

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 26, 2020
Third 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 Jan 27	Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder	5:30 pm Angie Caruso by Family	Morgan	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30	
Tues Jan 28	Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor			2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Community Meal 5 - 6:30 pm WH
Wed Jan 29		5:30 pm Mona McLaughlin by Jim McLaughlin	Morgan	2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20	Contemporary Choir 6 :45 pm CH
Thur Jan 30				2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25	
Fri Jan 31	John Bosco, Priest	5:30 pm Gruic Family by Mark & Cherylyn	Morgan	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34	
Sat Feb 1		5:30 pm Betty Geddes by Altar & Rosary Society	5:30 pm Morgan	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Feb 2	The Presentation of the Lord	8:30 am Don White, Sr. by the White Family 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Brown 11 am Compton	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 5 pm.
Start something new in 2020 – Come spend an hour each week reading & reflecting in the presence of our Lord. Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Jan 12	Jan 19
Sunday Offering -	\$2,949.00	\$2,591.00
Daily Offering -	\$200.00	\$280.00
Holy Day -	\$5.00	
Total	\$3,154.00	\$2,871.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$791.00)	(\$1,074.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$18.00	\$10.00
Capital Improvement -	\$210.00	\$229.25
Debt Reduction -	\$40.00	\$80.00
El Salvador, Nat. Amer	\$65.00	\$15.00
Envs used of 260 sent	74	54
169 households receiving envelopes have not used them in 2020		

To receive your 2019 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.

Acme Cashback Deadline - Please make sure all receipts are turned in this coming weekend.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

- **Kenmore Community Meal** - Join us in Waldeisen Hall from 5 - 6:30 pm **this** Tuesday, Jan. 28th for a delicious, nutritious meal. Meet your neighbors and share fellowship!
- **Pre-Baptism Class** - The next class will be held **this** Wed., Jan. 29th in the St. Augustine Rectory at 7 pm. This class is required for all parents seeking baptism for their children.
- **World Marriage Day** is February 9th; please turn your forms in by noon on Thurs., Feb. 6th to participate.
- Mark your calendars for Sun., Feb. 16th and find your favorite soup & chili recipes because the **Soup & Chili Supper** is coming! Watch the bulletin for details.

Thank you to all who came to help 'undecorate' the church: Kevin Hudak & Mark, Lisa & Sandy Wilson, June Osolin, Richard Baker, Mike & Rebecca Kovalchin, Pauline & Maryann Kovalchin, Joe & Beth Langton, Ernie Chudick, Mike & Chris Burkhart, Robbie Stallman, Bob Mlazovsky & Fr. Mike. Great job!

The Catholic Commission of Summit County is looking for a representative from our parish to work with them on various social justice issues. For more information, please call the rectory

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

History of Popes

#159 – Blessed Pope Urban II - Pope from March 12, 1088 – death, July 29, 1099. Blessed Pope Urban II was born around the year 1040 as Odo of Chatillan, a native of France & son of a noble family. Urban was educated by St. Bruno, founder of the Carthusian order, after which he entered the monastic life in Cluny. St. Hugh was the abbot and happened to be a right-hand man to Pope St. Gregory VII. This connection helped Urban move up the ranks and he became a trusted & wise adviser. He served as Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia until his election. As pope, Urban had great personal holiness & some administrative success. He had run-ins with the king of England, William Rufus, over the latter's disagreements with St. Anselm, and also was forced to excommunicate King Philip I of France over a second-marriage controversy. He was able to navigate the Church through problems with Antipope Clement III & the former emperor, Henry IV. He is most known for sending Catholic pilgrims "crusading" for the first time. When the Islamic Seljuk Turks had conquered most of Asia Minor, the Byzantine emperor wrote to Urban asking for help to retake the Holy Land for Christendom. The pope promptly convened the Council of Clermont in 1095, laying out the East's dire situation and delivering a rousing speech to the bishops, priests & laymen gathered there. The First Crusade began in 1095 and reached its culmination in 1099, just two weeks before Urban's death, when the Christian army was able to liberate Jerusalem. Nearly 80 percent of soldiers had either died, were missing, or had deserted during three difficult years of fighting. Beatified in 1881 by Pope Leo XIII, Urban's feast day is July 29. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 1091, London Bridge was falling down as a massive tornado swept through the area and is thought to be the most severe twister the city has ever seen. The tornado's severity, classified as a T8 on the TORRO scale, would have had wind speeds upward of 210 miles per hour.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Who likes change? If you're like most people you enjoy things just as they are. If it's not broken, why fix it? That may all be fine and good, but for Christians it's not the life to which we are called. Ours is one of ebbs & flows, calm & disarray, peace & difficulty, wellness & illness, status quo & challenge. God is always calling us to something new and in order to accept that, we often have to let go of something else – something comfortable and familiar. Regardless of our place on the journey, God is with us, calling us to give up our old sinful ways so that we can accept the amazing, wondrous grace & gifts He has for us. What old ways, old attitudes and old outlooks are you ready to shed?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Adventures in Home Safety! After some adjustments and excluding contributions you have already made toward funding these projects, here is the list of maintenance project for the beginning of this year: Exit signs at doors of the church nave, replacement of light fixture over baptismal font by J.W. DiDado Electric - \$5426.00. Repairs to furnace in school building by "K" Company - \$2080.00. Replacing phone system on the parish property by RayTec - \$3455.00. Replacement parts for furnace in the church by Temperature Control - \$3035.00. Estimated total to date is \$13,996.00. Please make use of your "Capital Improvements" envelopes to help meet these expenses. With thanks for your most generous support - **Fr. Mike**

Church Housekeeping – We are in need of 2 more people to clean the church once a month. Please call 330-825-5949 to help.

Snow Removal – We need able-bodied men, women and students to help with snow removal when needed. Call the rectory to let us know when you are available – early morning, morning, afternoon, early evening. Thank you!

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.

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

Protecting God's Children - The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct & inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or email response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Other Events

• **Caring and Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., Jan. 27th, 7:30-9 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For info call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

• **2020 (2nd Annual) Young Catholic Men's Conference:** Feb. 1st, Center for Pastoral Leadership. Bishop Nelson Perez & former NFL Superbowl quarterback Elvis Grbak will speak. Teens will choose breakout sessions on a variety of topics to help them grow in Catholic manhood. There will also be presentations specifically for dads/mentors. Included are meals, Mass, Confession and a variety of sports/activities. For info, visit <https://www.ycmc.us>.

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Feb. 10th, 7 pm, VOSH 1414 Riverside Dr., Lakewood. Fellowship, Food, & Discussion for Adults 40 & Over. Topic: Marriage, Re-Marriage, and Life In-Between. Join us as Bill Boomer, Dir. of Marriage & Family Office in Cleveland Diocese, and his wife Leslie talk about navigating the various stages of relationships and the ups-n-downs of managing blended families. \$12 per person - register in advance at www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west.