


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 1, 2020  
First Sunday of Lent

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 Mar 2		5:30 pm <b>Martha DeVoe</b> by Family	Langton	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	
Tues Mar 3	Katharine Drexel, Virgin			Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 4	Casimir	5:30 pm <b>Bernie Ulichney</b> by Patricia Ruckman	Langton	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6: 45 pm CH
Thur Mar 5				Est C 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12	<b>SVdP</b> 11:30 am HH <b>Adult Faith Enrichment</b> 7 - 9 pm WH
Fri Mar 6		5:30 pm <b>John, Ann Marie &amp; Beth Ann Kovalchin</b> by the Kovalchin Family	Langton	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 7	Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	5:30 pm Burkhart	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Mar 8	Second Sunday of Lent	8:30 am <b>Tom Herold, Jr. &amp; Sr.</b> by the Herold Family 11 am <b>Charles Wilson</b> by the Wilson Family	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9	 <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

**Holy Hours:** Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.

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	Feb 16	Feb 16
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$2,519.00	\$2,805.00
<b>Daily Offering -</b>	\$160.00	\$119.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,679.00</b>	<b>\$2,924.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>		
<b>operating costs</b>	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>(\$1,256.00)</b>	<b>(\$1,021.00)</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul -</b>	\$20.00	\$10.00
<b>Capital Improvement -</b>	\$795.00	\$65.00
<b>Debt Reduction -</b>	\$60.00	\$215.00
<b>Other Gifts -</b>	\$40.00	\$420.00
<b>Holy Land -</b>		\$5.00
Envs used of 257 sent	61	72
135 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.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

- **AFE** will meet this Thurs., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The topic will be Part 1 of True Reformers and we will study about Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola and Philip Neri. Doors open at 6:30 pm for fellowship & snacks.

- **Altar & Rosary Society** - Meeting, Tues., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Please bring bar soap & toothpaste for SVdP.

- **Evening of Confession** - All Catholic Churches in our diocese will be open for confessions from 5 - 8 pm on Wed., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>. If you know someone who has been away from the Church & desires to come home, please give them this information and come with them to the Sacrament. We encourage parishioners to come on Saturday mornings from 9 - 10 am or come to one of the many Communal Penance Services which can be found on the "Journey Through Lent to Easter" flyer.

Please keep in prayer all those in our diocese who will take part in **the Rite of Election** today, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Cathedral of St. John. This is their first official step in the process of joining the Catholic Church which takes place at the Easter Vigil.

## Family Perspective

Jesus faced real temptations in the desert and had to make some hard choices. During these weeks of Lent, look at the choices that you are facing. Pray, weigh the actions and ask "What will be life-giving to me and my family?" Be open to new direction from the Lord and remember "not by bread alone shall you live but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Temptation and sin has been part of the world since Creation and it's meant to test our obedience to God. Adam and Eve failed so the stain of original sin is on our souls until it washed away by the waters of Baptism. Jesus is tempted and dismisses Satan with the words, "Get away, Satan!" When we are faced with temptation, let us recognize the evil behind it and repeat the words of our Savior. Read the passage from St. Paul that we have today for he eloquently reviews for us how sin entered the world and how the grace and gift of Jesus brought acquittal. This Lent, let us focus on the obedience of Jesus to the Father and strive to pattern our lives on His example. Let us recognize the evil in our world and not be swayed by its allure. Let us remember and utter the simple, but very powerful words of Jesus, "Get away, Satan!"

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Candle & Cross Bearers** are needed for Stations of the Cross during Lent. You may sign up at the main doors of the church.

**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** – Operation Rice Bowl – Lenten Almsgiving Project. Toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

**Community Meal Needs:** potato flakes & canned chicken.

The **3 pillars of Lent** are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

**Prayer** – Read the daily Mass readings (on calendar) check out the online sites listed on the Journey through Lent, attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour, go to confession, **make Fridays special** by coming to 5:30 Mass, staying for private prayer time & then praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, pray for fellow parishioners & for the sharing of your stewardship.

**Fasting & Abstinence** - *Fasting* is obligatory for all between 18 & 59 years old, allowing a person to eat one full meal, two smaller meals, not to equal one full meal with no in-between meal snacks. *Abstinence* (from meat & meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14. *Fridays in Lent* are days of complete abstinence.

**Almsgiving** – This year we will partner with Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S. Rice Bowls with information are available on the table by the

main doors of the church. Put in spare change, eat a simple meal & put in what you save and the cost of what you are giving up for Lent. Your alms will help those in our world who are in dire need. It's not about you – never has been; never will be, so do something that may literally save another's life.

### *Other Events*

• **Authentic Masculinity:** Men's Conference, Sat., Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 3 pm, St. Matthew Church, Fr. Silva Center. \$10 admission includes continental breakfast & lunch, talks, discussion, Adoration & opportunity for confession. Call 330-733-9944 for registration and information.

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, the Tangier Bistro Bar, 532 W. Market St. Mr. Tom Arth, Head Football Coach, U. of Akron, will present "**Faith in Coaching**". Doors open at 7 pm. \$10 admission includes appetizers – cash bar available. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish.

• **Loyola Retreat House Lenten Retreats:** *Lenten Day of Reflection*, Wed., Mar. 18, 3:30 - 6:30 pm; *Lenten Evening of Reflection*. Thurs., Mar. 26, 6 - 9 pm; 700 Killinger Rd. Each session will cover different People of the Passion along with prayer, song, scriptures, & reflections. Light meal included. Cost: \$15 per session; come for one or both. For more info or to register for these events, please call 330-896-2315 or visit [www.loyolaretreathouse.com](http://www.loyolaretreathouse.com).

• **RETROUVAILLE, A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages:** March 27-29. Has your marriage become unloving, uncaring, your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated or divorced but both of you want to try again? Then Retrouvaille may help. Supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, this program consists of a weekend experience for couples & six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required. For more info concerning the program, or to register, call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230, or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org). All are welcome.

• **Diocesan-Wide Retreat Day For Women:** Sat., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 - 3 pm, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Akron. This year's theme is *Friendship and the Saints*. Speakers include Mother Jeanette of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and Mother Theodora of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery. For info and to register, visit [stfparish.com](http://stfparish.com) & click on the Women's Retreat link.

• **Embrace Clinic & Care Center's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Opener Fundraiser:** Sat., Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 - 11 pm, Todaro's Party Ctr., 1820 Akron Peninsula Rd. Our evening is baseball-themed with casino gaming, silent auction, basket raffles, music by American Steal Band & more! *Tickets are limited, so don't delay.* \$75 ticket includes \$300 funny money for gaming, great food & open bar. Wear your favorite team attire. Tickets must be pre-purchased at <http://bidpal.net/homeopener>. For info, call 330-825-1900. (formerly Community Pregnancy Care of Barberton).