

Mary Immaculate Parish



St. Mary's
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April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48
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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: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia. (cf. Psalm 66 (65):1-2)

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

Third Sunday of Easter

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 – Rose Gould by Harold Gould

Saturday, April 24

4:00PM – Ron Peio (RIP) by Diane Costa

Sunday, April 25

8:00AM – Erin Bishop Thompson (RIP) by Pat Bishop

Sunday, April 25

9:30am – Jerry Rider Jr. (RIP) by Family

Mon. 04/19 - Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15;
John 6:22-29

Tue. 04/20 - **Mass 8:30am East Bethany**
Reading - Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a;
John 6:30-35

Wed. 04/21 - **Mass 8:30am Pavilion**
Reading - Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8;
John 6:35-40 (St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church)

Thur. 04/22 – **Mass 8:30am East Bethany**
Reading - Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40;
John 6:44-51

Fri. 04/23 – **Mass 8:30am Pavilion**
Reading - Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20;
John 6:52-59 (St George, Martyr, St Adalbert,
Bishop and Martyr)

Sat. 04/24 – Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42;
Reading - John 6:60-69 (St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest
and Martyr)

Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 17- 4:00pm – *East Bethany*

Lector: Ray Snyder

Sunday, April 18- 8:00am – *Pavilion*

Lector: Carol Pursel

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

Lector: Oscar Stringham

Saturday, April 24- 4:00pm – *East Bethany*

Lector: Ray Snyder

Sunday, April 25- 8:00am – *Pavilion*

Lector: Chuck Bishop

Sunday, April 25- 9:30am – *East Bethany*

Lector: Kathy Shepard

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 May 13, 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	\$ 2026.00
Easter (cumulative)	\$ 2138.00

Thank You to All Who Have Continued To Give

Reflection:

**Third Sunday of Easter
Luke 24:34-48**

“Then he opened their minds to understand the Scripture “(Luke 24:45)

If you read through the resurrection account in Luke’s Gospel, you might be surprised at how often the risen Jesus explains the Scriptures to his disciples.

All of the disciples from the two on the road to Emmaus to the ones gathered in the upper room seemed to be **“slow of heart to believe”** (Luke 24:25). But the disciples’ lack of understating was not a problem for Jesus. He was happy to help them understand the Scriptures. And when he did, it was as if a light had turned on for them. Recent confusing events began to make sense. They had joy and hope; they knew they could trust God.

Jesus wants to do that for you too. He knows the questions you have and the ways your hope and joy need a lift. And he is ready to do something about it. So, the best thing you can do is spend time reading the Bible. Hearing the readings at Mass or reading some spiritual books/saints are a great start. The more time you spend with the Scriptures, the more Jesus can bring them to life for you.

For instance, when you read **“The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want”** (Psalm 23:1), Jesus might help you see that, as your Good Shepherd, he will take care of the worrisome details of your life. Or when you read **“I go and prepare a place for you”** (John 14:3), Jesus might lift some of your sadness and give you hope for a departed loved one. You might even start to find joy as you look forward to heaven!

Every time you open your Bible, Jesus is ready to help you know him better. As he opened the minds of his disciples after his resurrection, he can speak to you through his word. Let him **“turn the light on”** for you. Let him lift your hope and give you peace and joy.

“Lord, I want to know you better. Help me understand the Scriptures more.”

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 EDUTATION NEWS: 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 for runners that day. On April 25th, there will be a parent meeting for 1st Reconciliation Preparation. Also on that day, there will a parent meeting for 1st Holy Communion Preparation along with confessions and banner making from 10:45 - 12:15pm.

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!

SECOND COLLECTION: Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Today’s first reading from Acts of the Apostles begins Peter’s first sermon in the streets of Jerusalem. Our church is in need of good preachers today! Do you have a clever way with words? Maybe God is calling you to the pulpit! Find out by contacting the vocations office at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

THANK YOU: To all those who have generously donated to the chalice fund, thank you. Also, thank you to all who have donated to the pascal candles. We’re getting there!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Our Lady of Batavia of Columbus will sponsor a Chicken BBQ on Sunday 25, 2021 from 10:11am until sold out (take-outs only). Pick-up will be at the rear of St. Mary’s Church, Ellicott St. Batavia. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 and includes ½ chicken, cole slaw, potatoes and dinner roll. Proceeds benefit local charities. Presale tickets are preferred by calling Mike at 343-3810. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE AND HOPE BY POPE FRANCIS

“Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2). The laborers for the harvest are not chosen through advertising campaigns or appeals of service and generosity, but they are “chosen” and “sent” by God. It is he who chooses, it is he who sends, it is the Lord who sends, it is he who gives the mission. For this, prayer is important. The church, as Benedict XVI has often reiterated, is not ours, but God’s: and how many times do we, consecrated men and women, think that the Church is ours! We make of it ... something that we invent in our minds. But it is not ours! ___ it is God’s. The field to be cultivated is his. The mission is grace. And if the apostle is born of prayer, he finds in prayer the light and strength of his action. Our mission ceases to bear fruit; indeed, it is extinguished the moment the link with its source, with the Lord, is interrupted.

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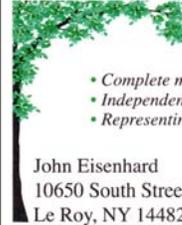
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