

# Mary Immaculate Parish



## *St. Mary's*

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Third Sunday of Lent  
March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 (RIP) by Raines Family

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**Saturday, March 21**

4:00PM – Col. Richard Whalen, Retired by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Whalen

**Sunday, March 22**

8:00AM – All Souls by Parishioners

**Sunday, March 22**

9:30am – Catherine Schmidt (RIP) by Family

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**Daily Mass: 8.30am**

03/17/20 – Mass: *Saint Patrick, Bishop*: - Rev. Donald L. Measer by Father Alphonse: East Bethany

03/18/20 – Mass: *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*:Pavilion

03/19/20 – Mass:East Bethany

03/20/20 - **6:30pm**, Mass

**7:00pm** Stations of the Cross

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

**FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH DEVOTION**

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.** 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 3rd!!

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Easter Flowers.....March 29  
Holy Land.....April 10  
Catholic Home Missions.....April 26

**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, Patrick Birmingham.

**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, Pavilion. 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.

**Parish Reconciliation Service is March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
St. Mary’s Site**

**PARISH REPORT**

**March 8, 2020**

**Regular Collection:** \$ 2108.00  
**Black & Native Missions (cumulative)** \$ 367.00

**Lector**  
**Altar Server**  
**Eucharistic Minister**

**Schedule:**

**Saturday, March 14 – 4:00pm – Pavilion**

**Lector:** Ron Colantonio  
**Altar Servers:** Samantha Platek  
**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:** Addison & Jayden Harkins  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ryan Shormann  
Mary Shaughnessy

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**Saturday, March 21 – 4:00pm – Pavilion**

**Lector:** Pat Tiede  
**Altar Servers:** Michaela Stahler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Samantha Platek  
Rae Snyder

**Sunday, March 22 – 8:00am - Pavilion**

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

**Sunday, March 22 - 9:30am – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Volunteers Needed  
**Altar Servers:** Evan & Shea Amberger  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ryan Shormann  
Debbie Schmidt

**MASS 6:30PM & STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm**

March 20<sup>th</sup> – East Bethany  
March 27<sup>th</sup> - Pavilion  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> – East Bethany  
April 10<sup>th</sup> – Pavilion (6:00pm)

**Reflection:**

**I THIRST, GIVE ME A DRINK**

Jesus and his disciples were hot, dusty and thirsty, after they had been walking all morning. As Jesus sat down next to Jacob's well, he was probably looking forward to a cool drink of water.

Now here comes the Samaritan women who had a hard-knock life. She was getting her water alone rather than with friends, a sign of alienation within her community. This alienation led her to a unique encounter with Jesus. Jesus put some uncomfortable truths before her. Instead of making excuses or blaming others, she responded with openness. In doing so, she allowed the living water to enter and change her life. When Jesus asked the Samaritan women give him a drink, more was going on than Jesus just looking to quench his physical thirst. As **St. Therese of Lisieux** wrote, "When he said, 'Give me a drink', it was the love of his poor creature that the Creator of the universe was seeking. He was thirsty for love."

Why would Jesus desire the love of someone who was not only a Samaritan but who had a checkered past and was living with a man who wasn't her husband? Because that's who Jesus is. Like the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus loves each one of us. No matter who we were or who we are, what our sins, he who is love cannot help but seek after our love. He thirsts for all of us.

So how do we quench Jesus' thirst? By spending time with him. Don't think of it as an obligation or duty, something you "owe" to God. Think of it instead as a time when you are letting Jesus get his fill of you. He loves you so much that he can't get enough of your undivided attention. He loves you so much that he wants you to put aside all the other demands in your life for a time, go to a quiet place, and sit with him. So, give Jesus the "drink" he asks for. Even if you feel no different while you are praying, believe that you are delighting Jesus by your presence. Remember, he enjoys being with you. Believe too that as you sit with him, he is giving you the 'living water' that will fulfill your deepest needs and desires, the water that is "welling up to eternal life."

**“JESUS, MAY I THIRST FOR YOU AS YOU  
THIRST FOR ME.”**

*Fr. Alphonse Arulanandu*



## WELCOME TO OUR CHICKEN BBQ !!!

**If you are in church on Sunday and notice a wonderful smell that is making your stomach growl, it just may be our Chicken BBQ – the best Chicken BBQ around!! So, following the Sunday mass, take a quick stroll over to the Immaculate Conception Hall and stop that hunger with our wonderful Chicken BBQ Dinner, complete with desserts!! Adults \$11, Children \$7, Chicken Only \$7.**

**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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.ccnny.org/donation](http://www.ccnny.org/donation) or by calling 716-218-1400. **Think of Me.**

**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.

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

Children's Mass is March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30am  
East Bethany Site

Parish Reconciliation Service is March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
St. Mary's Site

Live Stations of the Cross is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
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.

**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.

**REMEMBER FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> STARTED 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.

**2020 LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**

**RECONCILIATION:** The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at the regularly scheduled time – from 3:15 to 3:45 at the Saturday Mass location, except for Holy Saturday when no confessions will be heard.

**PALM SUNDAY MASSES:** (April 4 & 5, 2020)  
In East Bethany: 4:00pm Saturday  
In Pavilion: 8:00am Sunday  
In East Bethany: **9:45am** Sunday  
(Please note this Sunday Mass at East Bethany is 15 minutes later)

**HOLY WEEK TRIDIUM:**  
**Holy Thursday:** (April 9, 2020) - 7:00pm  
East Bethany - The Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
Adoration in silence – till **11:30pm**  
Sign-up Sheet will be in back of church

**Good Friday Ceremonies:** **Pavilion** April 10, 2020  
6:00pm Live Stations of the Cross by Children  
7:00pm- - Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday:** (April 11, 2020)  
8:30pm - Easter Vigil in East Bethany  
(Please note: there is no 4:00pm Saturday Mass for Easter weekend. Also, no confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday.)

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:** Will be celebrated according to the standard of Sunday schedule.

**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!

*A ten-year-old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grannie by asking, “Which virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?”*

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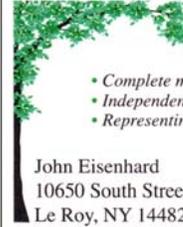
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