

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31st & February 1st

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00 PM

Months of October - March at St. Mary's

Months of April - September at Immaculate Conception

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

9:30 AM at Immaculate Conception

Recitation of the Rosary ½ hour before Weekend Masses

Daily Mass: 8:30 AM

Tuesday & Thursday at Immaculate Conception

Wednesday & Friday at St. Mary's

Holy Day Mass Schedule: as announced in the bulletin

Confessions: 3:15 – 3:45 PM Saturdays at Saturday Mass Site

Or by appointment.



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Parish Council Meetings:

“All interested persons are welcome to attend.” Look for times and Locations in the bulletin.

Religious Education – held at Immaculate Conception Site. Starting

Sept 14. Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM in the hall.

Lifelong Faith Formation – to be announced.

“Mother Mary; I Love You! Help me at the hour of my death! Amen!”

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND:

Saturday, 4pm – January 31

Intention: Bill Kegler (Mass of Thanksgiving)

By: Family

Sunday, 8 am – February 1 in Pavilion

Intention: Alice Yanda (RIP)

By: Randal & Laurie Mastin

Sunday, 9:30 am in East Bethany

Intention: Daniel Laurie (RIP)

By: Ralph & Elizabeth Worthington

Saturday, 4pm – February 7

Intention: Denise Noe (Mass of Healing)

By: Lisa and Ken Schiske

Sunday, 8 am – February 8 in Pavilion

Intention: Stanley Mastin (RIP)

By: Randal & Laurie Mastin

Sunday, 9:30 am in East Bethany

Intention: Harold Schmidt (RIP)

By: Family

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday in East Bethany

Wednesday & Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, February 3 – Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Intention: Souls in Purgatory

By: Amy Hardie

Wednesday, February 4 – Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Thursday, February 5 – St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

NO DAILY MASS

Friday, January 30 – St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Intention: Oscar Stringham (Mass of Healing)

By: Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Deacon Heinz Friedman, Thomas Pattridge, Lexi Sonricker, Hailey Conibear, Mary Fran Pietrzykowski, Marlene Pestlen, Darwin Lapp, Doug Tillitson, Ann D'Angelo

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS: Mary Pietrzykowski, Audrey McNulty, Martha Morgan, Betty Carney and Allan Carlson.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joseph Stanley, Mgr. Jason Palermo, W2 Christian Koch, David Hollwedel, Dan Murphy, Alex Roth, Tim Stalica, Jonnie Lyn Gray, Jady Gray, Jakob Kosiorek, Paul Agan Jr., Sgt. Nicholas Boyer, Brett Sheffer, Mathieu Philie, SFC Jay Knower, Michael Rigoni, and Mark Wilkinsen.

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

COLLECTION: 1/24 & 1/25	\$2,196.50
Ladies of Charity (Cumulative)	\$1,039.00
Solemnity of Mary (Cumulative)	\$ 757.00
Catholic Relief Services (Cumulative)	\$ 661.75

***NOTE: Please make checks payable to
"Mary Immaculate"***

***"Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from
the nations, to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you."***

Psalm 106 (105): 47

LECTOR SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Jan. 31	4:00 pm	Elaine Lemley	Saturday, Feb. 7	4:00 pm	Mary Shaughnessy
Sunday, Feb. 1	8:00 am	Carol Pursel	Sunday, Feb. 8	8:00 am	Dawn Bertrand
	9:30 am	Mike Jackson		9:30 am	Marita Midwick

Communion Ministers and Altar Servers are asked to volunteer their services at the Mass they attend.

BLESSING OF THROATS: Tuesday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Blessing of throats will take place at the end of masses this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASSES: There will be no Thursday morning masses said from January 29th – April 30th. Father will be participating in a hospital ministry training at the Diocese on these days.

GREAT NEWS!!! A new pictorial directory for Mary Immaculate Parish is on the way!! I am very excited as this is a much needed updated tool that will help me not only connect your names and faces, but also connect to you. Save the dates!!! Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21, and Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30. Also...if you would consider giving of your time or talent for just a few hours for this project, please contact the church office.

