

# Mary Immaculate Parish



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December 31 and January 1, 2017

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## Mass Schedule



*Saturday Mass: 4:00pm*

Months of October - March at St. Mary's

Months of April - September at Immaculate Conception

*Sunday Mass: 8:00am at St. Mary's*

*9:30am at Immaculate Conception*

*Recitation of the Rosary 1/2 hour before Weekend Masses*

*Daily Mass: 8:30am*

Tuesday & Thursday at Immaculate Conception

Wednesday & Friday at St. Mary's

*Holy Day Mass Schedule: as announced in the bulletin*

*Confessions: 3:15 - 3:45pm Saturdays at Saturday Mass Site  
or by appointment.*

## *Welcome!*

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter your current family or marital situation; no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality; no matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue -

You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Mary Immaculate Parish.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

***"Mother Mary; I Love You! Help me at the hour of my death! Amen!"***

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND:

**Saturday, 4:00pm – December 31 in Pavilion**

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Ken & Lisa Schiske

**Sunday, 8:00am – January 1 in Pavilion**

Intention: Michael Torcello (Birthday Remembered)

By: Pat Torcello

**Sunday, 9:30am – January 1 in East Bethany**

Intention: Paul Campbell, Sr. (Mass of Healing)

By: Marilyn Rider

**Saturday, 4:00pm – January 7 in Pavilion**

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Gordon & Marirose Ethington

**Sunday, 8:00am – January 8 in Pavilion**

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Ladies of Charity

**Sunday, 9:30am – January 8 in East Bethany**

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Carol & Dennis Wittman

### DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany

Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

**Tuesday, January 3 – Christmas Weekday**

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Norm & Norma Bartz

**Thursday, January 5 – Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Peg & Bob Gorecki

**Friday, January 6 – Christmas Weekday**

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Debbie Davis

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Roberta Graney, Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Father Richard and Father Innocent

### **PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME**

**PARISHIONERS:** Audrey McNulty, Martha Morgan, Betty Carney and Allan Carlson.

### **PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE**

**MILITARY:** Joseph Stanley, Maj. Jason Palermo, W2 Christian Koch, Dan Murphy, Alex Roth, Tim Stalica, Jady Gray, Jakob Kosiorek, Paul Agan Jr., Mst. Sgt. Nicholas Boyer, Brett Sheffer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mathieu Philie, SFC Jay Knower, Michael Rigoni, and Mark Wilkinsen.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** All interested persons are welcome to attend. Look for times and locations in the bulletin.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Held at Immaculate Conception Hall - Starting in September.

Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

### MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection: (12/24 & 12/25)	\$2,930.50
Christmas Flowers: (Cumulative):	\$ 784.00
Christmas (Cumulative):	\$1,100.50

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Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

*cf. Isaiah 9:1, 5; Luke 1:33*

**Lector**  
**Altar Server**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Schedule:**

**Saturday, December 31 – 4:00pm – Pavilion**

**Lector:** Ron Colantonio  
**Altar Servers:** Emma and Eric Cline  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Christine Dailey  
Rosemary Givens

**Sunday, January 1 – 8:00am – Pavilion**

**Lector:** Carol Pursel  
**Altar Servers:** John Callari  
Cathy Johnson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patty Bodine  
John Callari

**Sunday, January 1- 9:30am – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Mike Jackson  
**Altar Servers:** Charlie Urbanczyk  
Evan Amberger  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ryan Shormann  
Carol Wittman

**Saturday, January 7- 4:00pm – Pavilion**

**Lector:** Brian Dills  
**Altar Servers:** Erika & Cole Rauscher  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bruce & Samantha Platek

**Sunday, January 8 - 8:00am – Pavilion**

**Lector:** Dawn Bertrand  
**Altar Servers:** John Callari  
Cathy Johnson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nellie Colvin  
Patty Bodine

**Sunday, January 8- 9:30am – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Marita Midwick  
**Altar Servers:** Evan & Shea Amberger  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Wittman  
Debbie Schmidt

**MARY IMMACULATE PARISH**  
**2016 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS**  
**SCHEDULE**

**MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD,**  
**(NEW YEAR) MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

**4:00 pm – St. Mary's**

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**8:00am – St. Mary's**

**9:30am –Immaculate Conception**

**ALL BABIES CHERISHED BOTTLE DRIVE:** Baby bottles are available for you to take home and, throughout Advent, place your change in them. On the Feast of the Epiphany, January 8<sup>th</sup>, the filled baby bottles will be collected.

**UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**

January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** Our bookkeeper, Mike Wilson, is leaving to take a full time job elsewhere. We would like to know if there is anyone within the parish who is looking for a part-time position. Details are as follows:

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Position Requirements:

- ❖ Knowledge of basic accounting principals
- ❖ Ability to use various computer software programs, ability to learn custom church software
- ❖ Ability to meet deadlines
- ❖ Ability to maintain confidentiality
- ❖ Previous bookkeeping knowledge required

Interested parties should contact Father Innocent and provide a current resume.

