

# Mary Immaculate Parish



## *St. Mary's*

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*Father Alphonse Arulanandu*  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

## *Immaculate Conception*

5865 Ellicott St. Rd.  
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### Mass Schedule

*Saturday Mass: 4:00pm*  
Months of October - March at St. Mary's

*Sunday Mass: 8:00am at St. Mary's*  
*9:30am at Immaculate Conception*  
*Recitation of the Rosary ½ hour before Weekend Masses*

*Confessions: 3:15 - 3:45pm or by appointment.*

*Daily Mass: 8:30am*  
*Tuesday & Thursday at Immaculate Conception*  
*Wednesday & Friday at St. Mary's*

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9:00am-1:00pm

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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 Intentions**

**Saturday, February 22**

**4:00PM** – Ralph M. Torcello by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Torcello

**Sunday, February 23**

**8:00AM** – Daniel Connor, Jr. by Sister Louise Lynch

**Sunday, February 23**

**9:30am** – All Souls by Parishioners

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**Saturday, February 29**

**4:00PM** – Michael & Ralph Torcello by Pat Torcello

**Sunday, March 1**

**8:00AM** – All Souls by Parishioners

**Sunday, March 1**

**9:30am** – Rose Gould by Tirabassi Family

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**Daily Mass: 8.30am**

02/24/20 – No Mass:

02/25/20 – Mass: East Bethany – Aunt Mary Regone by Diane Costa

**Ash Wednesday**

02/26/20 – Mass: **8:30am** Pavilion  
**7:00pm** East Bethany

02/27/20 – Mass: East Bethany

02/28/20 – St. Peter Damian: Mass: **6:30pm**, Pavilion  
**7:00pm** Stations of the Cross

**COFFEE HOUR:** There will be a Coffee Hour after 8:00am Mass on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Mary’s Hall. All are welcome!!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Held at Immaculate Conception Hall - Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM. The upcoming dates are February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

***UPCOMING COLLECTIONS***

Black & Native Mission.....March 1  
Easter Flowers.....March 29

***HAPPY ASH WEDNESDAY!***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Julia Barniak, Joseph Dean, David Welliver, Emma Burkell, Carl Taylor, Doris Elliott, Bonny Winspear, Jimmy Stothers, Erica Dombrowski, Etta Winter, Maverick Brumsted-Shaw, Jerry Rider, Jr., Robert Collette, Herman Hensel, Judy Wolf, Mary Lou Schmidt, Clarence Winspear, Ellie Volpe, Jeff True, Joyce Herold.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME**

**PARISHIONERS:** Louise Lynch, Father Richard Cilano (Carol Stream, Illinois).

**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, March 19, 2020 at 7pm, East Bethany. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

**ENVELOPES:** If you plan to attend mass at a different church, feel free to put your envelope in at that church. It will make its way to our parish. The church you attend will happily mail your envelope to Mary Immaculate Parish on your behalf.

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

*Psalm 13 (12):6*

<b>PARISH REPORT</b>	
<b>February 16, 2020</b>	
<b>Regular Collection:</b>	\$ 2332.00
<b>Cath. Leag. of Poland: (cumulative)</b>	\$ 373.00
<b>Fuel Collection</b>	\$ 1277.00

Lector  
Altar Server  
Eucharistic Minister  
Schedule:

**Saturday, February 22 – 4:00pm – Pavilion**

**Lector:** Elaine Lemley  
**Altar Servers:** Samantha Platek  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bruce Platek  
Samantha Platek

**Sunday, February 23 – 8:00am - Pavilion**

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

**Sunday, February 23 - 9:30am – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Volunteers Needed  
**Altar Servers:** Nathan & Hailey  
Nearhood  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Shaughnessy  
Volunteers Needed

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**Saturday, February 29 – 4:00pm – Pavilion**

**Lector:** Rae Snyder  
**Altar Servers:** Michela Stahler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rae Snyder  
Samantha Platek

**Sunday, March 1 – 8:00am - Pavilion**

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

**Sunday, March 1 - 9:30am – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Mike Jackson  
**Altar Servers:** Ava Strathearn  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Shaughnessy  
Volunteers Needed

**Reflection:**

**We are called to be Holy**

Today's readings explain **why** Christians are expected to be holy and **how** we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four methods of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus.

