b>Daily Offering -</b>	\$1,120.00	holiday,
<b>Christmas -</b>	\$535.00	the report
<b>Holy Day -</b>	\$74.00	for this week
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,518.00</b>	will appear
<b>Weekly Budget</b>		in next's week's
<b>operating costs</b>	\$3,945.00	bulletin
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>\$1,573.00</b>	
<b>St. Vincent de Paul -</b>	\$5.00	
<b>Capital Improvement -</b>	\$245.53	
<b>Debt Reduction -</b>	\$125.00	
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	\$80.00	
<b>Other Gifts -</b>	\$2,245.53	
Envs used of 260 sent	75	

households receiving envelopes have not used them in 2019.  
**Special Thanks** to Ernie, Beth, Joe, Charlie, Josh, Zack, Ray, Mark, Kevin, Richard, Lisa, Sandy, Pam, Bob, Melissa and Fr. Mike for coming to decorate and making our church so beautiful for the Christmas Season.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

- The **Free Store** will be closed Tues., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and will reopen on Sat., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am - noon.
- The **Rectory** will close at noon on Tues., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and will be closed Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The **Food Pantry** will be closed Thursday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** - Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am. Wear something blue to honor our Blessed Mother. **Liturgical Ministers:** 5:30 pm - Lector: Need, EMHC: Need, Servers: Morgan, Need, M. of H.: Need; 10 am - Lector: Need, EMHC: DeVoe, Need; Servers: Baker; Need, M. of H.: Need.
- **AFE** takes the winter months of January & February off. Our next session will be Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> and we will be learning about these Saints of the Catholic Reformation: Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola and Philip Neri.

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FAMILY

### Deaths

Roger Casseday  
Kathleen Price  
Daniel Mickunas  
Mary Ann Steele

### New Parishioner

Marjorie Novak

### Reflection for the New Year

Today's reflection is taken from [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org), the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round, with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we celebrate the Holy Family. Holy means to be set apart for God; to live in, with, and for God and the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus did just that. Joseph gave his family over to God and allowed God to guide them to safety. Mary gave herself over totally to God when she gave her consent to be the mother of the Son of God. Jesus, of course, is God who teaches us the importance of obedience to the Father's will. Life for this family was not easy from the start, but through it all they remained dedicated to God. What level of dedication does your family have to God? Do you pray and worship together? Do you discuss the homily when you arrive home? Do you read scripture together? Sirach gives us some words that should and must apply to family life: honor, prayer, reverence, obedience, consideration, kindness and care-giving. St. Paul reminds us that we are members of an even greater family – the Church and urges us to treat one another as God's chosen ones, who are holy and beloved with compassion, kindness, humility, patience and gentleness. In the new year let us strive to grow strong family roots, roots that reach deep into the rich soil of faith.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Free Store** – Consider helping others by sorting items for the store. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated.

**Adventures in Home Safety!** The Fire Marshall has completed inspection of our church, rectory, convent & school buildings. We're required to install illuminated "EXIT" signs at the doors of the church, create dedicated electrical lines for the rectory copy room and in the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry storage room. "Wishing Well" contribution baskets are at the main doors of the church and the door nearest the parking lot to help cover this unanticipated maintenance expense. Please be generous.

**In His Name** – We are collecting new warm socks for the homeless through **Project Hope** at Hoban High School. Toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

**Is the weather keeping you home?** Please remember: you can stay updated on what's going on by viewing the bulletin at [ickenmore.org](http://ickenmore.org). Also, be a good steward & continue to send in your envelopes.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our parish and hope to see you again!

**CareCards** – Please keep them coming! To participate, purchase cards of encouragement or use one from the basket in the back of the church, add a short note and sign your name. Put the cards into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket. Please turn in cards for the next visit by the end of each month.

**SVdP Food Pantry** – December report: we provided food for 190 people in 58 households.

**Is Your Information Up to Date?** If you haven't updated your records, particularly personal contact and emergency phone numbers, please contact the rectory at 330-753-8429 or email your information to [ickenmore@yahoo.com](mailto:ickenmore@yahoo.com).

### *Other Events*

• **RETROUVAILLE:** Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring, your relationship cold, distant, thinking about a separation or divorce? Already separated or divorced, but both of you want to try again? Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, may help. The program consists of a weekend experience & six follow up sessions; it is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. A registration fee of \$150 is required. For dates, info or registration, please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

• **Padre Pio Talk:** Sun., Jan. 12, noon, Queen of Heaven Church. Cindy Russo will talk about "Blind Faith" or "How Padre Pio Changed My Life." A chalice belonging to Padre Pio will be used at the 11:00 am Mass. Cindy will be available after her talk to pray with individuals while holding the chalice. A priest will be available to hear confessions during this time. A free-will offering will be accepted for Charities Prayer Group Supports. A social sponsored by the Spiritual Life Commission will follow in the Gathering Space of the church.

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, VOSH 1414 Riverside Dr., Lakewood Our speaker, Fr. John Manning will discuss the History of the Diocese. Fr. Manning is a judge in the Tribunal office, a delegate for retired priests, and an Assoc. Professor on Church History at Saint Mary's Seminary where he is the \$12 per person - register in advance at [www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west](http://www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west)

• **Catholics Returning Home:** 6 week program beginning Wed., Jan. 15 from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Victory Parish Center Library. This program is an opportunity for anyone to bring healing to their relationships - with God, His Church, others or even within their own hearts. For additional information, please call 330-633-3637.