

Mary Immaculate Parish



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August 2, 2020
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm

Months of April – September at Immaculate Conception

Sunday Mass: 8:00am at St. Mary's

9:30am at Immaculate Conception

Until further Notice, all weekend Masses will be celebrated with **30 people** at East Bethany Location.

And with **40 people** at Pavilion Location.

Confessions: Any time by appointment.

Daily Masses are celebrated as scheduled.

Kindly log-on to our diocesan website for:

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES.

Entrance Antiphon: *God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house: he himself gives might and strength to his people. (cf. Psalm 68 (67):6-7, 36)*

Welcome to Mary Immaculate Parish

Mother Mary: We Love You, intercede for us at this time of COVID -19! Amen.

Mass Intentions

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 1

4:00PM – Maureen Moodie (RIP) by Mrs. Joan Moodie

Sunday, August 2

8:00AM – All Souls by Parishioners

Sunday, August 2

9:30am – Charles Shorman, Sr. (RIP) by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Bartz

Saturday, August 8

4:00PM – Randy Almeter (RIP) by Elaine Lemley

Sunday, August 9

8:00AM – Alfred & Margaret Burns (RIP) by Patty Bodine

Sunday, August 9

9:30am – Paul & Ernest Rigoni (RIP) by Family

Mon. 08/3 - Jeremiah 28:1-17;

Matthew 14:22-36

Tue. 08/4 - **Mass 8.30am East Bethany**

Reading - Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;

Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14 (St John Vianney, Priest)

Wed. 08/5 - **Mass 8.30am Pavilion**

Reading - Jeremiah 31: 1-7;

Matthew 15:21-28 (The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major)

Thur. 08/6 – **Mass 8.30am East Bethany**

Reading - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;

Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9 (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

Fri. 08/7 – **Mass 8.30am Pavilion**

Reading - Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7;

Matthew 16:24-28 (St Sixtus II, and Companions, Martyrs, St Cajetan, Priest)

Sat. 08/8 – - Habakkuk 1:12-2:4;

Matthew 17:14-20; (St Dominic, Priest)

For weekend Mass, kindly log on to our parish web site, Mary Immaculate Parish face book or YouTube for live Mass from Immaculate Conception, East Bethany, NY.

Thanks for watching.

Almighty every living God, have mercy on us and heal us from this deadly virus COVID -19.

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, Robert Collette, Herman Hensel, Clarence Winspear, Ellie Volpe, 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 Knowler, Michael Rigoni, Mark Wilkinsen, Hunter Schiske and Sgt. Mike Steffenella

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Next meeting, August 20, 2020 at 7pm, St. Mary's. 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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Ret. Diocesan Priests' Med. Fund.....Aug 2

Mission Cooperative.....Coming Soon

Don't forget you can have masses said to celebrate Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings and other special events in your lives and the lives of others.

PARISH REPORT

Regular Collection (7/26/20)	\$ 1066.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 166 .00

Thank You to All Who Have Continued To Give

Reflection:

Matthew 14:13-21

**In all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
(Rom.8:37)**

Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Napoleon Bonaparte, Genghis Khan. What do these men have in Common? They were among the world's greatest conquerors. They waged military campaigns that took them far and wide, forming mighty empires along the way.

Would you include Jesus in that list? Or St. Paul? or yourself, for that matter? We do not think of Christ, or Christians in general, as conquerors. Jesus died an ignoble death at the hands of Romans. St. Paul was beheaded by the same empire. They looked more like the conquered than conquerors. Even today many Christians are martyred by those in power.

And yet through his sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from the dead, Jesus conquered the greatest enemies of all: **Sin and Death**. And because of our baptism into Christ, that is a victory we all share in no matter what befalls us in this life.

Paul's words must have comforted the early Christians whenever they experienced persecution for their faith. Even when it looked like they were "**Losing**," they knew they were actually "**Winning**." They trusted that not even the worst calamity could separate them from Jesus.

These verses can bring you comfort as well. You may be experiencing the kind of anguish, anxiety, and distress that St. Paul described. Or maybe you are repeatedly "**Losing**" to a certain temptation. Whatever the case, know that as you cling to the Lord, you will "**Win**" in the end. One day Jesus will welcome you into his heavenly kingdom, and everything will be made right and beautiful.

Until then, remember that God will never separate himself from you, his love is too strong, too real, and solid. And through that love, you too will triumph over sin, death, and all the trails of life. You too will be a conqueror.

"Jesus, may I never be separated from your love!"

Fr. Alphonse Arulanandu

"It is a matter of abandoning the heavy burden of our worldly sureties that prevent us from searching and building up the Kingdom: the covetousness for possession, the thirst for profit and power, and thinking only of ourselves." **Pope Francis**

**Words of Challenge and Hope by Pope
Francis**

Faith Lights Our Way

There is an urgent need ... to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating *every aspect* of human existence. For a light to be this powerful, it cannot come from ourselves; it must come from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfillment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time.

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.

