

Mary Immaculate Parish



St. Mary's
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April 11, 2021
Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:29
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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, for all Masses social distancing
and mask wearing must be followed.

Confessions: Any time by appointment.

Daily Masses are celebrated as scheduled.

Kindly log-on to our diocesan website for:
LIVE-STREAMED MASSES.

Entrance Antiphon: Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia. (4 Esdras 2:36-37)

Welcome to Mary Immaculate Parish

“God speaks to those who take time to listen, and He listens to those who take time to pray.”

Mass Intentions

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Saturday, April 10

4:00PM – Julia Barniak (RIP) by Bob & Barbara Hazen

Sunday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 11

9:30am – Michael C. Schott (RIP) by Schott Cousins

Saturday, April 17

4:00PM – Julia Barniak (RIP) by Francis McCarthy

Sunday, April 18

8:00AM – Bruce Stisser (RIP) by Family

Sunday, April 18

9:30am – Parishioners

Mon. 04/12 - Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31;

John 3:1-8

Tue. 04/13 - **Mass 8:30am East Bethany**

Reading - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37;

John 3:7b-15 (St Martin I, Pope and Martyr)

Wed. 04/14 - **Mass 8:30am Pavilion**

Reading - Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26;

John 3:16-21

Thur. 04/15 – **Mass 8:30am East Bethany**

Reading - Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33;

John 3:31-36

Fri. 04/16 – **Mass 8:30am Pavilion**

Reading - Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42;

John 6:1-15

Sat. 04/17 – Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7;

Reading - John 6:16-21

Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 10– 4:00pm – **Pavilion**

Lector: Max Whalen

Sunday, April 11– 8:00am – **Pavilion**

Lector: Pat Tiede

Sunday, April 11– 9:30am – **East Bethany**

Lector: Marita Midwick

Saturday, April 17– 4:00pm – **Pavilion**

Lector: Ray Snyder

Sunday, April 18– 8:00am – **Pavilion**

Lector: Carol Pursel

Sunday, April 18– 9:30am – **East Bethany**

Lector: Oscar Stringham

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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, Maryann Loiacona, Renee Miller.

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, 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 parish council meeting will be April 15, 2021.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Those who do not wish to attend mass on Sunday may attend a mass of their choice during the week and it will count as their weekly obligation. This will only be accepted during the coronavirus pandemic.

REMINDER: This is just a reminder that the Saturday masses will switch from St. Mary's to Immaculate Conception for the summer months of April 1st through September 30th. Because of the Easter schedule, this switch will begin on April 8th, the weekend after Easter.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Catholic Home Mission.....April 25
 Parish Maintenance Fund.....May 9
 Church in Latin America.....May 16

Thank You To Those Who Already Gave

PARISH REPORT

April 4, 2021

Regular Collection	\$ 273.00
Easter	\$2003.00
Holy Land	\$ 353.00

Thank You to All Who Have Continued To Give

Reflection:

**Divine Mercy Sunday
My Lord and my God (John 20:28)**

In today's Gospel, the apostle Thomas personally experiences the mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other apostles tell him, "We have seen the Lord" (John 20:25). It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it.... He wants to see; he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side.

And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week's time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith.

"My Lord my God!" (John 20:28). With this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust; he is a new man, no longer and unbeliever, but believer.

Maybe someone among us here is thinking: my sin is so great, I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable, my unbelief is like that of Thomas; I do not have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people. But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him.....

Let us find the courage to return to his house, to dwell in his loving wounds, allowing ourselves to be loved by him and to encounter his mercy in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.

(From a homily by Pope Francis for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013)

Fr. Alphonse

**Bible Quiz – 2
Answers**

1. At whose palace the chief priests and the elders gathered?
The high priest, Caiaphas
2. "You have said so" – who said this to whom?
Jesus to Judas
3. How many times the disciples were asleep when Jesus was in agony in the garden?
Three times
4. What did they do with the money when Judas returned back the money?
Bought Potter's field, called field of flood
5. Who acknowledged Jesus as truly Son of God at his death on the cross?
The centurion and the men
6. Who cut Malchus' right ear?
Peter
7. After arrest of Jesus, to whom did they take him first?
Annas
8. After scourging Jesus, what was he wearing?
Crown of thorns and the purple cloak
9. Who is Joseph of Arimathea?
A secret disciple of Jesus
10. What was the last word spoken by Jesus from the Cross?
It is finished

**Congratulations to 10 participants of
Bible Quiz – 2. God Bless You!**

COUNTERS NEEDED: Immaculate Conception is in need of volunteers to count the collection one week per month and an additional week one time during the year. If you can assist us, please let the office know. Your parish is in need of your help.

CONGRATULATIONS: “Congratulations Liam Grice, Raven Kaczmarek, & Mable Stringham in receiving God’s grace in your First Reconciliation!”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Faith Formation will meet this Sunday, April 11th from 10:45 to Noon at the Immaculate Conception Hall. The parish will be holding their Chicken BBQ on April 18th at the East Bethany location for take-outs. All are welcome to volunteer to help out. Help is especially needed prior to the BBQ and for runners that day. On April 25th, there will be a parent meeting for 1st Reconciliation Preparation.

CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENCE: Rev. Frederick A. Gelsey, Sr. will present “Providing Youth Alternatives to Violence.” And will be introducing “the Youth Homicide Education and Prevention Media Arts Project.” It will be presented through “Media Madness” online via Zoom and Facebook on Sunday, April 18th at 3pm. If you have any questions call 716-893-0808 or email Vivian at sisterkarencenter.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Founded in 1923, Catholic Charities of Buffalo is the most comprehensive human service provider in Western New York, reaching all eight counties and serving at 80 professionally staffed locations. Catholic Charities helps Western New Yorkers without regard to age, race or religious affiliation. Believing all persons are created by God, we empower individuals, children and families to achieve and maintain meaningful, healthy and productive lives. We advocate for those in need — particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable. For more information about outpatient programs, visit ccwny.org

CHICKEN BBQ: To all of you who work so hard to donate desserts, please, no refrigerated desserts, we will not have room to keep them. Thank you in advance!

UPON THIS ROCK: Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. (“Foundation”) began soliciting donations to its “Upon this Rock” (“UTR”) capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary (“CKS”), expanding CKS’s role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS’s Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS’s closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation’s Board.

SPONSORS NEEDED: A new permanent pascal candle was ordered for St. Mary’s Church along with two pulpit candles. This eliminates the need for costly replacements every year. It is a one-time purchase of \$625.00. If you wish to sponsor the candles kindly place your donation in an envelope labeled with candle donation on the outside. Thank you for considering this very important contribution to our beautiful altar.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: God’s mercy is shown most clearly through the Sacrament of Confession, which Jesus gave to the Apostles in today’s Gospel. But who will minister this Sacrament to those in need of God’s mercy. If you feel called to take up this powerful task as a priest, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.