

Mary Immaculate Parish



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Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 1 and 2, 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 – April 1 in East Bethany

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

Saturday, 4:00pm – April 8 in East Bethany

Intention: Mary Norton (RIP)

By: Roger Norton and family

Sunday, 8:00am – April 9 in Pavilion

Intention: James Robinson (RIP)

By: Shirley Maloney

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

Intention: Joseph & Mary Barniak (RIP)

By: Julia Barniak

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

**Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany
Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion**

Tuesday, April 4 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Dennis & Carol Wittman – For the repose of the souls of their departed loved ones

By: Father Innocent

Wednesday, April 5 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Jeremy & Lindsay Warner – For their intentions

By: Father Innocent

Thursday, April 6 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Tom & April Stringham – For their spiritual & material well-being

By: Father Innocent

Friday, April 7 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Dawn Hirsch – For the grace of good health of mind & body in her 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:

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: (3/25 & 3/26) \$2,342.00

***Please make checks payable to
“Mary Immaculate Parish”***

**Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause
against a nation that is faithless. From the
deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O
God, are my strength.**

cf. Psalm 43 (42): 1-2

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, April 1 - 4:00pm - East Bethany

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

Saturday, April 8 - 4:00pm - East Bethany

Lector: Dan Gangi
Altar Servers: Sara & Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Dick & Rosemary Givens

Sunday, April 9 - 8:00am - Pavilion

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

Sunday, April 9 - 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk
Oscar Stringham
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Carol Wittman

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

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION: The collection for Easter Flowers will be taken up this weekend, April 1st and 2nd. Please drop your envelope in with your regular collection.

MASS TIME CHANGE: Please remember that the time for Palm Sunday Mass on Sunday, April 9th at Immaculate Conception Church will be at 9:45am instead of 9:30am. This is for April 9th only.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.
Friday, April 7th - East Bethany
Friday, April 14th - Pavilion

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	Bob Shepard, Sr.
Tom Stringham	Craig Williams

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 this Sunday, April 2nd after 8:00 am Mass at Conlin Hall. All are welcome!

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!

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:
April 2nd
May 7th and 14th

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

YOU DID IT FOR ME: "Waking up on the side of the road with no memory of how I got there, I began to cry. I had lost my job, blown through my savings and was homeless, living on the streets. I began to go to the Catholic Charities kitchen for a hot meal every day. Through the fellowship I had with the people of God there I began to realize that I didn't need the substances to make me feel good. I began to volunteer at the kitchen. I got my job back and Catholic Charities is where it all started." A Catholic Charities client.

In 2015, Catholic Charities agencies served meals to just under 3.5 million people.

BBQ #2 – APRIL 23rd: Please help your church by volunteering to help. If you can't help physically there are a few things we need:

- Donations of pounds of butter
- Home baked pies or cakes by our very gifted bakers

Volunteers needed:

- **Wednesday, April 19, 5:00pm** to scrub potatoes and set up
- **Saturday, April 22, 9:00am** to grease and wrap potatoes and finish set up
- **Sunday, April 23,** to assist in the dining room, pie room or wherever else needed. Remember, more hands makes the work lighter!

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

RAFFLE TICKETS: Our annual BBQ Raffle tickets are available at the entrance of Immaculate Conception Church for each parishioner. Please be sure to take yours home to save us the expense of mailing them to you. Drawing for the raffle will be at our last Chicken BBQ on May 21st.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Like Lazarus, all who have faith in Christ have hope for eternal life. How might God be calling you to proclaim this hope? 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.

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: If you don't do regular maintenance on your car, it may start sputtering and clanking. If your spouse is making noises (complaining, nagging, etc.) maybe it's time to look under the hood. You may find that neglect is the culprit. Perhaps you haven't listened closely to what your beloved needs. Maybe work or the kids have become a priority. Ask.

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE: "The people grumbled against Moses." (Ex. 17:3) It's normal in any family to grumble occasionally. Parents grumble about their kids and vice-versa. But what happens after the grumbling? Model apologizing for your child. "I'm sorry. I'll try to do better."

2017 LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm

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
Parish

Campaign Goal
\$244,500

Raised to Date
\$261,629

**Number of
Gifts**
85

Percent of Goal
107%

Totals are as of
3/28/2017

We Surpassed Our Goal!

22 new families participated in *Upon This Rock* last weekend pledging a total of \$38,550 to support the future of Mary Immaculate Parish and our faith in Western New York. This means that 55% of every new pledge will return directly to our parish.

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS...



Your support is essential to Mary Immaculate's success with *Upon This Rock*—your generosity is what will keep our parish great!

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