

Mary Immaculate Parish



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11th and May 12th, 2019

Immaculate Conception
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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
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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 – May 11 in East Bethany

Intention: Wanda Raymond (RIP)
(Birthday Remembrance)
By: Dave & Ron Colantonio

Sunday, 8:00am – May 12 in Pavilion

Intention: Patricia Clifford (RIP)
By: Louise Lynch, Michael Lynch & Family

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

Intention: Anna Rapone (RIP)
By: Conrad & Margaret Gifford

Saturday, 4:00pm – May 18 in East Bethany

Intention: Denise Lehmann (RIP)
By: Christine Dailey

Sunday, 8:00am – May 19 in Pavilion

Intention: John Clary (RIP)
(Birthday Remembrance)
By: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Clary

Sunday, 9:30am – May 19 in East Bethany

Intention: Vic Anziano (RIP) &
Catherine Cochran (RIP)
By: Family

DAILY MASS: 8:30 am

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

Tuesday, May 14 – Saint Matthias, Apostle

Intention: For God's Continued Protection of Our
Service Men & Women
By: Father Innocent

Wednesday, May 15 – Easter Weekday

Intention: For Liberty and Freedom All Over the
World
By: Father Innocent

Thursday, May 16 – Easter Weekday

Intention: For the Intentions of the Easter Flower
Donors
By: Father Innocent

Friday, May 17 – Easter Weekday

Intention: For the Intentions of the Easter Flower
Donors
By: Father Innocent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Julia Barniak, Joseph Dean, David Welliver, Emma Burkell, Carl Taylor, Doris Elliott, Bonny Winspear, Jimmy Stothers, Erica Dombrowski, Mary Shaughnessy, Maverick Brumsted-Shaw, Jerry Rider, Jr., Sharon Gebel, Ron Krezmien, Robert Collette, Herman Hensel and Father Richard.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME

PARISHIONERS: Rose Gould, Louise Lynch and Barbara Edwards

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, Hunter Schiske and Sgt. Mike Steffenella

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Next meeting, May 16, 2019, Pavilion. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

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

UPON THIS ROCK: For "Upon This Rock" pledge questions, please call 716-847-8740.

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT	
Regular Collection: (5/4 & 5/5)	\$ 2219.00
Cath. Home Mission (cumulative)	\$ 383.00
 <i>Please make checks payable to "Mary Immaculate Parish"</i> 	

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, May 11 – 4:00pm – *East Bethany*

Lector: Elaine Lemley
Altar Servers: Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce Platek
Rae Snyder

Sunday, May 12 – 8:00am - *Pavilion*

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

Sunday, May 12- 9:30am – *East Bethany*

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Addison & Jayden
Harkins
Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Schmidt
Ryan Shormann

Saturday, May 18 – 4:00pm – *East Bethany*

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

Sunday, May 19 – 8:00am - *Pavilion*

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

Sunday, May 19- 9:30am – *East Bethany*

Lector: Lisa Bernard
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Schmidt
Carol Wittman

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

There is a religious education class on May 19th but this will be community service for the chicken BBQ.

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a Coffee Hour after 8:00am Mass on Sunday, June 2nd at Conlin Hall. All are welcome!!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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.

WHAT AMAZING PARISHIONERS WE HAVE:

We were in need of rather costly repairs to the Immaculate Conception Hall. Once a few of our parishioners heard of this, donations came in. The cost of the new expensive door for the ticket room and the cost for some of the plumbing was donated, making the cost to the parish greatly reduced. Add to this the donation of time and effort from Bob Shepard and Don Urbanczyk and what an amazing group of individuals!! We sincerely thank the generosity of these parishioners!!

DESSERT DISHES: There are still a few baking dishes in the back of Immaculate Conception Church. You can pick them up after mass this weekend. Please feel free to re-fill them for our last **Chicken BBQ** on May 19th with those wonderful desserts.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN BBQ! Our many thanks to all who helped to make our second Chicken BBQ of 2019 a success! Without everyone's help, this could not have happened. We only have one more BBQ to go and it is on **Sunday, May 19th**.

Though we were blessed with our many wonderful and dedicated volunteers, we could use a few more. Besides helping on the Wednesday and Saturday before the BBQ, **help is needed in the pie room, pump room and dining room.** So, if you could spare an hour or more for our next BBQ, it would be greatly appreciated. **Please do not wait to be asked,** just show up and ask for Cheryl.

We sincerely thank God for the help and support he gives us through the amazing generosity of our parishioners.

Father Innocent

SPRING RAFFLE: Our Spring Raffle is well underway, with ticket returns to date amounting to \$1317.00. These returns came from sales at the BBQs, and from 61 of our parishioners. Those parishioners make up 22.5% of our families, so for all of us waiting to make our returns ... NOW is the time! We have the weekend of 5/11-12 to make returns via the mass collections, as the drawing is Sunday 5/19 at our last BBQ. **On that weekend,** please bring the tickets to the BBQ. If you put it into the Sunday collection, the counters may not find it until after the drawing, and you will miss out. Best of luck to all and thank you for your generosity.

