

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 2, 2020 The Presentation of the Lord

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 Feb 3	Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Ansgar, Bishop	5:30 pm Doris Python by Altar & Rosary Society	Keegan	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20	
Tues Feb 4				2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Feb 5	Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	5:30 pm Louis A. Dirker II by Family	Keegan	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Feb 6	Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs			1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13	
Fri Feb 7		5:30 pm Rose Rauckhorst & Regina Jenkins by Family	Keegan	Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29	
Sat Feb 8	Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	5:30 pm Daniel Mickunas by Altar & Rosary Society	5:30 pm Morgan	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Feb 9	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Patricia Bento by Family 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Brown 11 am Compton	Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16	

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 19	Jan 19
Sunday Offering -	\$2,591.00	\$2,659.00
Daily Offering -	\$280.00	\$498.00
Holy Day -		\$10.00
Total	\$2,871.00	\$3,167.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,074.00)	(\$778.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$10.00	\$30.00
Capital Improvement -	\$229.25	\$685.00
Debt Reduction -	\$80.00	\$15.00
El Salvador, Nat. Amer	\$15.00	\$67.00
Other Gifts -		\$50.00
Envs used of 260 sent	54	66
156 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.

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

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

- **World Marriage Day** is February 9th; please turn your forms in by noon this Thurs., Feb. 6th to participate.
- **Soup for the Soul** will be held from 12 - 2 pm on Sun., Feb. 16th in Waldeisen Hall. All who would like to make and share your delicious creations are asked to sign up on the board at the main doors of the church. This event is free and open to everyone, but there will be containers for free will offerings. Donations of bread, crackers and desserts are welcome!
- **Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** will take place next weekend. Please see the bulletin insert for an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our community and information regarding our parish goals.

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.

Visiting another parish or bad weather keeping you home? Stay up to date on what's happening here by reading the bulletin online at www.ickenmore.org. Please remember: be a good steward and continue to send in your envelopes.

Masses - We're currently scheduling for 2020 & many dates have already been filled. Please call the rectory if you'd like to schedule a Mass. the stipend is \$10.

History of Popes

#160 – Pope Paschal II - Pope from August 13, 1099 – death, January 21, 1118. Rainierius, born in the year 1050, became a Benedictine monk at an early age and was elevated to cardinal when he was 23. He was put in charge of the Church of St. Clement and kept in the court of Pope St. Gregory VII. He was unanimously elected pope, but vehemently opposed his selection, claiming that he, as a monk, was ill-prepared for the political & diplomatic demands of the office. As pope, he took name Paschal II, followed closely with Gregory VII's reform policies, experienced a time of peace during the early years, but had to contend with an unprecedented four antipopes during his time in office. He was best known for having dealt with the "investiture controversy" - a period in Church history where lay leaders claimed to have the right to pick new bishops & abbots in their regions. In England, St. Anselm, the archbishop of Canterbury, was feuding with King Henry I over the issue, so Paschal decided to let secular leaders nominate, while retaining the consecrations for himself alone. The investiture controversy was never fully resolved during his lifetime. He struggled with Emperor Henry V for practically his entire pontificate, despite the best efforts of the French royalty, King Philip I & Prince Louis, at mediation. At one point, Paschal sanctioned the excommunication of Henry, and at another point a concession was coerced out of the pope. Paschal was imprisoned for two months in 1111 after refusing to coronate the double-crossing Emperor Henry V, and spent the last two years of his papacy in exile for a similar reason; though he did return to Rome shortly before his death. In 1113, Paschal II officially recognized the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, a lay religious order dedicated to defending the Church & serving the poor with the papal bull *Pie Postulatio Voluntatis* given to its leader Blessed Gerard Thom. The bull confirmed the order's independence from all authority other than that of the pope and bound her knights by three vows: poverty, chastity, & obedience. That document, kept at the National Library of Malta, actually still serves as the legal basis for its sovereignty as an independent governing body. What else was going on in the world at the time? During the papacy of Paschal II, Erik Gnipsson, a native of Iceland, was created Bishop of Greenland & given responsibility for Greenland and Vinland, the region thought to be modern-day Newfoundland.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we observe the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Jesus is dedicated to God as prescribed by the law of Moses and Simeon and Anna recognize him as the Anointed One, the long awaited Messiah. As we celebrate Mass we encounter Jesus, the Christ, in Word and Sacrament. In the Eucharist we receive our spiritual food, His body & blood, and we are reminded of our baptismal call as the adopted children of God. At baptism we too were presented and dedicated to God and were given the responsibility of sharing the Good News through our words & actions. As His disciples we're called to live lives of stewardship by sharing our time, talent and treasure to further the Kingdom and build up the Body of Christ. How are you using your stewardship to witness to the faith?

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.

Other Events

• **Six-week Bereavement Support Series** will begin Tues., Feb 18th at 7 pm in the Our Lady of Victory Parish Center, Tallmadge. For info or to register please call 330-633-3672.

• **32nd Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction and Raffle:** Thurs., Mar. 5th, Guy's Party Centre. Cost is \$25. Reservations due by Feb. 14th. Make checks payable to Women's Board of CCCS/SC and mail to Mikey Stewart, 45 Bermont Ave, Munroe Falls OH 44262. Include your name, address & phone number. For more info, visit ccdocle.org/summit-county/womens-board/luncheon. Proceeds benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County.

• **Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference:** Fri. & Sat., Mar. 6 & 7. Hosted by the Catholic Renewal Ministries with sessions presented by Neal & Janet Lozano, the conference includes times of prayer & worship, teachings & personal ministry which will equip you to cooperate with God to overcome habitual sin, addictions, negative thoughts, resentments & other spiritual difficulties. Register by Feb. 10th for discounted advance registration. Registration closes Feb. 25th. For more info, call CRM at 440-944-9445, or email CRMUnboundConference@gmail.com or visit crmweb.org.