**A NOTE FROM FATHER RICHARD:** My dear friends at Mary Immaculate Parish, I have received so many cards expressing the joys of Christmas from so many people of the parish. I am very appreciative of your continued friendship and prayers on my behalf. I am able to continue to celebrate Mass and help out here at St. Matthew's to some extent, though a complete recovery appears far from likely. I am mobile enough to walk between the rectory, the church, and the offices. I can drive and get around on my own and even do my own grocery shopping!

During this Christmas Season I wish all of you the blessings and joys of Christ's birth on earth. I continue to offer my prayers for all of you and wish you all a Happy New Year.  
 Father Richard

**DID YOU GET SOME CASH FOR CHRISTMAS?** Want to do something REALLY special with it? Why not plan on coming to our "***WINTER ESCAPE***" on Saturday, **February 11, 2017**. Being so close to Valentine's Day, you can support your parish and take your sweetie out for a great evening of wonderful food catered by **The Farmer's Wife** and an evening of music by **Red Creek Band!** You can order your tickets at just \$20 per person by contacting the office on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 -1 or by using the order form below.

**"WINTER ESCAPE"**

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**WANT TO "RE-GIFT" BUT NOT SURE JUST HOW?** Well, we have a solution for you ... Our Gift Basket event that will be part of our "***WINTER ESCAPE***." You can put together a basket to donate or you can drop of your "not perfect for you" gift and we will incorporate it into a basket for the "***WINTER ESCAPE***." Items can be dropped off at the office during office hours or can be left in the office or the Immaculate Conception breezeway any time. We sincerely appreciate any donations for this event.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD:** Motherhood is a gift at the beginning of every life. After God, the first nurturing that we experience is from our mothers. Today we acknowledge and celebrate the motherhood of Mary, the Mother of God. Although the relationship that each of us has with our mothers on earth may be different, we can all count on the unfailing love and intercession of our Mother Mary. Pray with Mary as you discover God's will in your life. Her aid will be a tremendous benefit. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website - [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org).

**YOU DID IT FOR ME:** Sakeena Mteir is an 11-year old who lived in Bekaa Valley in Syria with her family. Violence and conflict forced her family to seek refuge in nearby Lebanon. With the help of Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Australia, children like Sakeena are able to learn, play, and heal in a safe environment.

*Critics...*

*When the family returned from Sunday morning service, the father criticized the sermon, the soloist, the organist, and just about everything else. But the subject was quickly dropped when junior piped up, "But it was pretty good for a quarter, don't you think, Dad?"*

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January 2017

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Genevieve

St. Genevieve was born in Nanterre near Paris in 422.

She became a nun at the age of 15 and moved to Paris, where she became known for her piety. When Attila the Hun marched on Paris, Genevieve convinced the inhabitants to pray and fast. Attila retreated, leaving Paris untouched. Again, when King Childeric occupied Paris, she crossed enemy lines to bring food to prisoners and convinced the king to release them. She is the patroness of Paris.

### Hope in God

Even the saints experienced times when their faith in God's goodness was tested, yet they never gave up hope; they knew that whatever happened, God's unchanging love would see them through. When you feel disheartened, pray for God's grace and hope in him.

*"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world"* (John 16:33).



## Resolve to have perfect faith

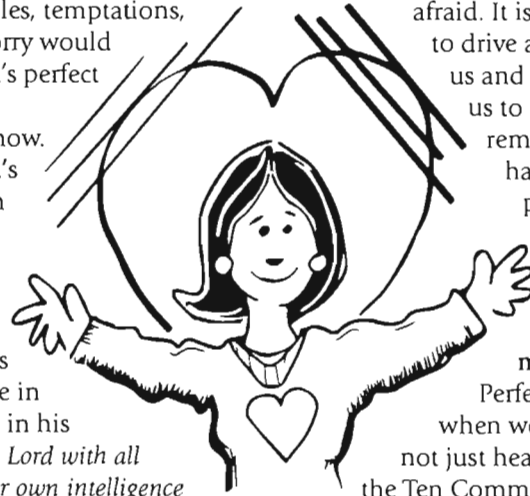
Imagine having complete confidence that God was with you in all things. Think how differently you would respond to troubles, temptations, or hardships. Worry would be obsolete. That's perfect faith and it is possible. Here's how.

**Believe in God's love.** Perfect faith comes from believing that God loves you without limit or condition. God is love, so to believe in God is to believe in his love. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely"* (Proverbs 3:5). The key is to remember that God loves you and only wills your good.

