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March 3 and 4, 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 – March 3 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Norton (RIP)

By: Roger Norton, Brian and Jane Dills

Sunday, 8:00am – March 4 in Pavilion

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

By: Father Innocent

Sunday, 9:30am – March 4 in East Bethany

Intention: Safety & Protection of US Military Personnel

By: John & Marita Midwick

Saturday, 4:00pm – March 10 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For their spiritual and material well-being

By: Father Innocent

Sunday, 8:00am – March 11 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For the repose of the souls of their departed loved ones

By: Father Innocent

Sunday, 9:30am – March 11 in East Bethany

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – That the Lord may continue to deepen their faith in Him

By: Father Innocent

DAILY MASS: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany

Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, March 6 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Religious Liberty

By: Father Innocent

Wednesday, March 7 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Children & adults affected by tragedy

By: Father Innocent

Thursday, March 8 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Parishioners in the Military

By: Father Innocent

Friday, March 9 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: My people of Nigeria

By: Father Innocent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Cindy Bishop, Julia Barniak, Cathleen Vania, Joseph Dean, David Welliver, Emma Burkell, Catherine Schmidt, Jody Shepard, Mark Volpe, Carl Taylor, Doris Elliott, Father Richard, Father Kemp and Father Innocent

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS: Rose Gould

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, March 22, 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

Regular Collection: (2/24 & 2/25)	\$1,947.52
Black & Indian Missions: (Cumulative)	\$ 257.00
Winter Fuel: (Cumulative)	\$1,659.00

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When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will our clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

cf. Ezekiel 36:23-26

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, March 3 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Rae Snyder
Altar Servers: Elijah & Jacob Iten

Sunday, March 4 – 8:00am – Pavilion

Lector: Carol Pursel
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson

Sunday, March 4 – 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Mike Jackson
Altar Servers: Nathan & Hailey
Nearhood
Brandon Klancer

Saturday, March 10 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Dan Gangi
Altar Servers: Sara & Samantha Platek

Sunday, March 11 – 8:00am – Pavilion

Lector:
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson

Sunday, March 11 – 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Addison & Jayden Harkins

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

March 4th and 11th
April 22nd and 29th

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

Friday, March 9th – Pavilion

Friday, March 16th – East Bethany

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a coffee hour after the 8:00am Mass in Conlin Hall **this Sunday, March 4th**. All are welcome!!

DEAR PARISHIONERS OF MARY

IMMACULATE: I am so pleased to announce to you that, so far our parish has gotten returns from the “Upon This Rock” campaign in the following amounts:

August 10, 2017 - \$13,299.03

February 14, 2018 - \$4,738.24

Total \$18,037.27

Thank you for being faithful to the payment of your pledges. Please keep it up, so we do not miss on our returns which we are already putting into use. As already placed in the bulletin, if you have any problems or questions with your pledges or payments, please call Laura Genco at 716-847-8740. Once more, thank you and congratulations to all of us! **Father Innocent**

WINTER ESCAPE: For all who worked so hard on our newest fundraiser, your work paid off!! We had a profit of \$ 2,242.32!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! We are already making plans for next year’s event and are always interested in your thoughts, ideas, and help. Once next year’s date has been finalized, we will post it in the bulletinas it gets closer.

WINTER FUEL COLLECTION: My Beloved Parishioners; PLEASE remember the Winter Fuel Collection was last weekend (Feb. 17 & 18). Our energy bills have risen astronomically because of the extreme cold weather conditions. This is just a friendly reminder, please be as generous as you have been in the past. Thank you for all your support to our lovely Parish.

Thank you, *Father Innocent*

OUR FIRST CHICKEN BBQ OF 2018!! 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 14th at 5:00pm**
scrub potatoes and set up
- **Saturday, March 17th at 9:00am**
grease and wrap potatoes and finish set up
- **Sunday, March 18th**, 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 2018 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.

UPON THIS ROCK: If you have any questions or concerns regarding your "Upon This Rock" pledge, please call 716-847-8740.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus driving the moneychangers out of the temple and admonishing them for misusing (or exploiting) a place of worship. What may seem like a rare fit of anger is actually Jesus demonstrating a real passion for his faith, that is, his deep love for God. We can all follow the example of Jesus and show a little more passion for our faith. Of course, we don't have to go overturning tables and chasing away sheep and oxen. But consistent participation in Mass is one way to demonstrate our passion for our faith. Volunteering to help out with church functions and activities is another. Through our acts of charity and justice towards each other we live our faith and show our love for God. Focusing on putting God and others before ourselves will, strangely enough, lead to our own true happiness and fulfillment.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Jesus was outraged when He saw the Temple, which was the most sacred place and intended for prayer, being used rather as a marketplace. Jesus' heart was also broken because He knew that the people's irreverence meant they had lost sight of His Father's goodness. How is Jesus asking you to help restore reverence and appreciation for God? 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.

MARRIAGE MOMENT: How is your Lenten resolution coming? Is it bringing you closer to your beloved? Consider that both God and your spouse are your beloved. Sacrificing for one can give you a window into how to become closer to the other. Contemplate sacrificial love today.

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE: How do you and your children pray? Is it memorized, spontaneous, short, frequent, irregular? Talk together about your favorite style of prayer. Do it! Family quiz: Do you know where Surinam is and what it has to do with prayer?
<https://worlddayofprayer.net/about.html>.

FOR THE HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET ARE THE FOLLOWING: (March 29, 2018)

Chuck Bishop	D.R. Roblee
Richard Costa	Richard Welliver
Jeremy Warner	Jason Nearhood
James Griep	Mike Klein
Mark Norton	Dan Logsdon
George Pursel	Theodore Meyer
Bob Shepard, Jr.	Cole Rauscher
Charlie Urbanczyk	Evan Amberger

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

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.

