

Mary Immaculate Parish



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 13 and 14, 2018

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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 – January 13 in Pavilion

Intention: All Souls
By: Parishioners

Sunday, 8:00am – January 14 in Pavilion

Intention: Ann Yanda Bradford (RIP)
By: Deanna Mastin

Sunday, 9:30am – January 14 in East Bethany

Intention: Dolores Schmidt (RIP)
By: Family

Saturday, 4:00pm – January 20 in Pavilion

Intention: All Souls
By: Parishioners

Sunday, 8:00am – January 21 in Pavilion

Intention: All Souls
By: Parishioners

Sunday, 9:30am – January 21 in East Bethany

Intention: James Heale, Sr. (RIP)
By: Family

DAILY MASS: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany
Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, January 16 – Weekday

Intention: All Souls
By: Parishioners

Wednesday, January 17 – Saint Anthony, Abbot

Intention: All Souls
By: Parishioners

Thursday, January 18 – Weekday

Intention: All Souls
By: Parishioners

Friday, January 19 – Weekday

Intention: Martha Morgan (RIP)
By: Debbie Davis

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME

PARISHIONERS: Audrey McNulty 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: Next meeting, January 18, 2018 at Immaculate Conception. All interested persons are welcome to attend:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Held at Immaculate Conception Hall - Starting in September.
Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

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| Regular Collection: (1/6 & 1/7) | \$ 2,422.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary: (Cumulative) | \$ 231.00 |

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

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm 66 (65):4

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, January 13 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

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

Sunday, January 14 – 8:00am – Pavilion

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

Sunday, January 14 – 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Evan & Shea Amberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Schmidt
Carol Wittman

Saturday, January 20 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Rae Snyder
Altar Servers: Michaela Stahler
Christopher Doody
Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce & Samantha Platek

Sunday, January 21 – 8:00am – Pavilion

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

Sunday, January 21 – 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Lisa Bernard
Altar Servers: Nathan & Hailey
Nearhood
Brandon Klancer
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Shaughnessy
Carol Wittman

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

January 21st
February 11th and 25th

LADIES OF CHARITY: The second collection this weekend, January 13th and 14th will be for the Ladies of Charity. Please give as generously as you can.

THANK YOU! Thank you to our St. Mary's family: We would like to extend a huge thank you to the following people of St. Mary's who helped make our daughter, Marcella's wedding on December 22, 2017, so special. It is a true testament to our parish community when our young folks want to come back and be married in the church in which they received all their sacraments. We are grateful for these members of our parish family and so appreciate the time and talents they shared with us for our wedding and for all they do for our parish community:

John and Kathy Saville
John and Sue Gould and the Gould Family
Bill and Ursula Fuest
Hans Kunze (Ursula's brother who supplied the perfect color of poinsettia)
Pat Tiede
Lisa Schiske
DR Roblee
Ron Colantonio
Pat LaPoint

A special thanks to Father Dave Glassmire for celebrating the mass and to Father Innocent for concelebrating. We hope you have enjoyed the beautiful flowers during this Christmas season, as we have enjoyed sharing them.

Marirose and Larry Ethington
Marcella and Garrett Carlson

ALL BABIES CHERISHED: Our bottle drive is off to a good start with 1/2 of our bottles returned. Those of you with bottles still at home please bring them in over the next few weekends so we can add them to the parish total. We should have preliminary numbers on the drive total next weekend.

“WINTER ESCAPE” Please check out the insert in this week’s bulletin. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 per person after Mass or by contacting the office on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 – 1. Don’t wait until we are sold out!! Get your ticket today!!

LOOKING FOR ITEMS FOR GIFT BASKETS: Gift Basket Raffles will be part of our **“WINTER ESCAPE.”** If you would like to put together a basket to donate or you drop off items for one, we will incorporate it into a basket for the **“WINTER ESCAPE.”** 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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: John the Baptist, while referring to Jesus, exclaimed, “Behold the Lamb of God!” This prompted Andrew and Simon Peter to follow Jesus. How is Jesus asking you to proclaim His name and make disciples for Him? 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.

YOU’RE INVITED TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING: In gratitude for the abundant blessings and success of the *Upon This Rock* campaign, please join Bishop Richard J Malone at one of the following community Masses of thanksgiving.

Tuesday, January 30 – Infant of Prague Parish, Cheektowaga – Mass at 5:30 p.m.; reception to follow

Friday, February 9 – St. Joseph Parish, Fredonia – Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow

Monday, February 12 – All Saints Parish, Lockport – Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow

Tuesday, February 13 – Ascension Parish, Batavia – Mass at 6:00 p.m.; reception to follow

Please select the Mass that is most convenient for you by visiting UponThisRockWNY.org/RSVP or call 716.847.8740

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: In today’s scripture readings we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. God is calling Samuel to a life of service and the young man answers with great willingness, knowing this is how he will find lasting peace and happiness in his life. Throughout the history of the Church, many saints answered God’s call with the same willingness to do his will, finding purpose in serving the poor, feeding the hungry, or caring for the sick. We too should be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to respond like the Psalmist, “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.” Answering God’s call leads us to a deeper relationship with him and others. And that will lead us to peace.

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930 AM, WLOF 101.7 FM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

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.

Live. Love. Laugh.