**Banish fear.** *"There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear*

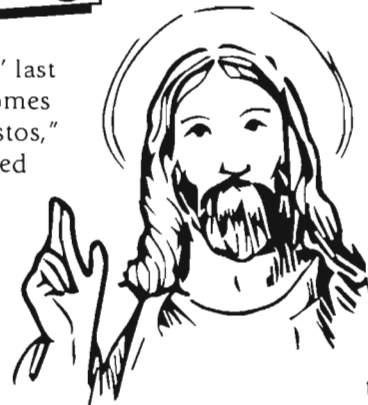
*has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love"* (1 John 4:18). We were not created to be afraid. It is Satan who wishes to drive a wedge between us and God and tempts us to fear. When we remember that God has consistently proven himself to be faithful and dependable, only faith is left.

**Practice makes perfect.** Perfect faith results when we live God's word, not just hear it. Adhering to the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the two Great Commandments (love God, love your neighbor), we notice God's hand in our lives and trust in him grows.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Christ" is not Jesus' last name, but a title. It comes from the Greek "Christos," which means "Anointed One." Ancient Jews enthroned their kings in a ceremony by anointing them with oil. This anointing distinguished the king as being the



## Why do Catholics call Jesus "Christ"?

one chosen by God to deliver Israel from its enemies. So in calling Jesus "Christ," Christians affirm not only his Lordship over all creation, but also his mission as Savior and the promised Messiah of the Jews.

## A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, try these ideas to be kinder and inspire others to do the same.

**Make connections.** In days past, households weren't easily relocated, so neighbors were lifelong relations. That made solving disagreements necessary and important. What resulted was a supportive network to help when necessary. Make sure you are part of a supportive network of friends and family wherever you are.

**Be interested, not interesting.** Many of us treat



conversation like a competitive sport that gives points for the cleverest, loudest, and longest speaker. Interrupting, insisting, and entertaining are not conversing.

Instead, listening is a kindness that shows someone he is valued and understood.

**Choose not to be offended.** Being right is no compensation for broken friendships. If there is someone in your life who deliberately tries to offend you, walk away. Otherwise, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.

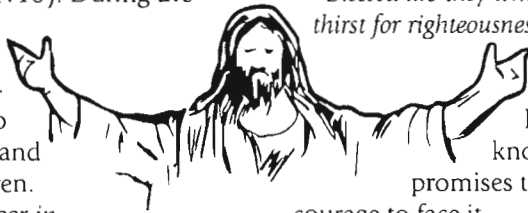
### from Scripture

#### Matthew 5:1-12, paths to happiness

God wants us to be happy. When he created us, he put into our hearts the desire to be happy (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1718). During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes – guaranteed ways to obtain peace here and happiness in Heaven.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit ..."* Recognize that we need God to compensate for our weakness. Depend upon his help.

*"Blessed are they who mourn ..."* God knows what you need even better than you do. Trust him to strengthen you and bring you comfort.



*"Blessed are the meek ..."* Jesus is meek and gentle. Imitate him and you will have everlasting peace.

*"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness ..."* Peacefully

accept whatever happens knowing that Jesus promises to give you courage to face it.

*"Blessed are the merciful ..."* Mercy is love in the face of sin and injury. If we show mercy, we are guaranteed mercy.

Perhaps the real secret to happiness is remembering that when we follow Jesus, there will always be a happy ending.

### Q & A How do we make a good Confession?

Jesus knew that, even after Baptism, we would fall into sin, so he instituted the Sacrament of Confession. In confession,



we admit what we've done, apologize, and resolve not to do it again. In return, we receive absolution and the grace to fight against temptation. "His mercy is infinitely greater than our sins" (Pope Francis).

A good confession begins with a thorough examination of conscience. Using the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides, reflect on instances when you have failed to love like Christ. Confess any mortal sins since your last confession and any venial (lighter) sins that you remember. For sin to be mortal, it must be serious, freely chosen, and committed knowing it was a sin.

After hearing your confession, the priest will ask you to make an Act of Contrition expressing sorrow for sins and a desire to change. He will give you absolution and assign you penance. Remember, God loves you dearly and he wants to forgive you; you need only ask for it.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.** Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. Today is a holy day of obligation. In their honor, attend Mass and pray a Rosary.

**Jan. 7 – St. Raymond of Peñafort (1275).** St. Raymond studied and taught canon (Church) law in Barcelona, and later joined the Dominican Order. He was called to Rome to work for Pope Gregory IX. He was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, Spain. He

retired after two years, only to be elected head of the Dominicans. He is the patron saint of lawyers.

**Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord.** Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was free of sin, but he allowed himself to be baptized in order to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By his baptism, Jesus declared his willingness to fulfill God's saving plan. It is also at this time when God revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).



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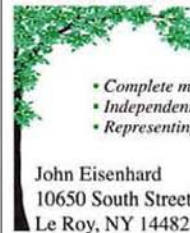


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