Father Innocent

ST. MARY'S CHURCH: Mary Immaculate Parish is celebrating 150 years at St. Mary's Church. We are looking for a committee to oversee the planning for this celebration. There are sign-up sheets in the back of both churches. I ask if you could please consider signing up or contact the office at 584-7031 or MIOffice@rochester.rr.com. You may also reach Father Innocent directly at 716-378-3731. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00pm at Conlin Hall.

Father Innocent

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY BEFORE

MASS: Remember that the Rosary starts approximately one half hour prior to Mass. Be part of this wonderful prayer time honoring the patroness of our parish. If you are willing to do one of the decades, it would be appreciated.

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AGING: Newsletters for February are available in the entrance of the church. Feel free to take one.

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATES: February 8 and 15, March 8 and 22

COFFEE HOUR after the 8 am Mass in Conlin Hall **this Sunday**. All are welcome!!

SHOVELING SNOW AT ST. MARY'S: We are in need of someone to shovel the sidewalks at St. Mary's Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office (5865 Ellicott Street Road, East Bethany, 584-7031) or Fr. Innocent (716-378-3731).

ALL BABIES CHERISHED BOTTLE

RETURNS If you still have your bottle *please return it as soon as possible*.

LADIES OF CHARITY: On behalf of the Ladies of Charity organization, I would like to **THANK YOU** for your fantastic generosity with the recent envelope collection. The people of Mary Immaculate Parish are very supportive of our charitable causes for the parish community. The money is a tremendous help for us to buy supplies for our many projects. These projects include the making of walker bags, wheelchair bags, foley bags, lap robes, geriatric quilts, and "care" bags. We also make baby quilts given at the time of their Baptism. Many photo albums have been made with donated used greeting card pictures that the nursing homes use for activity time. Thank you so much and God Bless You!

Nellie Colvin

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support to last weekend's collection. Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit www.usccb.org (search "Catholic Relief Services Collection") to learn how your donations make a difference and **help Jesus in disguise**.

CONCERT SERIES: The Genesee Symphony Orchestra 2014-2015 Concert Season – Sunday, February 8 at 4:00pm at Genesee Community College. Program will include “Olympic Fanfare and Theme”, “concerto for Clarinet No. 2”, “Church Windows” (which includes photos of St. Mary’s Church stained glass windows), and “Three Places in New England”. Tickets available to GoArt!, Roxy’s Music Store, Batavia Senior Center and The Bank of Castile, LeRoy. For more information, a flier is posted in the back of each church.

MARRIAGE MOMENT: In the spirit of the groundhog, develop your shadow side today. If you’re shy, make an overture to someone in need. If you’re not very affectionate, give your spouse an unexpected hug or kiss. If you’re a work-a-holic, take some time off to play together.

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE: February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion or economic status, we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today’s gospel reminds us “unclean spirits” still haunt our families. These “spirits” thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the “authority” to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today’s Gospel tells of how the “people were astonished at his teaching, for He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes”. Today God continues to call forward men and women to continue His teaching. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Walter Szczesny ~ 716-847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website ~ www.buffalovocations.org!

YOU DID IT FOR ME: When her husband died, Sandra* faced a crisis. Without a steady income, she couldn't put food on the table for her children, and she didn't have the funds necessary to maintain her medical coverage while she searched for a job. Thanks to the efforts of her local Catholic Charities agency, she was able to access emergency funds to pay for her medications and a much-needed food voucher to keep her children from going hungry. The emergency food and assistance program helped stabilize Sandra and her family until she was able to find full-time employment.

For more information about the hope-giving work being done across America, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: Today’s Gospel from Mark teaches us about openness and trust in the Word of God. We hear about Jesus teaching in the synagogue, speaking not as the scribes of the day might, but as one with authority. When a man possessed by a spirit convulsed in front of him, Jesus commanded the demon to leave. Clearly His words had the power to invoke change. The people were amazed, saying “With authority he commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” It was the *words* that Jesus spoke that were like nothing else the people had ever heard before. His fame began to spread quickly from that point.

The Word of God has the power to change our lives. God wants to free us from the negative influences in our lives that sap our time, energies and thoughts. He wants to empower us to do what is good and constructive. We only need to be open and trust in Jesus and his teachings.