LOTTERY BASKET: *The drawing for the lottery basket is postponed. At this time we anticipate the drawing will take place at our Annual Parish Breakfast in October. Please read the bulletin for further information. So, bring that \$1, take a chance, try your luck and remember ... "It's just a \$1 and a Dream!" Hey, you never know ...*

RAFFLE REMINDER / UPDATE: As of July 26, we have returns from 20% of our families (55 out of 264), with sales and donations to-date of \$1,269. We have covered expenses and are making a profit to help the parish. There are 3 weekends left before the drawing, so **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RETURNS** either through the collections at mass, or directly to the parish office. If you need tickets, contact the office or call Mike Jackson at 343-3810. *Thank you to those who have made their returns and best of luck in the drawing.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: This week marks World Breastfeeding Week and Catholic Charities Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program offers breastfeeding education and support to expectant and new mothers. WIC also provides nutrition education and counseling, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and eWIC benefit cards. To celebrate World Breastfeeding Week, Catholic Charities WIC holds its annual Healthy Baby Festivals which will be held virtually this year. Be sure to check our Facebook page for more information on how you and your family can participate. To connect with Catholic Charities WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties, call 716-218-1484 or visit www.ccwny.org/WIC.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION: Along with your package of envelopes you will find an envelope that is pre-addressed for mailing to the parish. This envelope, or your own, can be used to send in your weekly contribution or, if it is easier, your monthly contribution. Please be sure your envelope number is included with any donations you do make. Remember that, even if we are not holding Mass, our normal expenses for heat, cleaning, staffing, etc. does continue. We sincerely appreciate everyone's understanding during this difficult time. If you have any questions, please contact Father Alphonse or the office during their normal business hours.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: This year's Confirmation will take place this Sunday, August 2nd by Father Alfonse Arulanandu at St. Mary's, Pavilion:

**Shea Amberger
Shannon Campbell
Mike Miller
Eric Offhaus**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: **Thank you** for your dedication to and support of Appeal 2020. In an unprecedented year, you went above and beyond and we are so grateful!! So many individuals and families will be supported, empowered and find wholeness because of your generosity. *The leaders and staff of Appeal 2020 offer their sincere appreciation and thanks!*

Peace and Blessings,
Deacon Steve Schumer

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: The Parish Council meets every third Thursday of the month. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss issues of the parish and to make sure we remain vibrant, successful, and faith filled. Currently, we have several very dedicated and devoted parishioners who have been doing this task for many years. We are looking for a few parishioners to join our Council and to bring in new thoughts and ideas. **If you are interested in becoming a Council member and to help out your parish, please contact Father Alphonse or any Council member.** If you have never been to a meeting, we invite you to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, August 20th. We need your participation to make our parish alive and growing. Please do not think someone else will step up ... we need YOU!

PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY: After many years, Cheryl Anziano is stepping down as Parish Council Secretary. We need to replace the position of Secretary. The job entails taking notes at the meetings, preparing the monthly Agenda, keeping track of member terms and contact numbers, among other smaller tasks. **If you are willing to join the Council and be our secretary, please let Father know or any Council member.**

THANK YOU: Our long time Parish Council Secretary, Cheryl Anziano, has resigned her position as secretary after many years of service to Mary Immaculate Parish. We would like to thank Cheryl for the many years of dedication and hard work that she has given to the parish. She is a great example of what true selflessness is.

You can watch live Mass, Rosary and participate in devotions on EWTN (TV). OR, if you subscribe to WORDONFIRE by Bishop Robert Brown, you could receive email reflections every morning at no cost and watch Mass live by sitting at Home.

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.*

Since masses have resumed again, we need some 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.

One Sunday the pastor was talking about prayer during the children's sermon. One precocious six-year-old boy piped up and said,

"My mommy prays with me every night!"

"That's wonderful," said the pastor. "What does she say when she prays with you? Do you use a certain prayer?"

"Oh, no," the boy replied, "She just says, 'Thank you, God. He's in bed!'"



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August 2020

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Rev. Alphonsus Arulanandu, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Born near Naples, Italy, St.

Alphonsus left his successful legal

career for the priesthood. He founded the Redemptorists to educate the faithful.

Internal problems resulted in the Order's rejecting St. Alphonsus. Despite failing health, he was made a bishop. He lived simply and was generous with the poor. He combatted Jansenism, which imposed a burdensome, legalistic morality, and promoted a more moderate, realistic morality – one driven by love rather than guilt. He is a Doctor of the Church.



Pay God first

It takes money to do God's work in the world and the top funding source for the Catholic Church's ministries is her generous people. Set aside a portion of every paycheck for charity just as you do for your rent or mortgage. Write that check first. Your parish needs your support now, more than ever.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1).



Lean on our Faith during tough times

Throughout the history of God's dealings with humanity, He has continually brought good out of evil. During this unprecedented time of pandemic, we can remember this history and lean on Him.

Participate in weekly worship. If public Mass is not an option for you, find ways to join in worship safely. Participate in Mass online and don't miss a Sunday. Support others by setting up a prayer group or Bible study with friends through calls, chats, or online meets.

Practice listening during prayer. Even though our schedules may have slowed down, our thoughts probably have not. Make mental space to listen to and hear from the Holy Spirit, and

allow Him to bring truth and consolation.

