

Mary Immaculate Parish



St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of Lent
March 8th and March 9th, 2020

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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

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, March 7

4:00PM – Mary Norton by Brian & Jane Dills and Roger Norton

Sunday, March 8

8:00AM – All Souls by Parishioners

Sunday, March 8

9:30am – All Souls by Parishioners

Saturday, March 14

4:00PM – All Souls by Parishioners

Sunday, March 15

8:00AM – Erin Bishop Thompson (Speedy Recovery) by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bishop

Sunday, March 15

9:30am – Catherine Raines by Raines Family

Daily Mass: 8.30am

03/9/20 – No Mass:

03/10/20 – Mass: East Bethany

03/11/20 – Mass: Pavilion

03/12/20 – Mass: East Bethany

03/13/20 - Mass: **6:30pm**, Pavilion **7:00pm**

Stations of the Cross

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a Coffee Hour after 8:00am Mass on Sunday, April 5th 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 March 22nd and April 5th, 2020.

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH DEVOTION

Friday, April 3rd. 10 -11 am Holy hour and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by **Healing 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!!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Easter Flowers.....March 29

Holy Land.....April 10

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, April 23, 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.

**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek:
hide not your face from me.**

cf Psalm 91 (90):15-16

PARISH REPORT	
March 1, 2020	
Regular Collection:	\$ 3335.00
Black & Native Missions	\$ 337.00
Fuel Collection (cumulative)	\$ 1682.00

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister

Schedule:

Saturday, March 7 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Dan Gangi
Altar Servers: Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Rae Snyder
Bruce Platek

Sunday, March 8 – 8:00am – Pavilion

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

Sunday, March 8 - 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Oscar & Francine
Stringham
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Volunteers Needed

Saturday, March 14 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Ron Colantonio
Altar Servers: Michaela Stahler
Eucharistic Ministers: Samantha Platek
Bruce Platek

Sunday, March 15 – 8:00am – Pavilion

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

Sunday, March 15 - 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Lisa Bernard
Altar Servers: Evan & Shea Amberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Mary Shaughnessy

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!

Reflection:

We are in need of Mountaintop experience

If you wish, I will make three tents (mat.17:4)

Is it, Peter's another rash statement? Not really. Remember that Jesus himself brought Peter to the mountaintop with James and John. They saw something good happening Elijah talking with Jesus. It might not have made perfect sense to Peter, but he knew it was something good. He was so delighted that of course he wanted to pitch some tents and stay.

This mountaintop experience must have shored up Peter's faith. He saw the glory of God and heard the voice of God. All these things were very good, and he almost forgot that he has to go down to continue to follow Jesus to the cross.

Jesus is calling you to come away with him to high mountain too. He is asking you to make time for him every day. Pray. Go to Mass. Ponder his word. Experience his mercy and compassion in the sacrament of reconciliation. Sit in his presence and be filled with awe and wonder at who he is. But don't stop there. God has a message for you today. He wants to touch your heart and speak to you. Just as Peter heard, "**This is my beloved Son**", you can listen for Holy Spirit to say, Behold the Lamb of God" when you receive Jesus in communion. Or "**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord**".

Always remember, it's not selfish to set aside time to be with Jesus. You're not running away from problems when you take time to pray. It's always good to come away with him as long as you are willing to follow him out into the world as well. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountaintop experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "**This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased.**" We can share experience like those of Peter, James and John when we spend some extra time in his presence. (Ref. the word among us).

Fr. Alphonse Arulanandu

NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR FIRST CHICKEN BBQ OF 2020!! Have you invited your family, friends and coworkers? There is NOTHING like that first Chicken BBQ of the year!!!

You can 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 pounds of butter
Home baked pies or cakes by our very gifted bakers

Volunteers needed:

Wednesday, March 11, 5 pm to scrub potatoes and set up

Saturday, March 14, 9 am to grease and wrap potatoes and finish set up

Sunday, March 15, 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 20120 a success!!

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!!

