

Mary Immaculate Parish



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March 11 and 12, 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 – March 11 in Pavilion

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Bill & Ursula Fuest

Sunday, 8:00am – March 12 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Bob and Cindy Lacey

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

Intention: Rose Szczesny

By: Dennis and Carol Wittman

Saturday, 4:00pm – March 18 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Gordon & Marirose Ethington

Sunday, 8:00am – March 19 in Pavilion

Intention: Edward Lynch (RIP)

By: Louise Lynch

Sunday, 9:30am – March 19 in East Bethany

Intention: Nora Hinze(RIP)

By: Darwin & Shirley Lapp

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany

Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Wednesday, March 15 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Thursday, March 16 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Friday, March 17 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Theodore & Stacey Meyer – For the grace of good health of mind and body in their family

By: Father Innocent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Roberta Graney, Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Cindy Bishop, Tom Gulczynski, Julia Barniak, Father Richard, Father Kemp 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:

March 16, 2017 – 7:00PM – East Bethany

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

Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection: (3/4 & 3/5)	\$2,634.00
Winter Fuel (Cumulative)	\$2,031.00
Church in Central & Easter Europe (Cumulative)	\$ 291.00
Black and Indian Mission (Cumulative)	\$ 413.00

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**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek His face.
It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not
your face from me.**

cf. Psalm 27 (26):8-9

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, March 11 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Ron Colantonio
Altar Servers: Erika & Cole Rauscher
Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce & Samantha Platek

Sunday, March 12 - 8:00am - Pavilion

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

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

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Shea & EvanAmberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Carol Wittman

Saturday, March 18 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Brian Dills
Altar Servers: Sara & Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Dick & Rosemary Givens

Sunday, March 19 - 8:00am - Pavilion

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

Sunday, March 19 - 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Lisa Bernard
Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk
Shea Amberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Wittman
Debbie Schmidt

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.
Friday, March 17th - Pavilion
Friday, March 24th - East Bethany

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

March 12th and 26th
April 2nd

OUR FIRST CHICKEN BBQ OF 2017!! Please help your church by volunteering to help on Wednesday, Saturday, and/or Sunday. If you can't help physically there are a few things we need:

- Donations of Decaf & Regular Coffee
- Donations of pounds of butter
- Home baked pies or cakes by our very gifted bakers

Volunteers needed:

- **Wednesday, March 15th at 5:00pm** scrub potatoes and set up
- **Saturday, March 18th at 9:00am** grease and wrap potatoes and finish set up
- **Sunday, March 19th**, to assist in the dining room, pie room, or wherever else needed.
- Remember, more hands makes the work lighter!

Be sure to wash up those Mary Immaculate shirts and aprons and wear them on Sunday!!

Don't wait to be asked to help, everyone is needed to make our first BBQ of 2017 a success!! Also, be sure to invite all your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come to the best Chicken BBQ around!! Posters are available at the back of each church, take as many as can be properly displayed.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS: Religious Education classes will be cancelled on Sunday, April 9th due to many family conflicts. In lieu of class, we are asking that families please attend one or more Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm. A complete schedule of Stations of the Cross is included in this bulletin.

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a Parish Council meeting next Thursday, March 16th at 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. This month's agenda is attached in this week's bulletin. All are welcome!

ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Congratulations to Cole Rauscher who will receive this year's Altar Server of the Year award. This award will be presented by Bishop Malone at a special Mass celebrated Saturday, March 18th at St. Joseph's Cathedral. The parish is blessed to have Cole's ministry at the celebration of the Eucharist.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE: Join our church's celebration of St. Joseph's Feast day on March 18th in Conlin Hall immediately following 4:00pm mass. Traditionally St. Joseph's tables have been prepared in thanksgiving for good fortune, good health, and personal devotion to St. Joseph. Traditional main dishes and desserts are part of the table's tradition. Please join us as we are thankful for our parish family in honoring St. Joseph on his feast day. There is no cost for the dinner.

UPON THIS ROCK: The Upon This Rock campaign is going on very well in our Parish. Thanks to the good-heartedness of my Parishioners.

We have had the reception last Wednesday, March 8th, the day of the Monster Winds. I sincerely want to thank those who called in to let me know that they wouldn't be able to come because of the dangerous high winds, as well as those who came in spite of the odds. Thank you so much.

Everyone now has the mailings. Please take the time to fill out the "Pledge Card" and mail it back to me or to the Church office. You may even hand it to me whenever you see me, or put it into the Collection Box. If you have lost the envelope that came with your package, you may use a different envelope that should be marked "Upon This Rock". Remember also to make your check payable to "Upon This Rock".

