

Mary Immaculate Parish



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August 16, 2020
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

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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: *Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. (Psalm 84 (83):10-11)*

Welcome to Mary Immaculate Parish

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

Mass Intentions

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 15

4:00PM – Ted Wozniak (RIP) Anniversary of Death by
Dave and Ron Colantonio

Sunday, August 16

8:00AM – Gus Bertrand (RIP) Birthday Remembrance by
Mrs. Bertrand

Sunday, August 16

9:30am – Rose Gould (RIP) by Terabassi Family

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

8:00AM – Deceased Members of the Burns and Lacey
Family by Patty Bodine

Sunday, August 23

9:30am – All Souls by Parishioners

Mon. 08/17 - Ezekiel 24:15-23;
Matthew 19:16-23

Tue. 08/18 - **Mass 8.30am East Bethany**
Reading - Ezekiel 28:1-10;
Matthew 19: 23-30

Wed. 08/19 - **Mass 8.30am Pavilion**
Reading - Ezekiel 34:1-11;
Matthew 20:1-16 (St John Eudes, Priest)

Thur. 08/20 – **Mass 8.30am East Bethany**
Reading - Ezekiel 36:23-28;
Matthew 22:1-14 (St Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church)

Fri. 08/21 – **Mass 8.30am Pavilion**
Reading - Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Matthew 22:34-40 (St Pius X, Pope)

Sat. 08/22 – - Ezekiel 43:1-7ab;
Matthew 23:1-12
Luke 1:39-56; (The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary)

**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, 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,
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

Mission Cooperative.....Coming Soon
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin MaryAug 15

*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 (8/9/20) \$ 2232.00
Ret. Priests' Med. Fund (cumulative) \$ 366.00

Thank You to All Who Have Continued To Give

Reflection:

Matthew 15:21-28

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)

All the readings today tell us that God's salvation is meant for everyone. The prophet Isaiah speaks of foreigners who will join themselves to the Lord. The psalmist declares, "May the peoples praise you, O God". Jesus praises a Canaanite woman's faith. And Paul, apostles to the Gentiles, proclaims that God wants to "have mercy upon all"

For the Jewish people in today's first reading, this must have been difficult to accept. They had just returned from exile to discover foreigners living in their holy city, Jerusalem. Their covenant told them that they were set apart as a holy people chosen by God. So how could "impure" Gentiles be living on their land? They forgot that God had chosen them by his grace and mercy, not just for their own sake, but to bring his light to every nation.

This call became increasingly clear in the early Church. Initially, all of Jesus' followers were Jewish. But as Gentiles came to believe in the Lord, the Jewish Christians began to understand that God's plan of salvation was far bigger than they had expected. Learning to live and work and pray alongside Gentiles could not have been easy. But they, like us, had to allow God's grace to help them love each other. The result? The diverse, beautiful, sometimes messy Church we know today.

Jesus wants his Church to be a house of prayer for all nations so that every person can belong to his family. He sees people who are searching for hope, meaning, and a place to meet God, and he is asking us to draw them in, to be the living, welcoming face of the Church. May we always be open to everyone who is seeking the Lord, and through us, may God's grace flow out to the entire world!

"Jesus, help me to show everyone the love that you have given me."

Fr. Alphonse Arulanandu

Bible Quiz - 1
The Gospel according to
Matthew 16-18

1. What did Jesus mean when he said, "Beware of the leaven of bread"?
2. Who revealed to Peter that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God?
3. What is the Aramaic word for Peter?
4. Why did Jesus call Peter Satan?
5. What happened to the disciples when they heard a voice from heaven?
6. From whom do the kings take tolls or census tax?
7. Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
8. What is the will of the heavenly Father?
9. When will Jesus be present in our midst?
10. What did the master do with the servant who refused to forgive his fellow servant?

(Kindly read New American Bible (RSV) for answers)

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.

LAST CALL FOR RAFFLE TICKETS! We have returns from 25% of our parishioners so we need everyone to send those tickets in this weekend. **DO NOT MAIL** them at this late date, but put them in the weekend collections. The raffle committee will be picking up tickets after the 8am mass in Pavilion and the 9:30 in East Bethany to be sure to get all returns in to the drawing. Returns can also be made at the parish office after the 9:30am mass on Sunday up until 11am, which is the final return time. The drawing will follow shortly after 11am, once all the tickets are in the drum. **GOOD LUCK** to all and **THANK YOU** to those who supported the raffle.

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!

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.

Dear Friends of WACY, Thank you for your past years of support at our Annual WACY Golf Tournament and Basket Raffle. Through its fundraising efforts, we have had many opportunities to grow in faith, share friendships, and have fun together. We wanted to let you know that, unfortunately, the 2020 Golf Tournament had to be cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We plan to continue the tradition of our annual Golf Tournament and Basket Raffle next year. Please know we appreciate how you have generously supported us, and that you continue to be in our prayers.

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 ...*

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.**

WORDS OF CHALLENGE AND HOPE

By Pope Francis

Are We Open to God's Surprises?

Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, program, and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all-too-narrow, closed, and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness – God always brings newness- and demands our complete trust...

The newness which God brings into our lives is something that actually brings fulfillment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good. Let us ask ourselves today: are we open to "God's surprises"? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new? We would do well to ask ourselves these questions all through the day.

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.

The friendly usher at the country church greeted the elderly woman visitor at the door and helped her up the steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row, please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

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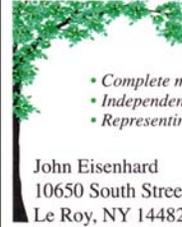
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