

Mary Immaculate Parish



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 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 – November 4 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For what they ask of God the most
By: Father Innocent

Sunday, 8:00am – November 5 in Pavilion

Intention: Pete, Mary Jane & Bill Logsdon (RIP)
By: Dan & Peg Logsdon

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

Intention: Al Rigoni – Anniversary of Death
By: Family

Saturday, 4:00pm – November 11 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Volpe (Birthday remembered)
By: Dan & Rae Snyder

Sunday, 8:00am – November 12 in Pavilion

Intention: Jerry Rider, Sr. (Birthday remembered)
By: Marilyn Rider & family

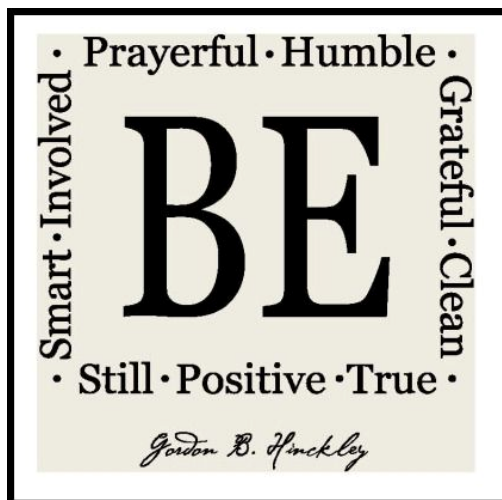
Sunday, 9:30am – November 12 in East Bethany

Intention: Virginia Rapone (RIP)
By: John & Sue Gould

DAILY MASS: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany
Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

**NO FURTHER DAILY MASSES
UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Roberta Graney, Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Cindy Bishop, Tom Gulczynski, Julia Barniak, Debbie Paschke, Cathleen Vania, Joseph Dean, Donald “Gene” Toal, David Welliver, Emma Burkell, Father Richard, Father Kemp and Father Innocent

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME

PARISHIONERS: Audrey McNulty, Martha Morgan 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, Captain Mathieu Philie, SFC Jay Knower, Michael Rigoni, Mark Wilkinsen and Sgt. Mike Steffenella

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: All interested persons are welcome to attend:

November 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: (10/28 & 10/29)	\$2,611.00
Cemetery: (Cumulative)	\$1,267.00
World Mission: (Cumulative)	\$ 581.00
Hurricane Harvey: (Cumulative)	\$ 661.00
Hurricane Irma: (Cumulative)	\$ 626.00
Hurricane Maria & Mexican Earthquake: (Cumulative)	\$ 874.00

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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

cf. Psalm 38 (37):22-23

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, November 4 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Rae Snyder
Altar Servers: Erika & Cole Rauscher
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Dailey
Rae Snyder

Sunday, November 5 - 8:00am - Pavilion

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

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

Lector: Mike Jackson
Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk
Elijah Grice
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Carol Wittman

Saturday, November 11 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Dan Gangi
Altar Servers: Michaela Stahler
Christopher Doody
Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce & Samantha Platek

Sunday, November 12 - 8:00am - Pavilion

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

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

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Evan Amberger
Addison Harkins
Jayden Harkins
Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Wittman
Debbie Schmidt

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

November 5th and 19th
December 3rd and 10th

NO DAILY MASS: From Friday, November 3rd through Thursday, December 14th, Father will be visiting his home and family in Nigeria. During this time there will be no daily masses. Daily masses will resume on Friday, December 15th. We wish Father a safe and enjoyable trip!

LADIES OF CHARITY: There will be a Ladies of Charity meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 1:00pm in Conlin Hall. All ladies of Mary Immaculate Parish are invited and welcome to attend.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The LeRoy Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 12th behind the Save-A-Lot parking lot in LeRoy. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: The second collection this weekend, November 4th and 5th will be for the Catholic University. Please give as generously as you can.

CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to our parishioner, Jane Wright, who was the lucky winner of our \$500.00 raffle at the Parish Breakfast and also to Deacon Dan McGuire who won the lottery basket!!

IN THANKSGIVING: "As we gather the harvest and approach the season of Thanksgiving, it is time to thank God for all of the blessings that we have and to think about our local community members in need. At the masses on **November 18th & 19th**, we would like to continue our annual tradition of collecting non-perishable food items and/or monetary gifts in the large baskets at the entryways to our churches. These items will be donated to the Pavilion Food Pantry for distribution. Please make checks payable to "Pavilion Food Pantry". Thank you for your support!" *Father Innocent*

MAMA LOUISE LYNCH: On Tuesday, November 7th, our beloved Mama Louise Lynch will be celebrating her 100th birthday. At this time, Mama Louise is out of town and staying with her son for the winter months, but if any parishioner wanted to send her a birthday card it can be sent to:

Louise Lynch
c/o Michael Lynch
309 Ellis Road
Laurens, NY 13796

Thank you for making Mama Louise proud of her people and parishioners of Mary Immaculate Parish.
Father Innocent

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

The Diocesan Church Calendar Year has closed and the Finance Committee of the Parish recently met to approve the year-end report.