MASS 6:30PM & STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

7:00pm

March 13th - Pavilion

March 20th - East Bethany

March 27th - Pavilion

April 3rd - East Bethany

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

Penance Service is March 24th, 7pm
St. Mary's Site

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.

LADIES OF CHARITY: The Ladies of Charity will be meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 1:00pm in St. Mary's Hall. All are welcome to come.

ASK JESUS TO HEAL WHATEVER KEEPS YOU FROM FEELING GOD'S BOUNTIFUL LOVE.

LOTTERY BASKET: This year our Lottery Basket will be filled with various lottery tickets totally \$100 in chances. Tickets will be available to purchase at our Chicken BBQ's. The drawing for the basket will take place at close of our final Chicken BBQ on May 17th. So, bring that \$1, take a chance, try your luck and remember ... "It's just a \$1 and a Dream!" Hey, you never know ...

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Did you know? Last year Catholic Charities impacted more than 1,500 people through its Department of Workforce and Education, empowering them with services such as job readiness skills, hands-on training and high school equivalency classes. Your contribution to the 2020 Appeal helps students of all ages and backgrounds chase and achieve their dreams. Will you think of them this Appeal season? Make a secure donation online at 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. Our upcoming Chicken BBQ's are a great way to get out and also help make it a success. **Make 2020 the year you make a difference in your church!** For more information call the church office at 585-584-7031.

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.

ST. LEO'S FISH FRYS: Located at 885 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst at the Parish Center, served Fridays during Lent, from 5-7pm or until sold out. Dinners are \$12 to include fried or baked fish, French fries, coleslaw, roll & butter, and beverage. Also available is Shrimp Scampi Dinner at \$12, Seafood Chowder at \$4 and Mac 'n Cheese at \$6.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council meeting for March 19 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Additionally, the meeting for April will be moved from April 16 to April 23 due our Chicken BBQ on April 19.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The 5th Annual Catholic Women's conference "Broken and Blessed" will take place on March 14th 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 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 18th Annual Men's conference called "Being a Godly man in an UN-Godly World" on Saturday, March 28th 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 2nd 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 15 bottles left outstanding, and the donations are up to over \$1300 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 still 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.

REMEMBER FEBRUARY 26TH STARTED THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT:

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 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 I 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.

DO YOU LIKE MUSIC? If you do and you think it adds to our liturgy, perhaps you can help us out. Though we have dedicated and talented musicians at each church, they need your help. We are looking for parishioners to form a committee to discuss and plan where our music program goes from this point on. We will be in need of organs or keyboards. We are open to suggestions of different musical instruments. We are looking for ideas to create musical interest in our parish and to encourage our children to be more involved. If any of this interests you, please contact Father Alphonse or call the office.

DID YOU GET YOUR FREE COPY? Be sure to grab your copy of 'Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families' before they are gone. This is a great way to encourage yourself and your children with the Mass and deepen your appreciation of the richness of your faith life. These booklets are a good way to prepare, participate, and reflect each week. Copies can be found at the entrance of each church. Get yours before they are gone!



Moving violation

A teenager was stopped for speeding. As the cop approached his car, the boy rolled down his window.

"I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said.

"Yeah, well, I got here as fast as I could," the teen replied.

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the young driver on his way without a ticket.

IT'S HERE!

\$4,470.97

THANK YOU

WITH MUCH MORE TO COME
AS PLEDGES ARE PAID

The 6th Disbursement of Upon This Rock to our Parish is here! May I sincerely Thank You for being faithful to your Upon This Rock pledges. We truly need these returns to augment our Parish Finances. For faster facilitation of your payments, I encourage you to use the remittance envelopes provided with the pledge reminders. The envelopes deliver payments directly to the bank. Once more, thank you so much for making your Upon This Rock payments. Remain blessed!

Father Alphonse



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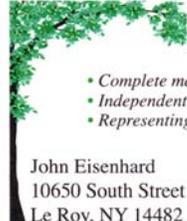
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