

# Mary Immaculate Parish



*St. Mary's*  
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*Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor*  
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Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25th and May 26th, 2019

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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.*

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## *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 – May 25 in East Bethany**  
Intention: Brenda Costa (RIP)  
By: Family

**Sunday, 8:00am – May 26 in Pavilion**  
Intention: Nellie Colvin  
(Everlasting Peace, Good Health & Happiness)  
By: Ladies of Charity

**Sunday, 9:30am – May 26 in East Bethany**  
Intention: Harold Schmidt (RIP)  
By: Family  
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**Saturday, 4:00pm – June 1 in East Bethany**  
Intention: John Colantonio (RIP)  
(Anniversary of Death)  
By: Dave & Ron Colantonio

**Sunday, 8:00am – June 2 in Pavilion**  
Intention: For Our Parish Fundraising Volunteers,  
For Their Selfless Service to Our Parish,  
That God May Reward Them in His Best Way  
By: Father Innocent

**Sunday, 9:30am – June 2 in East Bethany**  
Intention: Catherine Schmidt (RIP)  
By: Debbie Schmidt  
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**DAILY MASS: 8:30 am**

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

**Tuesday, May 28 – Easter Weekday**  
Intention: For the Intentions of the Easter Flower Donors  
By: Father Innocent

**Wednesday, May 29 – Easter Weekday**  
Intention: For the Deepest Desires of Our Hearts  
By: Father Innocent

**Thursday, May 30 – The Ascension of the Lord**  
**8:30am** - Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners –  
For What They Ask of God the Most  
By: Father Innocent

**7:00pm** – Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners –  
Thanking God for the Gift of Our Faith as Catholics  
By: Father Innocent

**Friday, May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
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, June 20, 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.

<b>MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT</b>	
<b>Regular Collection: (5/18 &amp; 5/19)</b>	\$ 1795.00
<b>Parish Maint. Fund (cumulative)</b>	\$ 1605.00
<b>Church in Latin America</b>	\$ 315.00
 <b><i>Please make checks payable to “Mary Immaculate Parish”</i></b>  	

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

**Lector**  
**Altar Server**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Schedule:**

**Saturday, May 25 – 4:00pm – *East Bethany***

**Lector:** Dan Gangi  
**Altar Servers:** Michaela Stahler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Samantha Platek  
Bruce Platek

**Sunday, May 26 – 8:00am - *Pavilion***

**Lector:** Owen Sidhu  
**Altar Servers:** John Callari  
Cathy Johnson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Callari  
Cathy Johnson

**Sunday, May 26- 9:30am – *East Bethany***

**Lector:** Mary Shaughnessy  
**Altar Servers:** Brandon Klancer  
Even Sidhu  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ryan Shormann  
Carol Wittman

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**Saturday, June 1 – 4:00pm – *East Bethany***

**Lector:** Ron Colantonio  
**Altar Servers:** Chris Doody  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rae Snyder  
Bruce Platek

**Sunday, June 2 – 8:00am - *Pavilion***

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

**Sunday, June 2- 9:30am – *East Bethany***

**Lector:** Mike Jackson  
**Altar Servers:** Nathan & Hailey  
Nearhood  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ryan Shormann  
Debbie Schmidt

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

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:** This Holy Day of Obligation is **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Masses will be:

8:30 AM - Immaculate Conception  
7:00 PM - St. Mary's

**A SUCCESSFUL BBQ!!** Thanks to all who helped in any way to make our last Chicken BBQ of 2019 a success. We thank our Church School Students for their smiles and energy while serving our patrons. We are grateful for the many who helped on Wednesday night, the few that helped on Saturday and those who worked on Sunday – you make doing these BBQ's such a pleasure. Working together is such a wonderful way of getting to know one another and creating new friendships. Our parish is blessed to have such dedicated and hard working parishioners.

We especially want to give a **HEARTFELT thank you to Bob and Kathy Shepard** for their unwavering devotion and hard work to make every BBQ a success. Chairing the BBQ requires a lot of extra work that, sight unseen, is done without complaint and with extreme efficiency. We cannot thank them enough!!

**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**



**CHICKENS:** A few of our delicious chicken remain. You can purchase a 2 pack of chicken for \$12.00. There is also 3 – 10 lb. containers of coleslaw left. You can purchase them for \$10 per container. If you are interested you can call Kathy Shepard at 585-738-3057.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND:** On May 11th and 12<sup>th</sup>, the second collection was for Mary Immaculate Parish's Maintenance Fund. The maintenance fund proceeds are used to help defray costs of much needed repairs to our church buildings. Please consider giving for this fund. We need every penny we could get for our buildings and ground's maintenance.