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can hear Faith Moments on WLOF 101.7 FM, WBEN radio 930 AM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

POPE FRANCIS' SUGGESTED NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

“Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.”

“Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.”

“Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy.”

“Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence.”

“Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others.”

“Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord.”

“Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people.”

“Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation.”

“Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker...the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.”

“Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping.”

FIND GOOD WITHIN. SHARE GOD'S GOODNESS:

By contributing to Catholic Charities 2015 Appeal, you provide support to some of WNY's most vulnerable youth. Help Catholic Charities continue to link loving families with a child in need through our foster care and adoption programs, with counseling services through our children's mental health clinics, and ease the transition for children struggling to deal with their parents' separation. Join us as we provide care and support to all who need it. Find out more at our newly redesigned website, www.ccwny.org or call 716-218-1400.

CATHOLICS COME HOME: Help Us Spread the Word on Catholics Come Home. The goal of the Catholics Come Home campaign is to bring lapsed faithful back to the Church, and you can help us. Please share the CCH videos on your social media pages to spread awareness...the diocesan Facebook and Twitter feeds will be sharing several commercials throughout Advent. Find us at www.facebook.com/diocesebuffalo and @buffalodiocese on Twitter.

CATHOLICS COME HOME PRAYER:

Almighty Creator, place in each of us, a welcoming heart, for those who seek You at our doors. Make us bold and joyful witnesses, to those who live unaware of Your grace. In You, we live, we move, and have our being. Renew our wonder for the beauty of Catholic truth. Bless our families and our parish, with a holy life, consecrated to your purpose. Grow in us, a vibrant and credible witness, to Your love for the world. We lift up this prayer, united with Mary the first disciple, and all who continue to build up Your Church here on earth. *Amen.*

One Minute Meditations

St. Peter Damian

Born in 1072, Peter was orphaned at a young age. He escaped poor treatment by one brother when the other took him away to school where he trained to become a professor.

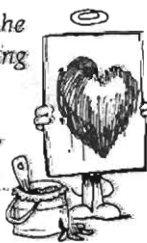
Peter practiced strict penances and spent many hours in prayer. Soon he left teaching to become a Benedictine. Pope Stephen IX made Peter cardinal of Ostia and he instituted reforms and ended many abusive practices in the Church. He wrote extensively and was declared a Doctor of the Church.

Mass for Lent

Consider increasing your Mass attendance from once in a while to every Sunday, or from every Sunday to several days a week. Trade an hour of television each day for an hour of prayer. The extra grace will see you through the season of Lent.

"You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever"

Psalm 16:11.



Self-denial is not just for Lent

Society tells us that we are entitled to whatever we want whenever we want it. Yet Jesus said, *"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"* (Matthew 16:24). The ability to say "no" to ourselves is critical for achieving goals and overcoming temptations.

Self-denial starts with deliberate choices. To live a disciplined life - key to reaching any important goal - means choosing to be ruled by deliberate choices rather than by emotions, bad habits, or the influence of others. Practicing self-denial prepares us for the lean times in life that are outside of our control.

Learn what tempts you. Make a list of

that which you have most difficulty regulating. For example, you may find food, using bad language, and gossip to be your biggest temptations.

Research your triggers. Do you indulge when you are tired? Insecure? Around bad company? Read books or articles about the areas that present difficulty. Becoming informed helps you make the right decision when you are tempted to make the wrong choice. Make an action plan.

Distract yourself. When you feel the urge to lose self-control, pull out your Rosary, go for a walk, drink a glass of water. This will derail the train of thought and give you time to regain your self-discipline.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics follow bishops?

After his resurrection, Jesus sent his Apostles on a universal mission: *"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:19-20).

The Apostles left bishops as their successors to

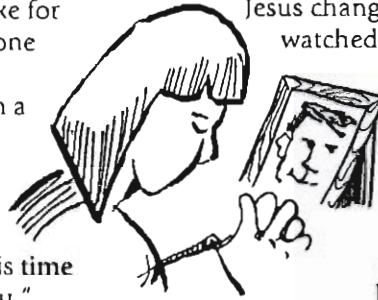
continue teaching the faith. The pope and the bishops form the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. The Magisterium, guided by the Holy Spirit, protects Church teaching from serious mistakes and teaches us how to live our faith.



