

Mary Immaculate Parish



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February 4 and 5, 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 – February 4 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Ralph & Diane Torcello

Sunday, 8:00am – February 5 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Nellie Colvin

Sunday, 9:30am – February 5 in East Bethany

Intention: Harold Schmidt (RIP)

By: Family

Saturday, 4:00pm – February 11 in Pavilion

Intention: Rose Szczesny (RIP)

By: Don Davis

Sunday, 8:00am – February 12 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Mike & Sandy Whalen

Sunday, 9:30am – February 12 in East Bethany

Intention: Rose Szczesny (RIP)

By: Kathy & Randy Blakeslee, Jenny & Rich Klancer, Sandy & Jason Nearhood, Mary Shaughnessy

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany

Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, February 7 – Weekday

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Debbie Armbruster

Wednesday, February 8 – Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Thursday, February 9 – Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Friday, February 10 – Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Roberta Graney, Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Cindy Bishop, Tom Gulczynski, 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: (1/28 & 1/29)	\$2,169.50
Ladies of Charity (Cumulative):	\$ 873.00

*Please make checks payable to
"Mary Immaculate Parish"*

O come, let us worship God and bow low
before the God who made us, for he is the
Lord our God.

Psalm 95 (94):6-7

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, February 4- 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Ron Colantonio
Altar Servers: Sara & Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Dick & Rosemary Givens

Sunday, February 5 - 8:00am - Pavilion

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

Sunday, February 5- 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Mike Jackson
Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk
Francine Stringham
Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Wittman
Debbie Schmidt

Saturday, February 11 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Brian Dills
Altar Servers: Emma & Eric Cline
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Dailey
Rosemary Givens

Sunday, February 12 - 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Carol Pursel
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: John Callari
Nellie Colvin

Sunday, February 12- 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Oscar & Francine
Stringham
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Carol Wittman

ALL BABIES CHERISHED BOTTLE DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus are happy to report that the baby bottle drive has reached \$1,965.00! There are still some coins to be counted, and there are still 26 bottles that have not come back. If you have one of those bottles, please bring it in! The Knights will likely be completing the drive in the next two weeks. Thank you one and all for your generosity.

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

February 19th and 26th
March 12th and 26th

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a coffee hour after the 8:00am Mass in Conlin Hall this **Sunday, February 5th**. All are welcome!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST: The LeRoy Knights of Columbus will be having their first pancake breakfast of the new year this Sunday, February 5th from 8:30am - 11:00am behind the Save-a-Lot parking lot. All are welcome!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: As disciples, we are to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. It is for this purpose that we have been given our individual talents to share. How is God calling you to share your talents? 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/.

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

cf. Psalm 107 (106): 8-9

MARRIAGE MOMENT: It is the middle of winter cold in the northern hemisphere. What was your first winter living together like? Do you have newer, better ways of keeping warm enough today?

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE: Children whine and complain. (Okay, adults do this, too.) Join with your child to make a "Gratitude List." See how many things you can each think of for which you are grateful.

SUNDAY TV MASS: For those who are unable to physically attend Mass, the Diocese of Buffalo provides a televised Mass from the Our Lady Chapel at St. Joseph Cathedral that airs each Sunday on WUTV-Fox channel at 7:30am.

- * February 5: celebrant Rev. Ronald Sajdak and Deacon Mark Hooper
- * February 12: celebrant Rev. Michael Burzynski and Deacon Miguel Santos
- * February 19: celebrant Rev. Robert Wozniak
- * February 26: celebrant Rev. David Munoz and Deacon Ted Pijacki
- * March 5: celebrant Rev. Charles Slisz

YOU DID IT FOR ME: Waking up in the gutter is the worst feeling in the world. Brian* experienced it often. A troubled childhood inside a troubled family morphed into an adulthood of drugs and homelessness. "I knew I had problems, but I didn't know how to fix them," Brian said. Desperate, he went to the nearest hospital, which sent him to Catholic Charities. Brian became part of a shelter program that provided not only a place to sleep but also counseling, physical therapy and education. He's on a path to self-sufficiency now and, best of all, he believes that he can make it.

In 2015, Catholic Charities agencies provided 41,279 supervised living services to clients in foster care, residential care, and group home care.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." As Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, those words from today's gospel call us to be our best authentic selves, the person God created us to be. By itself, salt is bitter. But used with foods, salt adds flavor, it enhances. We are called to be salt – to do what we can to enhance the lives of others. If our light is hidden under a bushel basket, it serves no purpose and cannot help guide. We are called to be light – to brighten the lives of others. Christians believe we are all called to accentuate the good that is in the world – like salt – and by our good deeds, reveal to the world God's presence and love – like light. Anything short of being the best person we can be for God falls short of being our true selves.