MEMORY & FRIENDS: The Hope Center of LeRoy, Catholic Charities and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund are offering a **Free Social Day Respite Care Program** serving persons with mild to moderate dementia. The Hope Center of LeRoy's Memory & Friends provides trained volunteers who provide fun, purposeful supervised activities while you take a much needed break. It is held the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10:00am to 2:30pm and located at Hope Center of LeRoy, 42 Main St, LeRoy. The program starts May 8th. Registration is required. For more information contact Melinda Stedman, at mstedman.hopecenter@gmail.com.

FAITH MOMENT: Has anyone ever asked you why you go to church? Of course there are different answers to that question, but one of the primary reasons is found in today's readings. We go to learn. From God and from others. We gather to hear God's Word. We listen as it is interpreted for us by our priests and deacons who help us understand what it means in our life. Today's scripture elaborates, telling us why people gathered on the Sabbath. It was, "to hear the word of the Lord." Paul and Barnabas urged those listening to the Word of the Lord to "remain faithful to the grace of God." Do we realize that God's word, the Sunday readings, is a grace – a gift – from God? Through it we learn how to live a fuller, happier life. So continue to come to Church and let God's word guide your life. In doing so you will find the joy He wants for you.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA: The Parish Council will take place on May 16th at 7pm in Pavilion. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Approval of last month's minutes
- Review of financial reports
- Old Business
 - Update on the second BBQ result and the third BBQ preparations
 - Follow-up on fundraising ideas
 - Update on the leaks at Immaculate Conception Hall
 - Follow-up on Father Conlin
- New Business
 - The two Statues of Mother Mary, the Patroness of Our Parish, are in very bad shape
- Other

CONGRATULATIONS: On behalf of the parishioners of Mary Immaculate Parish, congratulations to the students in Grade 2 who made their First Reconciliation on Sunday, May 5th at our Immaculate Conception Church in East Bethany.

Samuel Beck
Noah Leitten

Riley Grice
Bryce Nearhood

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our children are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 12th at Immaculate Conception Church in East Bethany at the 9:30am Mass. Please pray for our young ones as they get ready to receive this very special sacrament. We pray that we be good examples for them to continue to be good Catholics.

Olivia Harkins
Liam Strathearn
Simon Stringham

REMINDER!! If you have travel plans or just happen to be attending a different church, you can still use your offertory envelope. It will make its way back to your home parish courtesy of the church you attended. It will be mailed to Mary Immaculate Parish for credit to your home parish and your church account. So, feel free to keep donating and using your envelopes. If you have any questions please contact the parish office.

PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND: This weekend (May 11th and 12th), the second collection will be for Mary Immaculate Parish's Maintenance Fund. There will always be repairs on our buildings. The maintenance fund proceeds are used to help defray some of the cost of these repairs. Please consider using your Parish Maintenance Fund envelope to help maintain our beautiful worship sites and give as generously as you can.

Father Innocent

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We are in need of Religious Education volunteers. Please consider a very rewarding gift of time. Please call/speak to Father Innocent or call Christine Bow at (585)576-3576.

Mother's Day

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called "Mother's Day" – dedicated "to the best mother in the world, your mother."

For the first few years, the day was observed as a legal holiday, but in absolute simplicity and reverence—church services were held in honor of all mothers, living and dead.

A Prayer For Mothers

All-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise
for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers.
who give life and count toes and tend to our every need
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness
to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers
who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide
in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated
from their children because of war, poverty. Or conflict
May they feel the loving embrace of
our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers
but still love and shapes us
with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers,
and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

Church Humour

Mother Superior calls all the Nuns together and says, "I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent."

"Thank God," said an elderly Nun at the back. "I'm so sick of Chardonay!"

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May 2019

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One Minute Meditations

St. John Baptist de Rossi

Born in Voltaggio, Italy, St. John Baptist de Rossi was born to devout, middle class parents. Being an excellent student, he was invited

to join the Roman College at the age of thirteen! Ten years later, John was ordained a priest. He spent his days serving prisoners, workers, and the patients of the local hospitals and his nights ministering to the poor people of the street. He died of illness, worn out by his labors.

Turn to Mary

During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, too). Turn to her for guidance and protection and she will bring you to her Son: "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."

"His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (John 2:5).



Add more joy to your life

Joy is more than a feeling – it comes from making choices that are pleasing to God. Try these tips to add joy to your life.

Give three compliments every day. "Like golden apples in silver settings are words spoken at the proper time" (Proverbs 25:11).

Look for the silver lining in every cloud. "Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good, to achieve his present end, the survival of many people" (Genesis 50:20).