Intercessory prayer – a double blessing

When we pray for others, we offer powerful help for someone in need. It's the best action we can take for others. Intercessory prayer is also a gift for the one who prays.

Prayers of friends can save. Remember when a group of friends lowered a paralyzed man through a roof so Jesus could cure him (Mark 2:1-12)? Jesus was clearly touched by their devotion. His usual response when asked for healing was, "your faith has saved you." This time he said, "The faith of your friends has saved you."



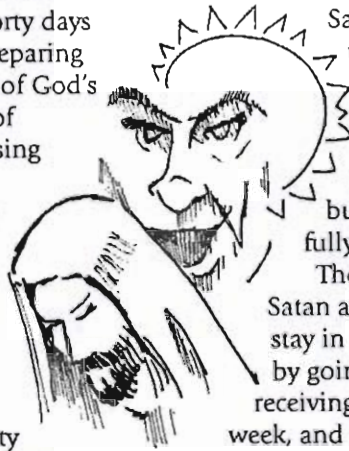
Place friends' needs before Jesus. In the Gospel story, Jesus changed the man's life and amazed all who watched. Imagine the kind of difference we can each make when we ask Jesus to help our friends.

Prayer blesses both the one who prays and the one prayed for. Those for whom we pray are blessed by the positive effect of our prayers. We are also blessed by the connection prayer gives us to God and by seeing the results of our prayers.

from Scripture

Mark 1:12-15, Triumph in the desert

Led by the Holy Spirit after his baptism, Jesus spent forty days fasting in the desert preparing for his ministry. Many of God's chosen spent periods of preparation and cleansing before undertaking important work in his service. Moses spent forty days fasting with God on Mt. Zion at the giving of the Law (Exodus 34:28). The Israelites scouted the Promised Land for forty days (Numbers 13:25) and wandering in the wilderness for forty years before entering it (Numbers 14:34).



In the desert, Jesus was tempted by Satan. Temptations surround us as part of our fallen world. Satan constantly works to tear us away from God. Jesus was not immune from his efforts but triumphed over Satan fully.

The best way for us to resist Satan and the presence of evil is to stay in a state of grace. We do this by going to Confession frequently, receiving the Eucharist at least every week, and praying as often during the day as we can. When we keep ourselves in God's presence, Satan and his temptations won't have a chance.

Q & A

Why do we say, "God is love?"

Love is an exchange between persons. In Scripture – God's inspired word – God's love for us is compared to the love between family members: a father for his son, a mother for her children, a husband for his wife. We say "God is love" (1 John 4:8), because he himself is an eternal exchange of love (CCC 221).



Throughout the Old Testament, God continually showed his people, Israel, proofs of this love. He never stopped saving them, forgiving them, and providing for them. God does the same for us today.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). Jesus showed us the Father's love in words and deeds. He taught us to call God, "Our Father," forgave people's sins, healed their sickness, and fed them. Christ expressed this love perfectly on the Cross. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 14:13).

Feasts & Celebrations

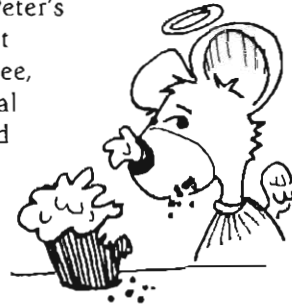
Lent begins February 18th, and commemorates the Passion of Our Lord. One observance is to pray before the Stations of the Cross in church and meditate on Jesus' journey to Calvary.

February 14 – St. Cyril (869). Along with his brother St. Methodius, St. Cyril was a missionary, teacher, and patron of the Slavic people. He invented an alphabet still used in some Eastern liturgies, and preached the Gospel in an easily understood manner. He died in Rome after taking the monastic habit.

February 21 – St. Peter Damian

(1072). Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a devoted and disciplined monk but was called to service as a bishop and served as advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.

February 22 — St. Peter's Chair. Marking St. Peter's establishment of the Holy See, on this festival we thank God for his Church and pray for its holy preservation.



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