Father Innocent chose two capital projects (parking lot at East Bethany site and air conditioning for the Pavilion site) in the parish utilizing our share of the money we will receive from Upon This Rock as mandated by the Diocese. To date, we have received \$13,299.03 from the pledges honored by our parishioners. In order for the projects to be completed before receiving all the pledge money, the Finance Committee voted to use funds from the St. Joseph Investment Fund Account (savings account). As the pledges are honored and the diocese forwards our share (35%), it will be deposited into the St. Joseph Investment Fund. In order to balance the budget and the recent unexpected repairs to the septic system at the East Bethany site, additional funds will need to be withdrawn. The total amount withdrawn will be \$50,000.

We hope that our parishioners who have been very supportive of the church will continue to honor their pledges and continue with their weekly collections. As unexpected projects arise at our parish sites, we will share these with our church community.

Thank you for your continued support and God bless you and your family.

Parish Finance Committee

THINKING ABOUT STARTING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Hate the thought of facing crowded shopping malls or spending hours online looking for that perfect gift? We have the answer for you. Your one stop shopping experience could be right here at church!! On **February 3rd** we will have for the second year our new fundraiser '**WINTER ESCAPE.**' This is a family friendly event so be sure to get tickets and make it a great evening for everyone.

This exciting fundraiser starts with a Turkey Dinner at 5:30pm, catered by the **Farmer's Wife** and parishioner Shannon Harkens, followed by music at 6:30 pm by the **Red Creek Band**, which includes musician and parishioner Fran Norton and all for just **\$20 per ticket**. This is an event that you **DONOT WANT TO MISS** (Just ask those who came last year)!!

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the office or by using our order form available in the back of each church. Tickets are limited so be sure to get yours early.

'WINTER ESCAPE': This will be our second year with our new fundraiser. On February 3rd we will start with a delicious Turkey Dinner at 5:30 pm. After dinner, at 6:30 pm **Red Creek Band** will perform numerous numbers for your listening or dancing enjoyment. Along with great food and great music, we will have a Gift Basket raffle and begin selling tickets for our annual Lottery Basket.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting fundraiser and help your church out, please leave a message at the church office or contact Cheryl at 343-9184. We will be asking for donations of new or gently used items to make up our gift baskets. Keep this in mind as you do your fall cleaning or if you should get a gift that just doesn't suit you this holiday season (we don't mind re-gifting ☺).

Remember tickets are limited so, get yours early so you don't miss out!! If you are able to sell tickets for this event, please contact Cheryl at 343-9184.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend, please see Gina Szczesny if you are interested!

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The privileged work of ministry is never done for the sake of spectacle, but with utmost humility. What does your level of humility say about your sense of vocation? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

ALL SOULS DAY: Brothers and Sisters, it is once again that time of the year when we remember with love and nostalgia our departed loved ones. By that I mean, November – the month for the dead, beginning from November 2nd.

We will NEVER be done loving and remembering them, until we meet again with them in paradise.

Meanwhile; they need our help to make up for paradise. They need our masses, prayers and penance to make up for whatever remains of their guilts.

November is the most perfect month to do this. Are you ready to meet their longing expectations of you?

PLEASE; remember also the lonely: those who have nobody to remember and pray for them. God will certainly remember you for remembering them. Thank you! *Father Innocent*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus Kirby Council 0325 will be having an Open House to the Public Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

St. Mary's Church Hall
18 Ellicott St. Batavia NY
8:00am – 11:00am

Breakfast includes all you can eat
pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee, tea, milk

Adults \$5.00
Children 4-12 \$3.00
3 & under free

Door raffles and 50/50 drawing available

COLLECTION REMINDER: If there is a situation where you have to attend weekend mass elsewhere, remember to use your collection envelope for Mary Immaculate Parish. In that way, the parish you attended mass at, will mail it back to us. This is very important because we need every DIME you are able to support the church with. Thank you!

Father Innocent

REQUESTING FOR MASSES: If you would like to request a mass to be said, please contact the church office or use the monthly blue Mass Request envelopes that come with your envelope mailing. When you schedule a Mass, please remember that Masses are not just for praying for the repose of the souls of our departed loved ones. Masses can be said for your needs, or the needs of someone you know, for his or her recovery of health, for wedding anniversaries, birthday blessings, or in thanksgiving to God for favors received. It is one of the most gratifying things to do.

LUNCHEON & BAZAAR:

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
10675 Alleghany Road
Darien Center

Sunday, November 19, 2017
11:00am – 2:00pm

Lunch for shoppers and non-shoppers

Menu includes homemade soups & chili, hot dogs,
BBQ hamburgers, salad & beverage

There will also be craft vendors, cookie booth,
baked goods, raffles, etc.

Santa will be visiting. Bring your camera.

Bring your children and family and enjoy the
Christmas atmosphere.