Please help our Parish to make her goal. We are almost there - 78% of our goal! Your gift matters. We need it!

With all my heart I pray God Almighty to bless you, as you consider your gift for this Godly Initiative. Amen!
Father Innocent

RECONCILIATION: Ascension Parish, 19 Sumner Street, Batavia, will be having a Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 13th at 7:00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

ON THE DIVINE MERCY: Every created life needs the mercy of God; for without the Fatherly mercy of God, the world as we know it, will be a hail of a place for everything in it.

Please pick up a prayer card of the Divine Mercy at the bulletin table as you leave the church. Pray for the mercy of God on yourself, your family, your country and the world. Thank you!

Father Innocent

ALL BABIES CHERISHED: It is a distinct pleasure to be able to report to you the final numbers from the Mary Immaculate Parish Advent Baby Bottle drive conducted December 2016 – January 2017. We received 102 bottles with donations totaling \$2,702.87. This represents an average donation of \$26.50 per bottle. To put this in perspective, it has been my personal experience (fifteen years of bottle drives!) that most drives average \$12.00-\$14.00 per bottle. A figure of \$26.50 is remarkable. The parishioners of Mary Immaculate have displayed tremendous generosity in their support of All Babies Cherished during these trying economic times.

Our Lady of Batavia Knights of Columbus thanks you for allowing us to assist the parish in their bottle drive by collecting and sorting the coins. One of the missions of the Knights of Columbus is the practice of Charity, and you have helped us meet that mission.

God bless you all for your generosity, and if you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call. Thank you!

Mike Jackson

Pro-Life Chair, Council 11728, 343-3810

LENT – IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT “GIVING UP”:

Many people tend to consider Lent a time to give up chocolate, candy, or other things they normally enjoy. However, Lent is about honoring our faith. Below are various ways we can observe Lent:

- **Attend morning Masses**
- **Attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday Evenings**
- **Read and Pray over the Sacred Scriptures**
- **Pray the Rosary**
- **Visit someone housebound**

Make this Lent a time to reconnect with your faith, reach out to others, and prepare yourself for the celebration of Jesus’ Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

NO CLOSING HYMN DURING LENT: In the season of Lent, we “await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure” (Preface I for Lent).

However, the general tenor of this season is one of conversion through repentance for sin by fasting, prayer, and alms-giving. This more penitential tone is reflected in the Liturgy by the use of violet vestments, simpler decorations at the altar, and the omission of the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia*. Our celebrations of the Eucharist during this season will reflect this attitude by the use of the *Confiteor* (found on page 4 in the Heritage Missal and in our Mass response cards) for the Penitential Rite and the omission of a closing hymn.

FAMILY LENTEN/EASTER PACKET: Looking for ways to keep your children interested and have a positive experience of the Church's annual retreat for 2017? With a little creativity and time you can provide your family with a unique journey together with Jesus. Your free packet includes realistic ideas and practical activities designed to discover the riches of Lent and Easter together. For your spirituality toolbox of ideas, contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: On Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed a glimpse of His glory, not to show off, but to express His desire to share His glory with us. Thanks to Christ, it is this glory that we are destined for. The same Christ calls some to priesthood and religious life to show His followers how to live for this glory. 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/.

2017 LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm

March 17th – Pavilion
March 24th – East Bethany
March 31st – Pavilion
April 7th – East Bethany
April 14th – Pavilion

RECONCILIATION: The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at the regularly scheduled time – from 3:15 to 3:45 at the Saturday Mass location, except for Holy Saturday when no confessions will be heard.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: (April 9, 2017)

In East Bethany: 4:00pm Saturday
In Pavilion: 8:00am Sunday
In East Bethany: 9:45am Sunday
(Please note: this Sunday, Mass at East Bethany is 15 minutes later)

HOLY WEEK TRIDIUM:

Holy Thursday: (April 13, 2017) - 7:00pm
East Bethany - The Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday Ceremonies: (April 14, 2017)

5:00pm – Pavilion - Stations of the Cross
6:00pm – Pavilion - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: (April 15, 2017)

8:30pm - Easter Vigil in East Bethany
(Please note: there is no 4:00pm Saturday Mass for Easter weekend. Also, no confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday.)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: Will be celebrated according to the standard of Sunday schedule.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**MARY IMMACULATE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
OF PAVILION NY**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

March 16, 2017

7:00pm

Immaculate Conception

AGENDA

Opening Prayer: Father Innocent Diala
Call to Order: Kathy Shepard, President

- Approval of last month's minutes
- Review of Financial Report
- First Chicken BBQ update
- The National flag at St. Mary's
- Upon This Rock Update
- Roof Repair of St. Mary's Rectory & Church
- Old Business
 - Liturgy Committee update
- Other

Next Meeting Date: April 20, 2017 - 7:00pm - Location - Pavilion

LENT – FASTING AND FEASTING!