### ***Father Innocent***

**REMINDER!!** If you 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.

**FAITH MOMENT:** Have you ever been asked to advocate for your point of view? Then you can probably empathize with the Christians of 2000 years ago. During the early Church, there was much discussion among the leaders as to the direction the Church should take. We see different groups coming together, debating, compromising and deciding on what practices the Church would follow. They were, in essence, advocates of the Church. It's not unlike what we might see in society or in business today, as people work to determine goals and plans. There is one big difference, however. The early Christians turned to the Holy Spirit for guidance in deciding on the right thing to do. And the church flourished. The spirit of God is always by our side too – ready to counsel and assist us. In your roles as a leader -- in business, the community, or even as a parent – remember God is your advocate. Ask Him for help in making the right decisions.

*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](http://www.faithmomentsonline.org).*

**BULLETIN UPDATE:** Many of us have enjoyed reading the Faith Moment along with the Parenting Perspective and the Marriage Moment. For now this information is not available for print. If it becomes available in the future we will bring it to you.

**SPRING RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS:** The winners of our Spring Raffle are:

\$500.00 – Pat Tiede  
\$200.00 – Estate of Irene Cecere  
Congratulations!

Our thanks to Mike & Kathy Jackson for chairing our Spring Raffle each year and for their hard work and devotion to our parish.

**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.

### **REPAINTING OF OUR STATUES OF MARY:**

The winter weather and spring rains have taken their toll on our beloved statues of our patron, Mary. The face and hands of Mary in Pavilion are in need of touching up and the entire statue of Mary in East Bethany needs to be repainted. If anyone knows of a painter who is trained in painting outdoor statues, please let the parish office know of their name and contact number. If anyone is interested in donating funds to this renovation project, please feel free to drop your donation in the collection basket stating on an envelope "Mary Project," along with your name and envelope number so you can get credit for your donation. As our patron, we cannot let Mary remain in anything but the best of condition which would represent our love for her.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** On behalf of the parishioners of Mary Immaculate Parish, congratulations to Anthony Warner who made his First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church in Pavilion. Please pray for him as he continues on his spiritual journey.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Today we hear that all people, regardless of where they come from, are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem. Christ has appointed people to remind His children of this, and to help them to live accordingly. 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](http://www.buffalovocations.org).

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA & AFRICA:** This weekend is the collection for the Church in Latin America and for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rising secular culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the church and grow closer to Christ. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but many face the challenges of poverty, disease, food shortages, and migration. This collection is our opportunity to stand with the people of Africa by supporting pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent. Please be generous today.

**LADIES OF CHARITY NEWS:** A core group from our ladies of Mary Immaculate Parish has been meeting to re-organize the Ladies of Charity Group. In the process, we want to encourage more Ladies to join us and share ideas and talents to become a more active group in our communities.

We are planning on having two meetings at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>; one at **1pm** and one at **7pm** in the evening for those ladies who work. Please join us at one of these meetings to learn more. **Just COME and bring a friend!!**

There are sign-up sheets at both churches. If unable to come please sign the sheet at either church. We would like all who are interested to sign and leave a phone number (cell phone numbers are hard to find – no phone book). We look forward to seeing you there!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Welcome. It's the way Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center** wants clients to feel from the moment they arrive. The center has served Western New York for more than 50 years and offers a northtowns site in Amherst and a southtowns site in Hamburg. The center's professional staff specializes in relationship counseling and provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for couples who are working on difficult problems. To schedule an appointment, call 716-839-4406 Monday-Friday between 8:45 am and 4:45 pm. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. **Help your neighbor find hope. Appeal 2019 continues until June 30.** Give today at [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation).

## *A Time to Let God find Me*

*Paul's personal history is dramatic. He was a persecutor of the Church, proud of his convictions. He felt he was a successful man with a very clear idea of what life was about and its duties. But, into this perfect life, one day something absolutely unexpected happens: the meeting with the risen Jesus on the way to Damascus. This was not just a person who fell to the ground but one who was seized by an event that would overturn the meaning of his life. And the persecutor becomes an apostle. Why? Because he saw Jesus alive! This is the foundation of Paul's faith, as well as of the faith of the other apostles and of all Christians. How beautiful it is to think that Christianity is essentially this! It is not so much our search for God but rather God's search for us. Jesus took us, grasped us, won us over, never more to leave us. Christianity is grace. It is surprise and, for this reason, it implies a heart that is capable of amazement. A closed heart, a rationalist heart is incapable of amazement and cannot understand what Christianity is because Christianity is grace, and grace can only be perceived, and furthermore, it happens in the amazement of the encounter.*

*Spiritual Reflections by Pope Francis*

## **Church Humour**

*At the pearly gates, a taxi driver and minister are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."*

*St. Peter next greets the minister saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."*

*"Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?"*

*"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept: while he drove, people prayed."*

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