

# Mary Immaculate Parish



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Seventh Sunday of Easter  
June 1st and June 2nd, 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.

## *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 – 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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**Saturday, 4:00pm – June 8 in East Bethany**

Intention: Mary Norton (RIP)

By: Brian & Jane Dills & Roger Norton

**Sunday, 8:00am – June 9 in Pavilion**

Intention: For Our Parish Fundraising Ushers,  
For Their Selfless Service to Our Parish,  
That God May Reward Them in His Best  
Way

By: Father Innocent

**Sunday, 9:30am – June 9 in East Bethany**

Intention: Doreen Powers (RIP)

By: Family

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**DAILY MASS: 8:30 am**

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

**NO DIALY MASS**

**TUESDAY JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH THURSDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

**FATHER WILL BE AWAY AT THE  
CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS**

**Friday, June 7 – Easter Weekday**

Intention: For the Intentions of the Easter Flowers  
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 Knowler, 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.

**MARY IMMACULATE PARISH  
COLLECTION REPORT**

**Collection totals were not available this week due to a lack of counters. Totals will be included in next week’s bulletin.**

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

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you: of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.**

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

**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

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**Saturday, June 8 – 4:00pm – *East Bethany***

**Lector:** Brian Dills  
**Altar Servers:** Samantha Platek  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rae Snyder  
Samantha Platek

**Sunday, June 9 – 8:00am - *Pavilion***

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

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

**Lector:** Marita Midwick  
**Altar Servers:** Ava Strathearn  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Wittman  
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!!

**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 hardworking 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!!

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



**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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** In Christ we all find our unity. In that unity, we each have a unique role. 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).

**WELCOMED HOME:** Recently, Patricia Clifford-Schalk, was called home to Our Lord. May she enjoy the eternal banquet of Heaven.

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA & AFRICA:** Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Church in Africa. The monies we collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as provide pastoral care and support for the people of Africa as they face the many challenges that come from poverty, unemployment, disease, and migration. Your donations will fund workshops, retreats, catechesis, and other projects that build the faith of African communities. It is not too late to give. Please be generous to this special collection.

**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).

## PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT

Father,

I abandon myself into your hands;  
do with me what you will.  
Whatever you may do, I thank you:  
I am ready for all, I accept all.  
Let only your will be done in me,  
and in all your creatures.  
I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul;  
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,  
For I love you, O Lord,  
and so need to give myself,  
to surrender myself into your hands,  
without reserve,  
and with boundless confidence,  
For you are my Father.

*Charles de Foucauld*

*(Bishop Richard Malone recites this prayer every morning.)*

## Church Humor

*A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"*

*Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."*

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June 2019

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. John Fisher

Born in Beverley, England, St. John

Fisher became a renowned scholar and bishop. He even served as chaplain to

the mother of King Henry VIII. Things with the royal family soured when St. John denounced the king's divorce from Queen Catherine and refused to recognize King Henry as Head of the Church of England. He was arrested twice but remained loyal to the Catholic Church, even to death. He shares his feast day with St. Thomas More.



### St. Joseph's way

In St. Joseph's life, God found the silence he needed to be heard over the noise of a carpenter's routine and was able to establish an immediate rapport. When God spoke, St. Joseph immediately obeyed. God will speak to us, too, in the silence of our lives.

*"If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing"*  
(1 John 1:9).



## Is sin real?

The world tells us that sin doesn't really exist and we should just try to be good people. Frankly, that isn't enough. Sin results when we don't follow God's laws. Dealing with sin is uncomfortable but the consequences are eternal.

**God's rules rule.** While we may think we are "good" and others may look up to us, eventually God will decide if we have been what he considers "good." Since his opinion is the one that matters, his rules rule.

**Sin is real.** The world tells us that sin doesn't exist but Catholics know that "sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God" (*Catechism of the*

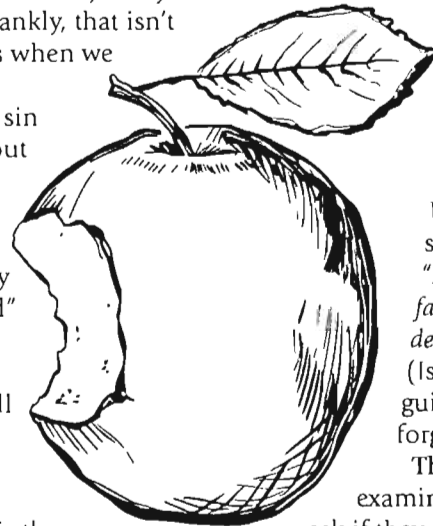
*Catholic Church*). The law can be found in the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and in Scripture. The law says sin is real.

