

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



July 18, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon July 19		5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42	
Tues July 20	Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr		Ex 14:21 – 15:1; Mt 12:46-50	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB R.C.I.A. Info Night 7 pm HH
Wed July 21	Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor	5:30 pm Vilma Saxon by Thelma Esker & Family	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9	
Thur July 22	Mary Magdalene		Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	
Fri July 23	Bridget, Religious	5:30 pm Kovalchin Family by Ratiosus Galtley	Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23	
Sat July 24	Sharbel Makhluif, Priest	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Ex 24:3-8 Mt 13:24-30	Kenmore Free Store 9 am - noon SB Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun July 25	Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	8:30 am Michael D. Evans by Cheryl Krasovic 11 am George & Mike Pifer by Mary Pifer	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	July 4	July 11
Sunday Offering -	\$4,385.00	\$3,347.00
Daily Offering-	\$40.00	
Total	\$4,425.00	\$3,347.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$825.00	(\$253.00)
YTD Over (short) -		(\$253.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$140.00	
Capital Improvements -	\$945.00	\$340.00
Debt Reduction -		\$100.00
Diocese Designated -	\$119.00	\$35.00
Envs used of 240 sent	67	44

Stewardship of Treasure: Your parish envelopes are a sign of your willingness to practice the Stewardship of Treasure assuring the continued ministry of Immaculate Conception to the people of Kenmore. If you visit another parish, please send in or drop off your envelopes. Thank you.

Roof Repair: Please use your Capital Improvement envelopes to help with this important project.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Wed., July 28th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Bingo will be back starting October 6! We will need floor workers, bingo callers and instant ticket sellers. If you are able to share your stewardship, please call the rectory. With this continued loss of important income, please continue to use your envelopes as faithfully as you have been. You are all amazing!

Community Meal - Our next take-out meal will be available on Tuesday, July 27th beginning at 5 pm until we run out. Menu: Hot cheesy ham sandwiches, cole slaw, pretzels, dessert.

RCIA Info Night – This Tues., July 20th, 7 pm in Hitch Hall – under the church. Do you need to be fully initiated? Do you know someone who has shown an interest in becoming Catholic or someone who has expressed a desire to join the Catholic Church? Share this information, come with them to this informal gathering and show your support for them. See you on July 20th!

Masses - If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Wed., July 28, Fri., July 30, Wed., August 4, Fri., August 6 and all weekend Masses for August 7 & 8.

History of Popes

#202 - Urban VI - Pope from April 8, 1378 - death, October 15, 1389. Bartolomeo Prignano was born around the year 1329 in Naples. Little is known about his early life, other than he traveled to Avignon to be educated & trained in the service of the Church. He was named Archbishop of Acerenza in 1364, and then Archbishop of Bari in 1377. He served as vice-chancellor & administrator of the Papal States, becoming one of the most influential men in the Curia. He was noted for his business sense & frugality. At the first conclave in Rome in 75 years, French cardinals outnumbered Italians nearly three-to-one, but despite having the majority they couldn't agree on a candidate. When Urban, an Italian, was chosen, Romans quickly surrounded the cardinals' enclosure in excitement, with some even breaking in and demanding to see the new pontiff. From the outset, Urban showed no tact in handling the people who had come to wish him well. He reportedly rebuked bishops for leaving their dioceses, when they had simply come to pay him homage. Urban VI was renowned by those who knew him for his purity, temperance, and simple tastes. His undoing was his profound lack of "Christian gentleness and charity," as historian Ludwig Pastor described it. He is known for being the fifth of the eight so-called "Bad Popes." Though well-intentioned, what began as a campaign to rid the Church of its myriad abuses and reform it from top to bottom quickly devolved into a series of rash decisions, alienation of powerful papal allies which ultimately led to a new antipope & the Western Schism. Within months, the French cardinals, who had fled Rome, embellished the story of the excited crowd at the election to claim that the Romans had forced their hand in electing Urban which they then used to justify their election of the "real pope" in Avignon, Antipope Clement VII. With two rival claimants to the papal throne, one in Avignon & the other in Rome, all of Christendom was bitterly divided for almost four decades. Despite his personal shortcomings, Pope Urban VI and his plans for Church reform had a supporter in St. Catherine of Siena. Prior to her death, Catherine had written to the pope after hearing of the French cardinals' "election" of Antipope Clement VII. She wrote: "I have learned that those devils in human form have made an election. They have not chosen a Vicar of Christ, but an Anti-Christ; never will I cease to acknowledge you, my dear Father, as the Representative of Christ upon earth. Now forward, Holy Father. Go without fear into this battle; go with the armor of divine love to cover you, for that is strong defense." Urban died after falling off his mule while journeying back to Rome from Narnia. His death was likely from the injuries, but some theories suggest he was poisoned.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

A shepherd, according to the dictionary, is one who herds, guards & cares for sheep and I'm sure we're all familiar with that image. There is a second definition however that states a shepherd is also one who cares for a group of people such as a minister or teacher. For Christians, there is only one Shepherd we strive to follow and that is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Jesus guards and cares for us as His flock and by following His teachings & His example, we are led to the Father and everlasting life, but as Jeremiah warns us, we must be vigilant against human shepherds who seek to mislead and scatter the flock away from the real Shepherd, Jesus. We see so many people these days who seem to have no hope, no cause for joy and they are, as Jesus recognized, sheep without a shepherd. May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure serve to lead our lost brothers and sisters to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, where they will find peace and hope, love and compassion.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Community Meal Needs: Vinegar, oil, pretzels, snack-size baggies.

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.

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 do not drop off cards from various charitable/religious organizations.

Adopt-A-Plot: Thank you to all – the property is looking great! We do have some spots that need attention so call the rectory if you would like to help.

Kenmore Free Store: Store hours are Tuesdays 4 – 7 pm & Saturdays 9 am – noon. Protocol: Masks should be worn if you have not been fully vaccinated. Sanitizer will be available. There is no longer a limit on the number of shoppers allowed in the store at once nor on the time they can shop. Donations may be dropped off in front of the school during store hours only – please place them in the red cart.

Housekeeping - The parish rectory is in need of a housekeeping service. Please call the rectory at 330-753-8429 with any referrals. Local service is preferred.

Other Events

• **Encounter School of Ministry:** Peter's Shadow will be hosting the NEW Encounter satellite school to teach, equip, & activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in their spheres of influence. Join us for our summer intensive (Aug. 16-19) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Cuyahoga Falls. Each evening will feature two talks focusing on growing our relationship with God through the foundations of our identity as sons & daughters of the Father, and moving forward in ministries to which God has called us. Grow in your ability to hear God's voice for yourself and others and deepen your prayer life. Live Music from 5 – 6 pm; Main Conference from 6 – 9 pm. Register at <https://encounterschoolakron.regfox.com/encounter-school-akron-summer-intensive/>. For more information, call 234-201-2052 or visit <https://encounterschool.org>.

• **Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats:** 5629 State Rd, Parma. To view our upcoming in-person and virtual programs, please visit <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>.