**How to become Holy?**

**Abstain from all forms of retaliation:** Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation "*an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth,*" rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength, discipline of character, and strengthening by God's grace.

**Take the offense gracefully and love the offender.** Jesus illustrates this in three images: "*turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it and walking the extra mile.*" Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve this treatment, as God does for us. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with *agápe* love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as he did for us.

**Unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender** without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and seem willfully to cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness.

**Seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying** for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace needed for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus, today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving, and blessing others, even our enemies with graceful and magnanimous love, as our Holy God does.

*Fr. Alphonse Arulanandu*

**OUR FIRST CHICKEN BBQ!!** We will be hosting our first Chicken BBQ on Sunday March 15th. We will need a few more volunteers to assist in this fundraiser and are hoping that we'll have the Luck of the Irish to get it done. So, please mark your calendars for **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>** to join us in making our first Chicken BBQ of 2020 a success!!

Donations needed are **pounds of butter and pies or cakes.**

**Wednesday, March 11 – 5pm**

*Potato Scrubbing & Set Up*

**Saturday, March 14 – 9 am**

*Potato Wrapping & Finish Set Up*

**Sunday, March 15th**

*Day of BBQ we need Pit Crew at 6 am*

**Kitchen & Pie Room Helpers**

*9 am till sold out*

**Dining Room & Other Areas**

*9:30 am till sold out*

Remember, it takes all of us to make our fundraisers successful. Besides, what better way to get to know your fellow parishioners, have a few laughs and help your church at the same time!!!

Flyers are available and we ask you take all that you can properly display. Be sure to invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to the Best Chicken BBQ anywhere!!

**ASH WEDNESDAY: (February 26)**

8:30am Mass – Pavilion

7:00pm – East Bethany

**MASS 6:30PM & STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

**7:00pm**

February 28<sup>th</sup> – Pavilion

March 6<sup>th</sup> - East Bethany

March 13<sup>th</sup> - Pavilion

March 20<sup>th</sup> – East Bethany

March 27th - Pavilion

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – East Bethany

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Don't miss out on these important dates for our parish.

Ash Wednesday is February 26.

Easter Sunday is April 12.

Our Chicken BBQ's this year are on March 15, April 19, May 17.

**HANDICAPPED PARKING AT ST. MARY'S:**

We have noticed the difficulty that our elder or handicapped parishioners are having trying to enter St. Mary's Church. In an effort to ease this situation, we will try to have someone available 15 minutes before Mass to aid any parishioners into the church and into a church pew. In this regard, we also are asking that no one park in the loop between the rectory and church. This will allow anyone in need to more easily enter the church from the loop entrance.

We will need volunteers so, if you are able and willing to greet/assist parishioners 15 minutes prior to Mass, please do so. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Schiske or Fr. Alphonse. We are a community and we know that our parishioners cannot be matched with their strength of fellowship.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** As you may be aware, Fr. Jim has taken up residency in the Immaculate Conception rectory. Due to this, we can no longer hold Parish Council meetings in the dining room of the rectory. Meetings held in East Bethany will be held in the Immaculate Conception Hall in the pie room (anyone who comes to the BBQ's will know where the pies are cut and take-out orders filled). If you do not know where the room is, you will enter by the door facing the main parking lot. As always, any interested party is welcome to attend Parish Council meetings.

**FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**DEVOTION** Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. 10 -11 am Holy hour and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass at 11am, and then a light luncheon to share in fellowship. We hope that as many as possible will join the Healing Mass. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, it would be appreciated. Hope to see you Friday the 6th!!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** One On the Road participant was hesitant about attending the weeklong leadership training for high school students, but at his parents' urging, he went. To his surprise, it turned out to be quite the impactful week! **"On the Road was truly a life-changing experience for me.**

The most significant thing I learned was different ways to pray that were comfortable to me. Since On The Road, I have begun to incorporate prayer into songs that I write," he said. "I am so grateful for this amazing experience!" **Your gift to the Fund for the Faith through 2020 Appeal can help other young people like this young man find new inspiration and strength in their faith.** Will you think of him and so many others like him? Make a secure donation online at [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation) or by calling 716-218-1400. **Think of Me.**

**Your Church Can Use You! Consider giving back by volunteering at Mary Immaculate Parish.** One hour a month would mean so much. Our parish has many different volunteer possibilities, **Make 2020 the year you make a difference in your church!** For more information call the church office at 585-584-7031.

