


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

| Date | Observance | Mass Intention | Readings | Event |
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| Mon May 3 | Philip & James, Apostles | 5:30 pm Patricia & Jerry Hardesty by Family | 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 | |
| Tues May 4 | | | Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a | Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below |
| Wed May 5 | | 5:30 pm Michelle Hrabusa by Family | Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 | |
| Thur May 6 | | | Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11 | Adult Faith Enrichment 7 pm WH |
| Fri May 7 | | 5:30 pm Annie & Joe Gnap by Bernie Gnap | Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17 | |
| Sat May 8 | | 5:30 pm People of the Parish | Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 | Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH |
| Sun May 9 | Sixth Sunday of Easter Blessing of Mothers | 8:30 am Sr. Francesca by Family 11 am Sonia Geschwind by Fr. Mike & Melissa | Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17 |  |

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

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| <i>Week Ending</i> | <i>April 18</i> | <i>April 25</i> |
| Sunday Offering - | \$2,862.00 | \$2,863.00 |
| Easter Offering - | \$105.00 | \$40.00 |
| Total | \$2,967.00 | \$2,903.00 |
| Weekly operating costs | \$3,700.00 | \$3,700.00 |
| (Shortfall) Overage | (\$733.00) | (\$797.00) |
| YTD Over (short) - | (\$9,344.44) | (\$10,141.44) |
| St. Vincent de Paul - | | \$10.00 |
| Capital Improvements - | \$3,825.00 | \$230.00 |
| Diocese Designated - | \$65.00 | \$50.00 |
| Rice Bowl - | \$292.00 | |
| Envs used of 240 sent | 65 | 59 |

Stewardship of Treasure: With the suspension of Bingo, parish envelopes become even more critical so if you are: Coming to Mass: please bring your envelopes. Not yet coming to Mass: Drop off envelopes at the back door or mail them in. Visiting another parish: PLEASE be sure we get your envelopes by one of the above methods.

If you or someone in your household has tested positive for Covid, please notify the rectory so we may pray for you and make necessary adjustments.

Adult Faith Enrichment - Our last session for the year will be this Thursday, May 6th at 7 pm and will feature Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players series on St. Francis of Assisi - The Reformer. Bring your own snack and beverage. Masks must be worn; all are welcome. Note: There will be no May Crowning prior to the session. Waldeisen Hall doors open at 6:45 pm.

Mothers Day - We will be offering a blessing over moms at all Masses next weekend, May 8 & 9.

K of C Fundraiser - If you didn't have a chance to purchase a Super Cash Bonanza ticket from Knights of Columbus Council 3410 and you want an opportunity to win some big prizes, you may pick up tickets at the rectory. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Emergency Capital Roof Repair - Good News! We received 3 estimates from 3 roofing companies and the best estimate from Legacy Roofing for the convent roof alone of \$51,000 has been accepted. The earlier estimate of \$125,000 was for the school, kitchen and convent roofs. We'll still need your generous support through the Capital Improvement envelopes to replenish this fund. May God bless you for your wonderful generosity!

Fr. Mike

Reflection from loyolapress.com

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We are entering the growing season when we trim and prune and clean up our plants, trees and vines. We cut away the dead wood and branches so that what bears fruit, what grows and blooms receives more of what it needs to fulfill its purpose. We prune so that more life can grow. Today, we have the image of the Father taking away branches on the true vine that are not bearing fruit and tending to & pruning those that are so that they may be even more fruitful. We need to ask ourselves whether we are dead branches or fruitful ones. We need to look at our life of faith and assess its healthiness. We need to reflect on our service & charity to others to see whether we have been fruitful. We need to consider our stewardship of time, talent and treasure to decide where we need to do more. We can not do this alone for we are all branches on the true vine – Jesus – and Jesus is the nourishment we need to bear fruit. In order to do this we need to remain in Jesus – in His word, in His sacraments, in His teachings; if we don't we will wither and die. May our lives, our stewardship, our worship, our prayer lives be vibrant so that the Father may be glorified and the vine grow strong and healthy.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CareCards: Please keep them coming! To participate, purchase cards of encouragement, 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.

Church Housekeeping: We are in desperate need of two more people to help one Monday or one Friday a month. Call Cherylyn at 330-825-5949 for information. All stewards are requested to send their email address to cherylyn.gruic@gmail.com to facilitate communications.

Adopt-A-Plot: Would you like a plot to call your own, one that you can weed, plant, mulch and tend? Do you like working outside in the fresh air? Do you like working in the soil? If so, call the rectory and we will set you up! Those who have plots, it's time to get out to weed and clean up.

You're the Absolute Best!

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Cleveland has notified us that we have reached 101% (yes, 101%) of our target goal for 2021! Thanks to all who made this monument to charity a reality! *Fr. Mike*

The Kenmore Free Store is closed and will remain closed until the county drops to Level 2. Donations are not being accepted at this time.

Bingo

Because the virus is still VERY MUCH with us, we can not even begin to guess when it will be safe for workers & guests. With this continued loss of important income, please continue to use your envelopes as faithfully as you have been. You are all amazing!

Stay Informed - Visit our website www.ickenmore.org for interesting stories, pictures and videos.

Other Events

•**Employment Opportunity:** **Right to Life of Northeast Ohio** has a full-time office assistant position available at a rate of \$12/hour. We are looking for someone who is committed to the pro-life cause, has good organizational skills, people skills and some office experience. The candidate should be familiar with Microsoft Office & Quick Books. For more info, call Denise Leipold, Exec. Dir., at 330-762-2785. Resumes may be submitted by email to dleipold@rtlifoneo.com.

•**Employment Opportunity:** **House of Loreto** is hiring nurses for all shifts, full or part time, RNs or LPNs. If you'd like to work for a ministry that values your talent & ability and grow your career with the best support, resources, & team, call 330-453-8137 or email loreto1955@neohio.twcbc.com

•**SVDP Race for Hunger Relief Matching Gift Campaign:** This past year, St. Vincent de Paul Society hunger centers served 9,260 NEW people who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today. Donate at svdpcl.org or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th St., 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.