

Mary Immaculate Parish



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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 25 and 26, 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 25 in Pavilion

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Louise Lynch

Sunday, 8:00am – March 26 in Pavilion

Intention: Rose Szczesny (RIP)

By: Father Christopher Okoli

Sunday, 9:30am – March 26 in East Bethany

Intention: Roger Goodberlet (RIP)

By: John & Susan Gould

Saturday, 4:00pm – April 1 in Pavilion

Intention: Rose Szczesny (RIP)

By: Tony Pecora

Sunday, 8:00am – April 2 in Pavilion

Intention: Fr. Joseph Carlo (RIP)

By: Don & MaryAnn Brooks

Sunday, 9:30am – April 2 in East Bethany

Intention: Michael Cecere, Sr. (RIP)

By: Irene Cecere

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany
Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, March 28 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Chuck & Doreen Shormann – For their spiritual & material well-being

By: Father Innocent

Wednesday, March 29 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Virginia Rigoni – Thanking God for the gift of her faith as a Catholic

By: Father Innocent

Thursday, March 30 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Bradley & Sheila Rogers – That the Lord may continue to deepen their faith in Him

By: Father Innocent

Friday, March 31 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Sandy Stisser – For what she asks of God the most

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:

April 20, 2017 – 7:00PM – Pavilion

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

Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection: (3/18 & 3/19) \$2,428.00

**Black and Indian Mussions
(Cumulative) \$ 436.00**

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“Mary Immaculate Parish”***

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

cf. Isaiah 66:10-11

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, March 25 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Elaine Lemley
Altar Servers: Emma & Eric Cline
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Dailey
Rosemary Givens

Sunday, March 26 – 8:00am - Pavilion

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

Sunday, March 26- 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Kathy Shepard
Altar Servers: Oscar & Francine
Stringham
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Debbie Schmidt

Saturday, April 1 - 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Rae Snyder
Altar Servers: Erika & Cole Rauscher
Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce & Samantha Platek

Sunday, April 2 - 8:00am - Pavilion

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

Sunday, April 2 – 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Mike Jackson
Altar Servers: Evan & Shea Amberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Wittman
Debbie Schmidt

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

March 26th
April 2nd
May 7th and 14th

SATURDAY MASS LOCATION: Reminder!! As of **April 1, 2017** the Saturday Mass will change from St. Mary's Church to **Immaculate Conception.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

Friday, March 31st - Pavilion

Friday, April 7th - East Bethany

FOR THE HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET ARE THE FOLLOWING:

Bruce Bernard	David Colantonio
Bernard Corcoran	Brian Dills
Bob Lacey	Darwin Lapp
Mark McAllister	Frank Miller
Don Roblee	Wayne Stahler
Tom Stringham	Craig Williams
Bob Shepard, Sr.	

Jesus' disciples had no choice between accepting and not accepting their feet washed by their Master. Peter, who objected, received harsh words for it. And so, it is a privilege for any parishioner to be part of the reenactment of the wonderful example of love taught by our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. **Father Innocent**

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a coffee hour next Sunday, April 2nd after 8:00 am Mass at Conlin Hall. All are welcome!

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.

LADIES OF CHARITY: There will be a Ladies of Charity meeting on Thursday, April 13th at 1:00pm in Conlin Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

WINTER ESCAPE PICTURES: In the entrance of the church there are some pictures from our newest fundraiser, "Winter Escape." If anyone has additional pictures and would like to share them, please turn them into the office and we will add them to our collection. Soon these same pictures will be available to be viewed on our website. As you can see, it was an evening to remember!!

UPON THIS ROCK: The Upon This Rock campaign is going on very well in our Parish. Thanks to the good-heartedness of my Parishioners. Yes; that is the case! Some of you are doing it just because of me – seeing and feeling how passionate I am about it; and I am passionate about it because it is immensely beneficial to our parish, to Catholic Charities and to the Diocese.

We have had the reception on 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 - 91% 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

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: If you are a resident of Pavilion we need your input on the future of our town. Please join us for an Open House community workshop.

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Anytime between 6:00pm-8:00pm
Pavilion Town Hall
Light refreshments will be served

ABOUT A LEGENDARY TRADITION-THE BBQ:

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make our first Chicken BBQ of 2017 a success. We were again blessed with so many wonderful volunteers who showed up Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. There was no way it could have been done without you!

Now, in a very short time, we get to do it all over again. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 23rd for BBQ #2.** We will need workers on **Wednesday, April 19th at 5:00pm** and **Saturday, April 22nd at 9:00am**, besides workers for **Sunday, April 23rd.** Those who come to help know that we make the work go quickly and that we have a good time in the process. Plan to be part of this and get to know your fellow parishioners better! Have fun doing something good for your faith community.

A few of our delicious chicken remain. Kathy Shepard will be available before and after 9:30 Mass this weekend (3/26) to sell the leftover chicken. You can purchase a 2 pack of chicken for \$10.00.

Once again, **A SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR BBQ A HUGE SUCCESS!!**
Thank you so very much! **Father Innocent**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: There are many forms of blindness from which Jesus delivers us. Sometimes certain kinds of blindness prevent us from appreciating the purpose for which we have been created, and our unique place in God's kingdom. Ask Jesus today to remove whatever is preventing you from seeing or understanding the will of the Father. 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.

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

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.

MARRIAGE MOMENT: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk." (Gn. 12:1) Moving to a new home can be exciting, exhausting, and scary - all at the same time. Share the best and worst part of a move you've made together

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE: If your child is old enough to choose a Lenten sacrifice, help them to see beyond just giving up candy. Consider how the devil tempted Jesus with food, power and money. Let the tangible sacrifice be a reminder to love someone who is hard to love.

2017 LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm

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.



"GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU" Luke 6:38

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH

Parish Goal
\$244,500

Raised to Date
\$204,204

Number of Gifts
57

Percent of Goal
84%

Totals are as of
03/17/2017

LET'S STAND TOGETHER IN FAITH



Mary Immaculate Parish has been given a wonderful opportunity for stewardship. Together as a church, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure. On Commitment Weekend, please remember the needs of our parish and the Catholic Church throughout Western NY, and the programs **Upon This Rock** will make possible.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ALREADY GAVE

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