Make the best of any situation. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

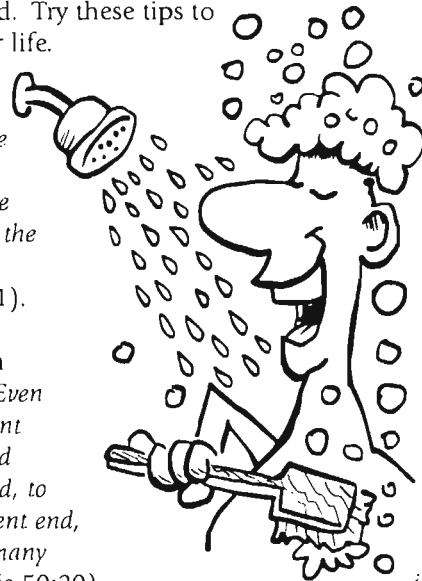
Tip generously, give freely to the needy. "He who confers benefits will be amply enriched, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25).

Say, "thank you," often. "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Sing in the shower. "But I shall sing of your strength, extol your love at dawn, for you are my fortress, my refuge in time of trouble" (Psalm 59:17).

Trust God's judgment more than your own. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

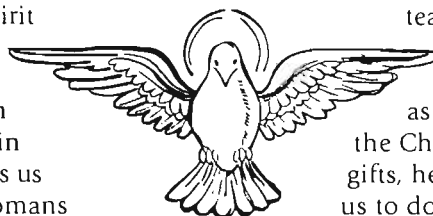


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics invoke the Holy Spirit?

As the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is invoked every time we make the Sign of the Cross. In Baptism, he dwells in our souls and makes us children of God (Romans 8:15). He makes us

receptive to God's grace. He also teaches and helps us to pray. He guides and protects us, just as he guides and protects the Church. Through his gifts, he inspires and enables us to do the good we ought to do.



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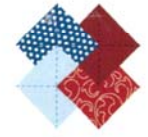
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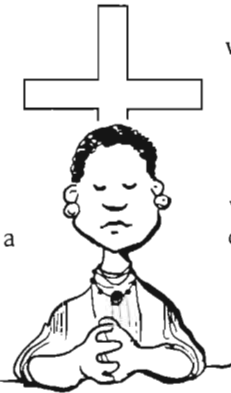
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What will you keep after Easter?

Lent is a chance to take a look at our lives, jettison what is bad, and keep what is good beyond the celebration of Easter. What will you keep after the Easter season?

Fasting? Skipping a meal and spending the time in prayer is a great way to prepare for an important decision or a critical task we are about to take on. It's a way of saying, "God's will be done."

Doing more with less? The simplicity of Lent reminds us of how much we have and how little



we really need. Keep going through the closets and bookshelves of your life and give away what you don't absolutely need.

Thinking of others? American Catholics have more than any Catholics in the world today. When we feel hunger or can't buy everything we want, we can think of our brothers and sisters around the world who are hungry or needy all the time. Being Catholic unites us to the one Body of Christ no matter where we are.

from Scripture

John 14:23-29, Jesus keeps his promises

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus' Farewell Speech at the Last Supper. After spending three years together, he had to prepare the close-knit group for his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven. Yet, before he ascended, he promised to remain with them always (Matthew 28:20).



guide and comfort them. He gave them the gift of his peace, and he promised that he would return to them.

It's tempting to think that being Catholic would be easier if we could see Jesus and hear his voice. In fact, he continues to be spiritually present in his

Church: in her worship, prayer, sacraments, and charitable outreach. He is especially present in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity (CCC, #1374). We don't have to go back in time. We see him at every Mass.

Jesus assured his disciples—and us today—that, even though they wouldn't see him, he would continue to be invisibly but powerfully present to them if they kept his word. He and his Father would dwell in them by grace. He would send the Holy Spirit to

Q Can I have a devotion to Mary and still worship God well?

One question frequently asked of Catholics is, "Why do you worship Mary?" In fact, we don't worship Mary. Worship is the adoration we give to



God where we acknowledge him as Creator, Savior, and Lord. Mary is a creature like us. She is not divine, so we can't worship her.

However, we can honor her. She is the Mother of God, since Jesus is God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #495). Secondly, on the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our mother and entrusted us to her care (John 19:26-27). Thirdly, we honor her for the good she did and still does for us, and for her holiness.

God is not jealous of our devotion to Mary, just as an artist wouldn't be jealous if his greatest masterpieces were praised. Turning to Mary for her intercession isn't a problem either. Mary's role (and ours) is to help get us to Heaven, which is exactly what God wants, too. Be rest assured, Mary always leads us to her Son, Jesus.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (1917): The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children near Fatima, Portugal and asked that they pray the Rosary for peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia.

May 15 – St. Isidore the Farmer (1170). Born in Madrid to a poor farming family, he married St. Mary de la Cabeza and worked for a wealthy landowner. He spent many hours in prayer and caring for the sick and poor. It is said his food baskets were never empty.

May 25 – Pope St. Gregory VII (1085). Pope Gregory worked to eliminate corruption in the Church and defended it from attacks on its authority. For this he suffered and died in exile.

May 30 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven.

Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.



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