**RETREAT:** Ascension Parish in Batavia will be hosting "Life of the Beloved" Retreat Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 5, 6 & 7, 2020 at the Abbey of the Genesee, Piffard. The Ascension Parish van will be available to provide transportation. Price of \$125 includes all lodging & meals. Retreat directors are Fr. David Glassmire and Deacon Gregory Feary. Registration and payment are due by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration form can be obtained in parish office.

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** Director of Music/Organist/Choir Director (part-time) at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda. Must have knowledge of the Liturgical Church year. Includes weekend liturgies, holidays, Holy Days, weekly choir practice, including cantors, weddings, and funerals. Member of Parish Council of Ministries and Liturgy Committee. Salary negotiable upon experience. Send resume to [olc.office@nt-olc.org](mailto:olc.office@nt-olc.org).

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Women's conference "Broken and Blessed" will take place on March 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's High School 142 Laverack Ave, Lancaster. Guest speakers will be Heather Renshaw and Fr. Jack Mattimore. Registration is at 7:30am and Mass is at 8:00am. General Admission \$30/Students \$20. Register on [CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org](http://CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org) or call 716-222-0622. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to The Mother Teresa House food pantry.

**WNY CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:** The Catholic Men's Fellowship of WNY will be holding their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's conference called "Being a Godly man in an UN-Godly World" on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal O'Hara High School at 39 O'Hara Rd, Tonawanda. Guest speakers will be Jon Leonetti, Rev. Dave Richards and Frank Kelly Regular admission is \$30 Early Bird postmarked by March 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$25 and Students are \$10 Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the needy. For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.cmfofwny.org/>.

**ALL BABIES CHERISHED:** The Knights of Columbus report that we are down to 20 bottles outstanding, and the donations are up to \$1200 and counting in our annual drive for All Babies Cherished. While they are still counting, you are welcome to get those bottles turned in so we can include them in the total. The Knights estimate that it will be about another two weeks to get the drive completed. If you are unable to bring the bottle to mass or the parish office, think about contacting Mike Jackson 343-3810 and he will arrange to pick it up. Thank you again to all who so generously supported this drive.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY:** The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in the Western New York area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, John Hoolick, General Agent, at 570-654-3390 or [Hoolick-AgencyMail@KoC.org](mailto:Hoolick-AgencyMail@KoC.org)

**REMEMBER FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> IS ASH WEDNESDAY AND MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT:**

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice means 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.

**Easter Duty:** After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between March 1 (Sunday before Lent) and June 7 (Trinity Sunday).

**Reconciliation:** Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.

**Other Fridays of the Year:** Catholics should be reminded that all other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance, in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

**Obligation:** The obligation which we have as members of the Church to do penance is a serious one. Furthermore, the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious one.

**Remember:** While no one should hold himself or herself lightly excused, one should not become unduly scrupulous. Failure to observe individual days of penance is less serious than the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days.

**An Invitation:** In the name of peace, and in union with the Bishops of our country, the faithful of this Diocese are invited to add voluntary fasting to the practice of penance during the Fridays of the year. Together with works of charity and service toward our neighbors, this practice would become a sign of our commitment to conversion, reconciliation and peace.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Knights of Columbus is having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am until 12:30am at Saints Joachim & Anne Parish. It will be held in the cafeteria of the former school building at the Attica site. Breakfast includes buckwheat or buttermilk pancakes, home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage and a drink.

*A woman approached the minister after the sermon, and thanked him for his discourse. "I found it so helpful," she said.*

*The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."*

*"Why, what do you mean?" asked the astonished woman.*

*"Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three months."*

***Adopt a priest or member of a religious order in your Diocese and pray for him or her every day of Lent.***





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