Look for the ways God is working in the crisis. Our fear and anxiety can arise from worrying about what might happen. It helps to look for the good coming out of the crisis.

Can you spot unexpected blessings?

Create a safe space in your home. Create a place – a corner, a chair, a large closet – where you spend at least 15

prayerful minutes each day.

Take this time to remember that you are not alone.

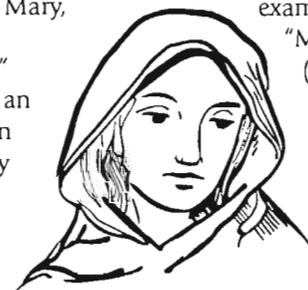
Be not afraid. Choosing to trust God is a decision we can each make. It comes from a determination to surrender with confidence knowing His love is enough.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have so many titles for Mary?

Everything we say about Mary, ultimately, is about Jesus, including her "devotional" titles. Each title highlights an aspect of God's saving plan and Mary's role in it. Many of them have to do with her sinlessness and her motherhood. For



example, Mary is called the "Mirror of Justice," Theotokos ("God-bearer"), "Seat of Wisdom", "House of Gold," etc. Mary's titles – like Mary – are meant to draw our focus not to Mary, but to Jesus. Mary always leads us to her Son.

Turn conflict into growth

Criticism can bring you down if you let it. Instead, finding a gracious way to handle criticism can be the key to improving your life, attracting new friends, and becoming a better Christian.

Stay calm. The person delivering the criticism may be having a bad day or seeking attention. Or, she may really want to help and just not be skilled in delivering criticism. Staying calm and avoiding defensiveness helps you look for the rose among the nasty thorns.

Thank the commenter, no matter what is said or



how it is delivered. People who make rude comments don't expect you to listen to them, much less be grateful for their comments. Being appreciative is disarming. That's how to turn a critic into a friend.

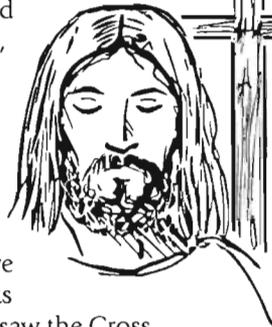
Weigh the criticism. Do the comments contain something helpful you can use to become a better person? Is the person trying to help, to make things better, to keep you from repeating mistakes, to suggest positive improvements? If not, forget it and move on without anger.

from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27, Our ways are not God's ways

This passage seems like bad news. First, Jesus predicts his own death. This must have shocked the disciples, to whom it was just revealed that their Master was the long-awaited Messiah. Instead of an epic, Roman-conquering battle plan, Jesus told them he would be executed – seemingly tragedy and defeat, not joy and triumph.

Second, Peter did what we often do when God permits setbacks and suffering. He saw the Cross and wanted to flee – and was harshly rebuked. Yet, if Jesus listened to Peter and turned aside, we would have died in our

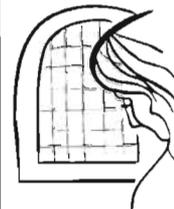


sins, unable to get into Heaven. Instead, he chose the Cross – for us. He chose us. Through our post-Resurrection lens, what seemed a devastating defeat was actually a decisive victory against sin and death.

Let's be clear: our Father wants us to be happy, but he wants us to be happy forever, not just for today. The key is not to avoid the crosses he sends us, but to accept them trustingly, peacefully, as Jesus did. Jesus helps us carry our crosses, with him taking the heavier end.

Q & A Can the seal of Confession ever be broken?

The seal of Confession refers to the silence binding a priest, under severe penalties, about what he hears in Confession. “[The priest] can make no use of knowledge that confession gives him about penitents’ lives.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1467). The penitents are not bound by the seal.



The only two “exceptions” are: If the penitent wants to discuss his previous confession to Fr. X with him, Fr. X must first ask the penitent's permission. Or, if a priest needed guidance from another confessor, he must still ask the penitent's permission and keep the penitent's identity a secret.

In truth, in the Sacrament of Confession the penitent is really addressing Jesus Christ, not the priest, who is simply the “phone line” between the two parties. The purpose of the seal is to encourage people to approach the Lord in complete confidence and experience his mercy. While this enforced silence may seem strange and possibly problematic, the first priority is the salvation of souls. The rest is entrusted to God.

Feasts & Celebrations

Aug. 10 – St. Lawrence (258). A Roman deacon to Pope St. Sixtus II, St. Lawrence presented the poor and destitute as the Church's treasure, in answer to Rome's demands for the church's gold. He was martyred shortly afterwards.

Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950). Declared a dogma of our faith by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. Note: This year, this is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

Aug. 25 – St. Joseph Calasanz (1648). Seeing the suffering of neglected children, this Spanish priest founded the Clerks Regular of Pious Schools, called the Piarists to educate them. He suffered opposition for his work, which he bore with patience and humility.

Aug. 27 – St. Monica of Hippo (387). St. Monica is best known for converting her wayward son and pagan husband by her patience, piety, and prayers. Her son, St. Augustine, became a great saint of the Church.



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