Mary Immaculate Parish



St. Mary's 11095 St. Mary's St. P.O. Box 442 Pavilion, NY 14525 Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor
Deacon Walter Szczesny
The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7 and 8, 2017

Immaculate Conception 5865 Ellicott St. Rd. P.O. Box 98 East Bethany, NY 14054

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 ½ 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. To Contact Father Innocent:

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Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

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www.MaryImmaculateNY.org

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 - 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

Saturday, 4:00pm - January 14 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Pat Torcello

Sunday, 8:00am - January 15 in Pavilion

Intention: Rose Szczesny (RIP) By: Ladies of Charity

Sunday, 9:30am – January 15 in East Bethany

Intention: Daniel Laurie (RIP) By: Ralph & Betty Worthington

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, January 10 - Weekday

Intention: Margret Myer (RIP) By: Don & David Colantonio

Wednesday, January 11 -Weekday

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP) By: Patty and Jim Whalen

Thursday, **January 12** – Weekday

Intention: Stephanie Colantanio (RIP)

By: Father Thomas Kemp

<u>Friday</u>, **January 13** – *Weekday*

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Sharon & Gene Scott

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, 1st 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: (12/31 & 1/1) \$2,510.50 **Christmas Flowers: (Cumulative):** \$ 804.00 **Christmas** (Cumulative): \$1,310.50 **Solemnity of Mary (Cumulative):** \$ 474.50

> Please make checks payable to "Mary Immaculate Parish"

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

<u>Lector</u> <u>Altar Server</u> <u>Eucharistic Minister</u> <u>Schedule:</u>

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

Saturday, January 14 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Elaine Lemley

Altar Servers: Sara & Samantha Platek **Eucharistic Ministers:** Dick & Rosemary Givens

Sunday, January 15 - 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Carol Pursel
Altar Servers: John Callari

Cathy Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Bodine

John Callari

Sunday, January 15- 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Lisa Bernard

Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk

Oscar Stringham

Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann

Carol Wittman

THANK YOU! I would like to take this time to thank all my parishioners for their thoughtfulness and generosity to me this Christmas season. Your cards, gifts and treats are so greatly appreciated. I am so happy to have spent a third Christmas with you in peace and loving concern for one another. Thank you for all your love and care!

Father Innocent

ALL BABIES CHERISHED BOTTLE DRIVE:

If you haven't already done so, please return your filled baby bottles.

<u>UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u> DATES:

January 8th and 22nd February 19th and 26th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Happy Birthday Father Innocent (on January 10th)! We wish you a very happy birthday and a year that's truly blessed.

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.

Someone will be available after all Masses next weekend for anyone wishing to purchase tickets. Take advantage of this opportunity and prepare to whisk away any winter blues!!

"WINTER ESCAPE"

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Monies received: _____ Ticket #'s Issued:

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? 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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: The Wyoming Association of Catholic Youth (WACY) will be having a meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

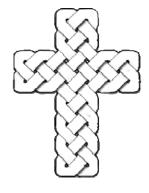
Place: Weber Hall behind St. Cecilia's Church – St. John Neumann Parish on Centerline Rd., Strykersville

Time: 5:30pm to 8:00pm

All youth in grades 7-12 and young adults are welcome to attend.

We will also be having a meeting for those interested in attending this year's Diocese of Buffalo Youth Convention before the regular meeting at 5:00pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Zielinski at (585)492-0820 or theresazielinski8@gmail.com



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON A YOUNG PERSON IN GRADES 9-12? Encourage them to attend this year's Diocesan Youth Convention on March 3-5. WACY would like to invite interested youth to attend the Youth Convention with us this year. This is an awesome faith growing experience. For more information contact Theresa Zielinski (585)492-0820 or theresazielinski8@gmail.com or check out the Buffalo Diocese website. Deadline to sign up is January 22, 2017. Don't miss out!

YOU DID IT FOR ME: Jenny* works as a case manager for Catholic Charities. She helps people experiencing homelessness return to decent housing and a dignified life. Sometimes the work seems all uphill. One night Jenny participated in a "point-in-time" count of individuals spending the night outside. Eighteen was the number, and each one was offered a bed in a shelter. The next morning Jenny's daughter said she look tired, and Jenny explained. Her daughter said, "Mommy, you're my hero, because you help people who don't have a home." Immediately Jenny felt ready for another day.

Catholic Charities reported that 564,708 people were homeless in the U.S. on a single night in 2015, including 32,240 unaccompanied youth. During the same year, Catholic Charities provided 21,738 nightly beds for homeless and formerly homeless people.

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

cf. Revelation 21:23

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: Light is often seen as a beautiful thing - a starry night, a magnificent sunrise. Light brings warmth to our days, encouraging growth and life. On the contrary, darkness hinders spirits and obstructs growth, making it difficult to function. As the Christmas season comes to a close, as we take down the lights and life returns to normal, the darkness of the winter nights may seem magnified. But instead of focusing on that, try asking yourself what light did God bring into my life this Christmas season? Precious time with family? A stronger relationship with my faith community? Thank God for His light in your life and commit to using His gifts to you to bring light to others throughout the year. Follow His Light wherever it leads you. When you choose to do God's will you will find that the world's darkness is a small price to pay for the gift of God's glory shining upon you.

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WLOF 101.7 FM, WBEN radio 930 AM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

A Dog Tale...

Margaret and Fred wanted a "truly Christian" dog. So they went to a kennel that specialized in that particular breed. There they found a dog they liked. When they asked him to fetch a Bible, he did it in a flash. When they instructed him to look up John 3:16, he turned right to it. "Oh, we'll take this pup, he's wonderful," said Margaret and Fred.

That night they invited friends from their church over to meet their remarkable dog. The guests were impressed with Fido's ability to do Christian tricks, "Can he do regular dog tricks, too?" they asked. That stopped Margaret and Fred cold; they'd never even thought of that. "Well," they said, "Let's try this out." So they clearly pronounced the command, "Heel!" Quick as a wink, the dog jumped up, put his paw on the Fred's forehead, closed his eyes in

concentration, and bowed his head.



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Have you heard about the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund? We are a tuition assistance program for economically eligible children in grades K-8 to attend private grammar schools of choice. BISON's mission is to provide low-income parents a full range of choices for their children's education.

The BISON Fund was founded on the belief that children have the best chance at a bright future when families have a choice in selecting an education that best fits their children's needs. By offering partial scholarship assistance to economically disadvantaged families, BISON is empowering parents, often for the first time, with the ability to choose the school which best meets their child's needs.

We hope you will display this poster on your community bulletin board, write about the program in your bulletins or newsletters, discuss the program at meetings, and talk to community members about this wonderful opportunity.

Parents can visit our website at www.bisonfund.com to complete a scholarship pre-application for the 2017-2018 school year. Time is of the essence!! Our first deadline is Febuary 28, 2017. All pre-applications will be entered into a lottery drawing in early MARCH. If your name is drawn in the lottery, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to proceed with the application. Please let your community members know about this wonderful opportunity!

Scholarship amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size and the school's tuition cost. The highest scholarship amount for 2017-2018 is \$1,900 per child. Families will be expected to contribute partial tuition towards their child's education.

If you have questions, or need further information – please contact the BISON Fund office at 716-854-0869. We thank you for assisting us in sharing important information about our program with the community.

Regards,

Amy E. Popadick

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