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.

Kids of Israel...

At Twenty-third Avenue Christian Church, Charles Smith finished his Sunday school lesson. It was time for questions and answers. Up shot little Tony's hand.

"According to the Bible, Mr. Smith, the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. Right?"

"Right."

"An' the children of Israel clobbered the Philistines, right?"

"That's right, Tony."

"An' the children of Israel built the Temple, right?"

"Right, again."

"An' the children of Israel fought the 'gyptians, an' the children of Israel fought the Romans, an' the children of Israel wuz always doin' something' important, right?"

"All that's right too," agreed Mr. Smith. "So what's your question?"

"What I wanna know is this," demanded Tony. "What wuz all the grown-ups doin'?"

“WINTER ESCAPE”

“WINTER ESCAPE” NEXT SATURDAY!! If you haven’t purchased your ticket yet – do so today. You will NOT want to miss out on this wonderful new fundraiser. Great food catered by *The Farmer’s Wife* followed by music from *Red Creek Band*. **Tickets are limited and we do have a maximum seating capacity.** After Mass purchase your ticket or stop by the office on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 -1 to get your ticket.

LOOKING FOR ITEMS FOR GIFT BASKETS We could use more items to make up gift baskets or if you wish to make up your own, it would be appreciated. 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.

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Roast Beef Dinner 6:00 pm

Music 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

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January 23, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On February 18-19, 2017, the Diocese of Buffalo will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)**. This collection provides vital funding for our brothers and sisters living in countries that were once under communist rule. Restoring the Church, in both its structures and its spiritual life, has been difficult, but with your support we can help build a brighter future for this region.

In Estonia, religious observance is rare and very little funding is available to assist youth in learning about Christianity or the Catholic faith. Last year, the Collection for CCEE provided support to a summer camp program for youth. About 30 middle-school aged boys attended the camp where they not only learned about the Catholic faith but also had opportunities to attend Mass and even receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once they are in high school, boys who have previously attended are excited to return as staff members to lead and help the new group of campers grow in their faith. With your support the faith is able to flourish in this younger generation.

Your donations make a difference for those still struggling in the aftermath of communist rule. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year, or if you can increase your contribution. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ *Richard J. Malone*

Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

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One Minute Meditations

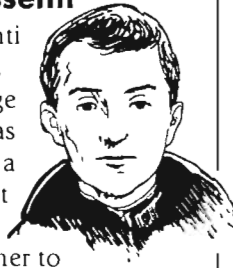
St. Gabriel Possenti

Francesco Possenti was born in Assisi, Italy, into a large family. He was often sick as a child. He lost two sisters and his mother to illness by the time he was four. At 18, he joined the Passionists and was named Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. He inspired others by his prayer and faithfulness in the little things. He suffered from tuberculosis shortly after entering, which he endured patiently and cheerfully until his death.

Serve without complaint

Every job has aspects about it that are tedious, messy, and unrewarding, yet they are necessary. However, they can be opportunities to grow in virtue: humility, patience, self-discipline, etc. When you dread doing your work, smile and say a prayer, *"and your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you"* (Matthew 6:4).

"The works of God are all of them good; in its own time every need is supplied" (Sirach 39:16).



Love and live your faith

Faith in God is not a passive virtue resting in the background of our lives. Belief and love for God compels us to an active life of serving, sharing, and living our faith daily.

Embrace excellence. All that we do becomes a prayer when we give our employers, communities, neighborhoods and families our best abilities in God's name.

Celebrate the Eucharist. No Catholic life is complete without weekly Mass attendance. Do what is necessary so you can receive Communion.

Become family. Register in your parish and look for ways to get involved in a parish ministry, such as lecturing, ushering, singing, or becoming a Eucharistic minister.

Be joyful. Scripture comforts us with the assurance that God will not rest until we find our way home to him. Reject Earthly worry and live with joy. God is in control.

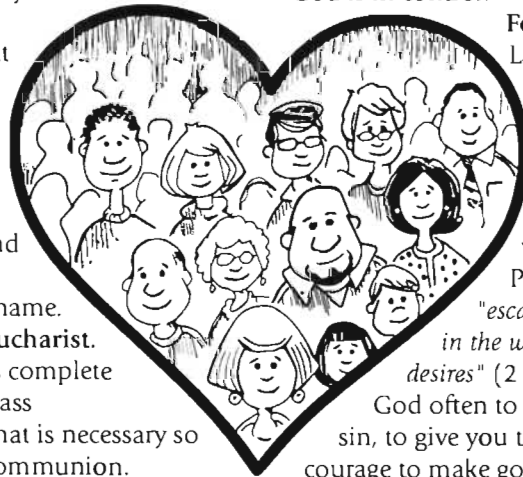
Forgive often. Learn to practice this critical skill – and to ask for it when needed.