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.

2018 LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm

March 9th – Pavilion

March 16th – East Bethany

March 23rd – 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: (March 24 & 25, 2018)

In Pavilion: 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: (March 29, 2018) - 7:00pm

Pavilion - The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Ceremonies: (March 30, 2018)

5:00pm – East Bethany - Stations of the Cross

6:00pm – East Bethany - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: (March 31, 2018)

8:30pm - Easter Vigil in Pavilion

(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.

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March 2018

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One Minute Meditations

St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Margaret Clitherow was born in York, England in 1555. She was raised Protestant but became a Catholic soon after she married. When Queen Elizabeth I outlawed Catholicism, St. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding Catholic priests in her house so they could say Mass in secret. In 1586, Margaret was arrested. Instead of being afraid, she was serenely joyful during her time in prison. She refused to renounce her faith and died a martyr.



St. Joseph

March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, honors the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is the patron of the Universal Church and protector of families.

"You are praising God when you do your day's work. You are praising him when you eat and drink. You are praising him when you rest on your bed. You are praising him when you are asleep. So when are you not praising him?"

St. Augustine



"Who, then, is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) challenges our idea of who is a stranger. As followers of Jesus, we know that it is not acceptable to care only for people who are like ourselves. Our faith calls us to look beyond borders and see all people as neighbors. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" (Luke 6:32).

Who is a neighbor? Jesus never directed us to like everyone, but he raised love of neighbor to the level of a Commandment. And he doesn't allow us to be selective.

The snarky coworker or unpleasant older person who lives next door?

Both are neighbors we are asked to love. Customers who harp on the tiny mistakes we make, or relatives who love to point out our flaws?

Neighbors. People from around the world whose values and behavior are foreign to us? Neighbors, all.

What is neighbor love? It starts by seeing those around us – truly looking past the outer appearance and learning names, personal stories, circumstances.

Praying for others – whether we know them personally or not – is a powerful way to love them.

Neighbor love isn't blind to others' sin but it requires focusing on our own first. We love neighbors best by letting them witness in us the fullness of a life in Christ.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have crucifixes in church?

The crucifix – a cross with Jesus' body on it – reminds us of the price of our salvation and God's infinite love for us; "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son to death on a cross" (John 3:16).

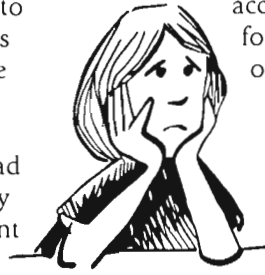


A crucifix helps us to remember that the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1545). During Mass, Jesus, through the priest, offers himself to the Father for us.

Why does God let bad things happen?

"If God is good, why does he allow bad things to happen?" In our hearts, we may know that God is loving and doesn't want us to suffer, but it can be difficult to see his plan when trouble strikes. The key is to stay close and trust his love.

Draw closer to him. Sometimes God allows bad things to happen because he knows that adversity can draw us closer to him. Take the Old Testament hero, Joseph, for example (Genesis 37-50). He was sold into slavery by his own brothers, falsely



accused by his master's wife, and unjustly imprisoned for years. Eventually he was released and became one of the most powerful men in Egypt.

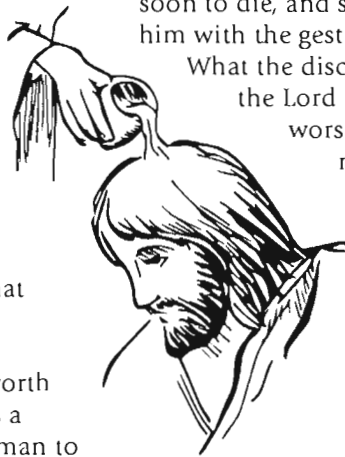
Stay connected. Throughout his suffering, Joseph kept his friendship with God strong so he could see God's hand in his life. When his brothers begged for forgiveness, Joseph was able to answer, *"Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good, to achieve his present end, the survival of many people."*

from Scripture

Mark 14:1-15, 47, Waste or worship?

In this reading, we follow the march of events toward Jesus' death. It begins in Bethany with a woman pouring a costly ointment over Jesus' head and horrifying the disciples with a frivolous use of an expensive material. However, Jesus silenced them, pointing out that "she has anointed my body beforehand for burying."

The ointment was costly – worth about one year's wages. It was a significant sacrifice for the woman to make. Yet, unlike the disciples, the woman understood that Jesus was



soon to die, and she meant to honor him with the gesture.

What the disciples saw as waste, the Lord understood as worship. Jesus saw her material offering as "a beautiful thing." She took one of her most honored possessions and gave it to Jesus in an unusual act of devotion. Rather than

consider it a loss, Jesus felt honored by it.

Q & A How do I make a good Confession?

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) can sometimes feel like an obligation instead of an encounter with God's mercy, but it doesn't have to be that way. Try these tips for a more joyful Reconciliation.

Examine your conscience. Compare your actions to the principles of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). Bring to the confessional the significant ways you have failed to live up to them.

Confess the small ones, too. Participating in the Sacrament frequently means that you may only have venial (minor) sins to confess. Confess them anyway. Piling up venial sins can lessen our resistance and pave the way for mortal sin. Confessing keeps our consciences sharp.

Express contrition and resolve to avoid sin. Ask for the grace to continue growing in holiness and avoiding evil.

The point of the Sacrament is to reconcile us with the God who loves us more than we can imagine, and who is always eager to forgive us. Confession helps us come back and begin again.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 600). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c. 461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the

Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 25 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.



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