**No guilt, no forgiveness.**

Unconfessed sin separates us from God. *"For you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt"* (Isaiah 64:6). Avoiding guilt means losing God's forgiveness.

**The plan.** Each evening, examine the day's actions and ask if they please God or not.

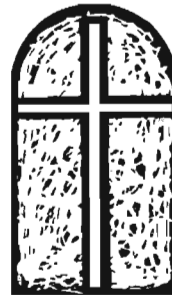
Resolve to do better and take steps to change. Seek absolution through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then when you meet God he will say, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:23).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics believe the Church is holy?

The Church is holy, not because of her individual members, but because God, who created, guides, sustains, and purifies her, is holy. She also has the means to grow in holiness: the sacraments, the Ten Commandments, prayer,



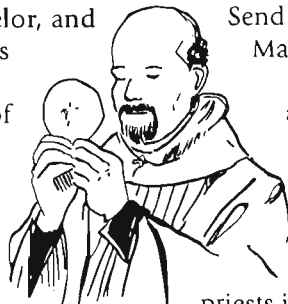
and the virtue, charity. This holiness comes from the lives of the saints, who followed Christ faithfully and practiced heroic virtue. "The Church, then, is 'the holy People of God,' and her members are called 'saints'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*, 823).

## We can help our priests help us.

The parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, and financial manager. He works more than 60 hours weekly, doing everything from administering Sacraments to taking out the trash, yet nine out of ten priests report being happy in their ministry. Our support can help them stay strong:

**Pray for a priest every day.** Let him know, and the knowledge of your prayers will strengthen him in difficult times.

**Express appreciation.** Tell your priest when something he has done or said makes a difference to you.



Send an encouraging note or e-mail, or mention it after Mass.

**Wait for the facts.** A priest's visible position can attract misunderstanding. Until you have the facts, give your priest the benefit of the doubt.

**Roll up your sleeves.** A priest's job is easier if we each use our gifts in our parishes. Ask how you can help.

**Attend Mass.** The best way to support our priests is to attend Mass every weekend and Holy Day. Acting in the person of Christ is the greatest job benefit.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 9:51-62, The profile of a disciple

This Gospel passage is all about the requirements of discipleship. The first man, filled with enthusiasm, blurted out his intention to follow Jesus. Jesus reminded him that he had no home, no family, and no place to sleep. The difficulties of having to "let go" and, if needed, "do without" to follow Christ have turned many away.



duty, as disciples, is to obey.

The third man wanted to say farewell to his family at home before leaving. Jesus knew that looking back while plowing can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man understand that, if we are serious about following Christ, we can't constantly be changing our decision.

For the second man in the story, the problem was priorities. Jesus called him personally, but instead, the man wanted to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. Whenever God invites us to follow him, we can't delay him. Our

We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus, but he promises us that the rewards will be worth much more than anything we leave behind.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 5 - St. Boniface (754).** The "Apostle of Germany," St. Boniface was a monk dedicated to spreading the Gospel in Germany. He converted many to Christianity and restored dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia.

**June 17 - St. Emily de Vialar (1856).** Born into the French aristocracy, St. Emily used her inheritance to found a religious order—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition. They cared for the sick and started schools in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

**June 23 - Corpus Christi Sunday.** On

this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

**June 29 - SS. Peter and Paul (1st century).** Peter, an ordinary fisherman made extraordinary by God's grace, was chosen by Jesus to lead the Church. An early persecutor of the Church, Saul became the Great Apostle Paul, also transformed by grace.



### Q & A "Catholic guilt?"

Popular culture often refers negatively to "Catholic guilt," implying that Catholics are weighed down by a regretful awareness of having done



wrong. Actually, guilt has a purpose. Our conscience is like the compass in our car, and guilt is what tells us we're going the wrong way. It helps us to get back on the road—in this case, to Heaven.

There's good guilt and bad guilt. Good guilt is what someone feels if he did something he knew was wrong on purpose, i.e. if he sinned. Sin hurts our relationship with God and is harmful to us. "Healthy" guilt calls for a contrite heart and a change of behavior. For Catholics, guilt should disappear when we're forgiven in Confession.

However, guilt with no corresponding sin, or lingering guilt over confessed sins, is bad guilt. This "useless" guilt denies God's goodness, mercy, and power to save. It also robs us of peace and joy. If you struggle with bad guilt, talk to a priest, counselor, or trusted friend for help.

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