It is God who enables us to know the true meaning of Lenten fasting, which is less giving up of things and more giving up of resentment, anger and disease. Lent is a time where we can fast from certain things and feast others, such as:

- Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of all in Christ.
- Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that wound; Feast on phrases that heal.
- Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; Feast on God's providence.
- Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
- Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from suspicion; Feast on openness.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from idle gossip; Feast on meaningful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.
- Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on trust in God.

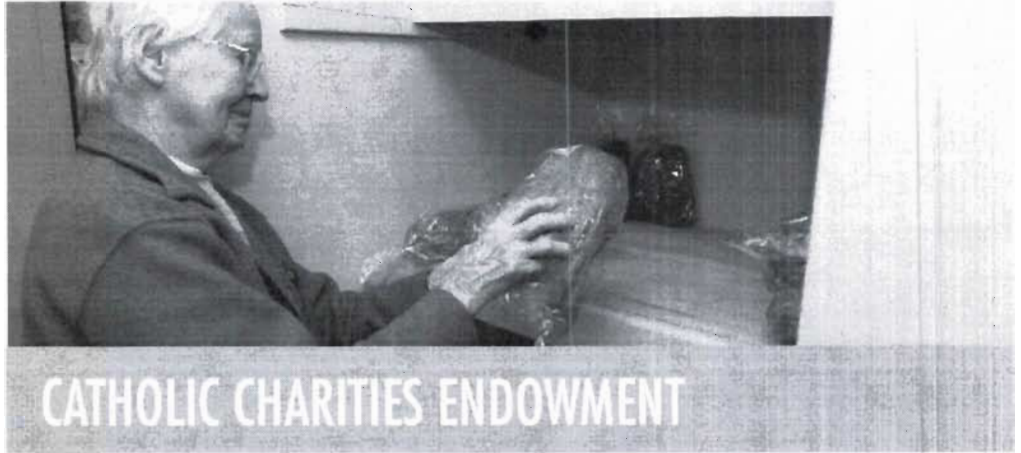
We can choose one of these fasting/feasting suggestions each day during Lent. When we get to the bottom of the list, we can begin again. Fill this Lent with feasting!



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**“GIVE AND IT WILL
BE GIVEN TO YOU”**

Luke 6:38



Every year, Catholic Charities puts the Gospel message into action by providing vital social services to more than 142,000 Western New Yorkers of all faiths and backgrounds. The programs of Catholic Charities bring hope to the hopeless, and provide support to those in need while empowering them to move forward and succeed.

HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL?

Upon This Rock seeks to address long-range, extraordinary needs. The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal only funds annual operating expenses for ongoing ministries and services.

WHY GIVE?

- We provide assistance where other agencies are unable to offer such as basic assistance, including food pantries, comprehensive individual, family and marriage counseling, mental health and substance abuse, assistance to those experiencing domestic violence and children experiencing abuse or neglect, school-based services to support older adults and caregivers, and immigration and refugee resettlement services to UN-designated individuals and families.
- These funds will be placed in a distinct endowment and will provide additional revenue to sustain and expand the essential programs of the organization, in addition, potentially account for new services in new geographic areas.

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HEALTHCARE FOR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS

The Catholic faithful have long been noted for their loyal support of the priests, who have baptized and taught our children, preached the Gospel, officiated weddings, and celebrated the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Our priests have comforted us during our suffering, provided counsel, listened when we needed to be heard, and facilitated our personal relationships with God and the Catholic faith.

WHY GIVE?

- Many priests continue to serve our community of faith after retirement. Currently, there are 266 active diocesan priests and 126 retired priests in the Diocese of Buffalo. By 2025, 42% of the active clergy will be 75 or older. Investment today will ensure that we will be able to continue providing our priests with support in the future.
- The increase of the number of retired priests and the increase of health care costs will create an inevitable shortfall and a need for additional funding.
- Retired priests have collectively given us more than 6,000 years of ministry. Through the initiative, you are able to demonstrate the gratitude of their faithful service.
- The members of the diocese continue to give graciously to the Retirement Fund for the Religious, diocesan clergy are not included in the allocation of those appeal funds.

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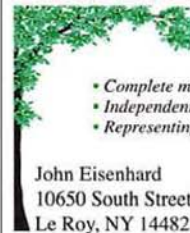


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