Flee temptation. St. Peter tells us to

"escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from

sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices.

Listen to God. Be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God will reveal when you've messed up, and rejoice with you when you get it right.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics venerate relics?

The saints were ordinary people, like us, but they had an extraordinary love for God. Relics—their remains and personal possessions—represent those who are in glory with God. Just as we treasure things that once belonged to someone we loved



or admired—a piece of clothing or jewelry, for example—we treasure the relics of saints. Although relics themselves have no special properties, venerating them reminds us of the virtuous examples of the saints.

Know him, love him, and serve him to be happy forever

The Baltimore Catechism taught us that God made us to “know him, to love him, and to serve him in this world, and to be happy with him forever in the next.” In truth, God loves us and wants us to love him back.

Knowing him. Each of us was created with a place in our hearts just for God. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things but nothing else fits. Remove the clutter, turn to God and the reward is peace.



Loving him. Jesus asked us to love God with all our hearts because surrendering to God is the best way to experience his infinite love. Show your love by praying daily, seeking Communion with him often, and thanking him for his goodness.

Serving him. When we make sure others have enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It’s what he asked us to do.

The reward for doing all this is eternal happiness.

from Scripture

Matthew 6:24-34, Our choice.

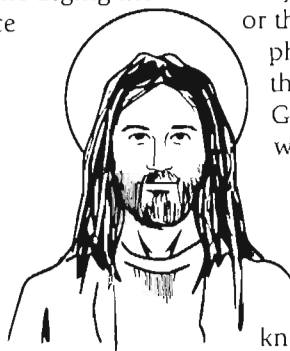
In Jesus’ day, scribes and Pharisees often lived comfortably while urging the people to heights of sacrifice

and penance they didn’t observe themselves. The message was right but the messengers were flawed.

Instead, Jesus took on our humanity and spoke with authority. He experienced hunger and thirst, and didn’t always have a place to sleep. So when he

counseled his listeners to trust God with all their needs, he knew what he was asking.

Jesus said don’t worry. By that he meant don’t be anxious and concerned



beyond our immediate needs.

Stability in this world for the rich or the poor comes not from physical provisions but from the inner peace that only God can provide. By worrying about our physical needs, we draw attention away from attaining the inner stability so necessary for peace.

From experience, Jesus knows we have a choice. We can live in the world or we can live in God’s Kingdom, but we cannot do both. Jesus wants us to invest in our future with him. God will take care of the rest.

Q Does being a “good & Catholic” mean following A all the rules exactly?

The ancient Jews had a lot of rules. Jewish Law dictated what you could eat, how to stay ritually clean, and how to



spend Saturdays. Yet, when asked what the most important commandment was, Jesus’ answer brought his listeners back to the basics: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37).

Jesus didn’t give rules so much as he laid down principles. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his disciples a New

Commandment: “Love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). This New Commandment gives us the whole Law in its simplest form: Catholicism, at its heart, is about love—Christ-like love for God and others. Being a good Catholic isn’t about following all the rules perfectly for perfection’s sake, but about falling in love with God. Once that happens, following the Commandments and the Beatitudes takes care of itself. They cease to be rules and become a lifestyle.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 – St. Paul Miki and Companions (1596). St. Paul Miki, a Jesuit missionary in Japan, was arrested along with 25 other Catholics during religious persecution and forced to walk more than 300 miles to Nagasaki where they were crucified. It is said they preached the whole journey and ran to their crosses praising God.

Feb. 3 – St. Ansgar (865). Ansgar was born in Picardy, France. He was sent to the nearby Benedictine monastery after the death of his mother. After taking vows, he traveled to Denmark and

Sweden to preach the Gospel. In 831, he was appointed papal legate to the northern lands by Pope Gregory IV. He was known for his holiness and ascetic lifestyle.

Feb. 5 – St. Agatha (c.251). At an early age, Agatha dedicated herself to God and promised to preserve her chastity. She kept this vow, even under torture. To strengthen her, God sent a vision of St. Peter who healed her. She is the patroness of nurses and miners.



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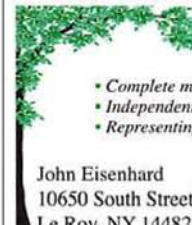
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