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November 2017

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One Minute Meditations

St. Catherine Labouré

Born the ninth of eleven children to a French farming family, St.



Catherine eventually joined the Daughters of Charity. Shortly after, the Blessed Mother appeared to Catherine and asked to have a medal engraved with her image and the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee" engraved on it. The devotion spread quickly, but no one knew St. Catherine's involvement until soon before her death. She was canonized in 1947.

Counting Blessings

How do we handle inconveniences like an irritating coworker, a last-minute schedule change, or occasional miscommunication? God allows us trials so we can grow in virtue, to encourage us to trust him and open ourselves to his grace.

The next trial you face, thank God for his "blessings" and pray for his patience, humility, and grace.

"The Mass is long, you say, and I reply: 'Because your love is short.'" —St.

Josemaría Escrivá

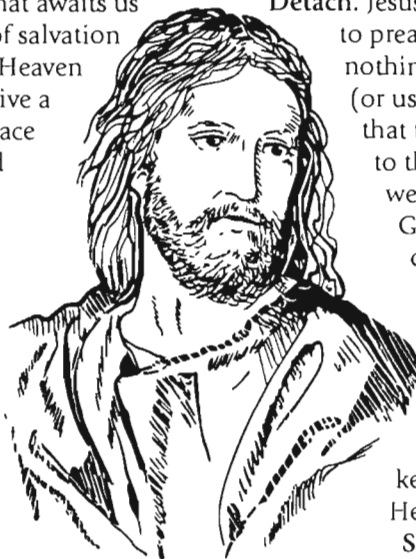


Do what Jesus did

It is hard to imagine how wonderful Heaven is or the joy that awaits us there. Jesus' mission of salvation while on Earth made Heaven possible for us, if we live a life of holiness and grace as he did. Jesus hoped we would do what he did ...

Service. While on Earth, Jesus' purpose was to serve God and others. He even performed servant tasks such as serving food and washing feet. He asked that we model his servant's heart.

Love. When he walked among us, Jesus reached out to those who felt unloved, comforted those who were suffering, and helped people draw closer to his Father. Try to show love in



these ways every day.

Detach. Jesus sent his disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn't want them (or us) distracted. He knew that the more stuff we have to think about, the less we'll think about God.

Give away whatever you don't absolutely need.

Pray. Jesus drew strength from time alone with God.

Spending quiet time with God each day will help keep you on the path to Heaven.

Sacrifice. The most perfect sacrifice offered to God was Jesus' death on the Cross. Yet, when we give up time, effort, or something we value out of love for God and others, we imitate Jesus' generosity.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor saints in our churches?

Saints are spiritual role models whose examples we can follow to Heaven. Viewing statues and images of them in our churches helps us to recall their heroic virtue and faithful love for God.

The statues, and the saints



themselves, are not meant to be objects of worship.

Instead, we recognize the good these holy people did and honor their examples. Just as in praising a painting we honor the painter, in praising the saints, we honor God who made them.

God loves us as we are

Most of us care about how we come across to other people. Choices about how we live, work, or dress can be influenced by a desire for others' approval. While it is only human to want to be liked, it's important to remember that God's opinion matters most. The best part? God always loves us.

His love never changes. Human standards change over time. Someone considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later,

friendships change or friends may move on. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are. There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and he adores us anyway. Go figure.

If God likes you, others may, too. To please God, we have to fill ourselves with love for him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around.



from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46, Judged on love

In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, his glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the Nations and the Judge of History. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we loved those who suffered among us.

The specific criteria for judgment is the basis for the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy,

which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.



In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the "blessed," respond with compassion and mercy? Or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs as he did.

Q & A What are indulgences?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). In other words, after certain conditions have been met, the Church prays that the punishment for one's sins – either on Earth or in Purgatory – will be reduced or eliminated.

Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and the prayers and good works of the saints during their lifetimes make indulgences possible. The Catechism compares this idea to something like an infinite bank account. The Church draws from the "treasury" of spiritual goods – prayers and sacrifices – of the saints and applies the benefits to those completing the indulgence (CCC #1476). To gain an indulgence, certain requirements must be met, including attending Confession, receiving Holy Communion and praying for the intentions of the pope.

Indulgences are only effective for sins that have already been forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession. Otherwise, we could be in danger of presuming on God's mercy or assuming God's forgiveness without true contrition.

Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day – a Holy Day of Obligation. In the early Church, there was a desire to celebrate saints and martyrs by assigning each a feast day. However, the Christian persecutions were so horrible that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

Nov. 14 – St. Lawrence O'Toole (1180). St. Lawrence was born in County Kildare, Ireland. When he was twelve, he was dedicated to God's service. St. Lawrence became Dublin's

second archbishop and a papal legate. He was canonized in 1225.

Nov. 16 – St. Margaret of Scotland (1093). Queen Margaret of Scotland was dedicated to caring for the poor. She washed beggars' feet and gave them alms. She fed orphans and destitute adults before eating her own meals.

Nov. 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.



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