Trust God 

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WINTER ESCAPE

When: **FEBRUARY 3, 2018**

What to expect:

TURKEY DINNER

prepared by 'The Farmer's Wife' 5:30 pm

RED CREEK BAND

performing from 6:30 - 10:30 pm

RAFFLES:

Gift Basket Raffle filled with amazing items

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LOTTERY BASKET RAFFLE – featuring \$200 in Lottery Tickets

(to be raffled off at our Parish Breakfast 10/21/18)



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HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH OUR FUNDRAISER

- ♥ Tell EVERYONE you know about this wonderful event
- ♥ Help us sell tickets
- ♥ Purchase your tickets before we sell out
- ♥ Drop off items for our Gift Basket Raffle
- ♥ Volunteer to help before, during or after our event

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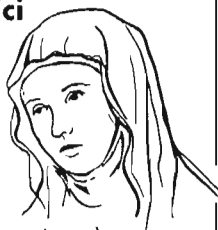
One Minute Meditations

St. Angela Merici

Born in Italy, St.

Angela and her sister were

raised by an uncle after the deaths of their parents. Angela received the vocational call as a teenager. Her sister died without receiving the Sacraments, so Angela became a Third Order Franciscan to pray for her. She opened her home as a girls' school for religious education. She was later inspired by a vision to start a religious community to educate young women, and founded the Ursuline Order.



The face of God

God doesn't want us to sacrifice our own wellbeing, but does want us to willingly bring his love to other people. It can be uncomfortable being his loving face to others. This means being patient with those who annoy us, kind to those who are demanding, and forgiving to those who haven't asked.

"Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips" (Proverbs 27:2).



Move closer to God in the New Year

While contemplating your New Year's resolutions, wouldn't it be great to make at least one change this year that brings you closer to God?

Consider these ideas from other Catholics to strengthen your prayer life, learn more about your faith, or serve your parish.

Greg was bored with his prayer routine and wanted a change. His priest suggested he try a novena, nine days of focused prayer. So, Greg chose a novena to the Immaculate Conception. He loved the meditations and felt a connection to Our Lady. Soon, he became hooked on novenas. Once again, he was excited to spend time in prayer.

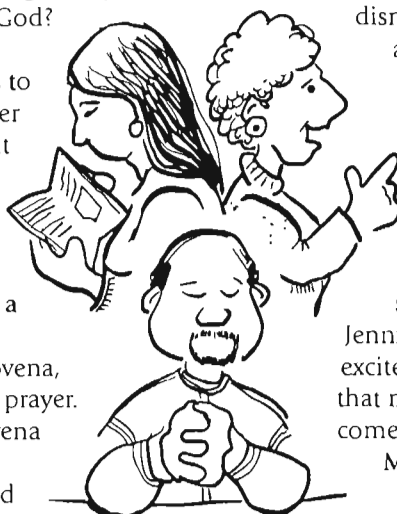
Jennifer's husband is not Catholic

and asks lots of questions about her faith. Her own religious education ended years ago, and she became dismayed when she couldn't answer his questions.

Learning that adult faith formation classes were starting in her parish, Jenn jumped at the chance to learn more. "Everything I discover helps me to grow stronger in my faith," Jennifer declared. "I'm so excited by what I'm learning that my husband wants to come, too."

Maureen's children are grown and on their own, yet she teaches a

religious education class at her parish. "What better way to evangelize our faith than to share it with children? That's where I can do some real good," she said.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

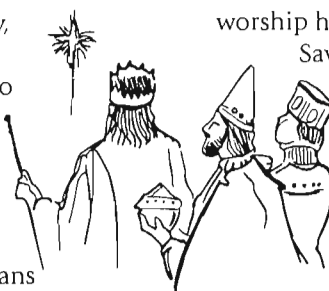
Why do Catholics celebrate Epiphany?

On the feast of Epiphany, we recall the adoration of Jesus by the wise men, who had traveled "from the East." They were looking for the newborn king of the Jews, though they themselves were not Jewish. "Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and

worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world"

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #528*).

The Epiphany celebrates the revelation of the Messiah to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to the rest of the world.



Adopt a three-point plan for holiness in the New Year

All Christians are called to holiness. *"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, *"For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is*

drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

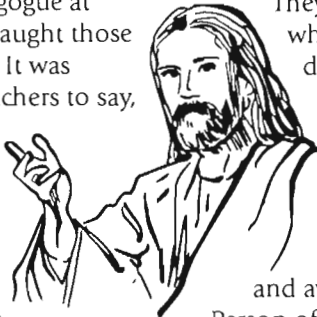


Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

from Scripture

Mark 1:21-28, God's authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered for the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, "Thus says the Lord..." Instead Jesus said, "I say to you..." He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.



His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate man at the

synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God's power and authority isn't just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, "Jesus is Lord," then we give him our loyalty and obedience.

Q & A I make terrible decisions. How can I do better?

It's true that bad decisions can lead to sin. Try to take a formal approach to decision making.



Get all the facts. That helps you know your options.

Pray. Place yourself in God's presence and ask for his guidance.

Listen to your conscience. Your conscience is the ability within you that helps you discern right from wrong. "Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him ... to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil." (CCC #1777)

Choose to do the right thing, choose to follow your conscience. This requires courage.

Ask for help. When in doubt, ask a trusted advisor.

Be accountable. Take responsibility for any decisions you make and for their consequences. Although blaming others in some cases is justified, it usually is not productive.

Admit mistakes. Learn from mistakes you make and apply what you have learned to future situations. Don't get thrown by errors. Continue to persevere, despite setbacks.

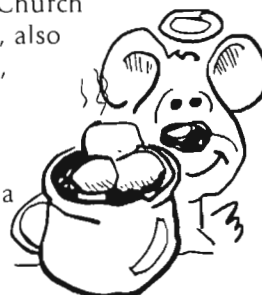
Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Because this feast day is on a Monday, Mass attendance is optional (but encouraged) this year.

Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century). Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century). Timothy was a convert of St. Paul's and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul's, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



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