

# MARY IMMACULATE PARISH



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First Sunday of Lent  
February 21 & February 22, 2015

## *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 – February 21

Intention: Cale McKeuwn (RIP)

By: Marirose & Gordon Ethington

Sunday, 8 am – February 22 in Pavilion

Intention: Bob & Kathy Shepard - For the good health and peace of mind & body they need to continue the indispensable job they do for our parish.

By: Father Innocent

Sunday, 9:30 am in East Bethany

Intention: For the spiritual & material good of Doug Beattie and Tom & Kelly Burns

By: Father Innocent

Saturday, 4pm – February 28

Intention: Arthur & Joanne Topolski (RIP)

By: Carol & Rosalie Topolski

Sunday, 8 am – March 1 in Pavilion

Intention: Richard Herold (RIP)

By: The Elliott Family

Sunday, 9:30 am in East Bethany

Intention: Joseph & Mary Barniak and Walter Zalenski (RIP)

By: Joseph & Suzanne Barniak

### DAILY MASS:

**Mass Time: 8:30 am**

**Tuesday in East Bethany**

**Wednesday & Friday in Pavilion**

Tuesday, February 24 –Lenten Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Wednesday, February 25 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Thursday, February 26 –NO MASS

Friday, February 27 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Deacon Heinz Friedman, 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: 2/14 & 2/15 \$ 1,821.50  
Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$ 461.50  
(Cumulative)  
Fuel Collection (Cumulative) \$1,005.00  
*NOTE: Please make checks payable to  
"Mary Immaculate"*

*"When he calls on me, I will answer him: I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days."*

*cf. Psalm 91 (90):15-16*

### LECTOR SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Feb. 21	4:00 pm	Rae Snyder	Saturday, Feb. 28	4:00 pm	Elaine Lemley
Sunday, Feb. 22	8:00 am	Dawn Bertrand	Sunday, Mar. 1	8:00 am	Carol Pursel
	9:30 am	Lisa Bernard		9:30 am	Mike Jackson

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

**LENT AND HOLY WEEK INSERT:** Please note the changes to the Good Friday schedule, this has been revised from last week's insert.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross are held each Friday during Lent at 7pm.

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's**

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception**

**LENT – IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT "GIVING UP":**

Many people tend to consider Lent a time to give up chocolate, candy, or other things they normally enjoy. However, Lent is about honoring our faith. Below are various ways we can observe Lent:

- **Attend weekday Mass**
- **Attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday Evenings**
- **Read and Pray over the Sacred Scriptures**
- **Pray the Rosary**
- **Visit someone housebound**

Make this Lent a time to reconnect with your faith, reach out to others, and prepare yourself for the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

**NO CLOSING HYMN DURING LENT:** In the season of Lent, we "await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure" (Preface I for Lent).

However, the general tenor of this season is one of conversion through repentance for sin by fasting, prayer, and alms-giving. This more penitential tone is reflected in the Liturgy by the use of violet vestments, simpler decorations at the altar, and the omission of the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia*. Our celebrations of the Eucharist during this season will reflect this attitude by the use of the *Confiteor* (found on page 4 in the Heritage Missal and in our Mass response cards) for the Penitential Rite and the omission of a closing hymn.

**ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:** Saint Joseph's Day (for Joseph the Husband of Mary) always falls within Lent, and Saint Joseph's Day altars and feasts have no meat. Saint Joseph's Day falls on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, but we will celebrate St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following 4:00pm Mass in Conlin Hall. All are welcome to participate.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** We are in need of some volunteers for our Holy Week Services. Our needs are as follows:

**Palm Sunday:**

**Saturday at St. Mary's:**

2 Readers

2 Communion Ministers

**Sunday at St. Mary's:**

2 Servers

**Sunday at Immaculate Conception:**

2 Servers

1 Communion Minister

**Holy Thursday:**

**At Immaculate Conception at 7:00pm**

1 Server

1 Reader

2 Communion Ministers

**Good Friday:**

**At St. Mary's at 4:00PM**

2 Servers

1 Reader

**Easter Vigil:**

**At Immaculate Conception – 8:30pm**

1 Server

1 Communion Minister

If you feel called to take part in any or all of this important part of our liturgical year, please contact Mary Jo at the church office. Feel free to leave a voicemail or send an e-mail if it is not during normal office hours. We would like to get all arrangements made ahead of time.

**PENANCE SERVICE:** Ascension Parish will be having a Lenten Penance Service Monday, March 16 at 7:00pm. Resurrection Parish Penance Service TBD.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:** Saturdays during Lent immediately following 4:00pm Mass in Conlin Hall. Bring your favorite soup bowl and spoon. Everyone is invited to come and share homemade soups and delicious breads. All are welcome to eat and enjoy as a family of God.

**CALL OF DUTY FOR ONE OF US!** My Dear Children; Donna Gaffke is one of us, a parishioner. She can no longer drive. She lives at 7273 Morrow Road, Pavilion, Lot 48. Could someone living close to her, or any willing Parishioner take it up to bring her to Mass and take her home. Please let me know.

***Father Innocent***

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

**WINTER FUEL COLLECTION:** will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for those who have not yet given.

**LAST CALL FOR BABY BOTTLES:** With less than 10 bottles outstanding, Our Lady of Batavia Council Knights of Columbus is happy to report that the parish bottle drive has topped \$2,000! Anyone still wishing to donate should do so by February 17<sup>th</sup> so that the drive proceeds can be forwarded to All Babies Cherished the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>. God Bless all who made this a most successful drive.

**PARISH DIRECTORY:** Please save the dates!!! Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21, and Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30. We will be having sign-ups in the coming weeks. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to volunteer your time during sign-ups or during the actual dates the photos will be taken.

**SPRING IS COMING MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>!!** Well, even if the weather won't feel much like spring, we will be holding **our first Chicken BBQ of 2015** on that Sunday. Even in the snow!!

***Flyers are available*** on the bulletin tables at each church...please take as many as can be properly displayed at your place of employment or other locations. If you need additional flyers, please leave a message on the office answering machine. Be sure to tell all your friends and family to attend!

For those who would like to be sure to have the dates on their calendar, the **2015 BBQ's are March 15, April, 19 and May 17.**

**UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**

February 22, March 8 and 22

**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.

**MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**TRAINING:** There is an opportunity to become a Minister of Holy Communion. The training session will be held on February 28 at Ascension Parish in Batavia. Applications are available from your pastor. Upon his approval, completed applications should be sent to the Office of Worship. Approved applicants should bring a Bible and a brown bag lunch or snack. Beverages will be provided. Any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 716-847-5545.

**BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION:**

Next week, our parish will take up the 128<sup>th</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Please read the Bishop's letter included in this bulletin.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER:** Our Lady of Batavia Knights of Columbus Council #11728 will sponsor its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 7, 2015 from 5:00pm until sold out at St. Mary's Church Hall, 18 Ellicott Street, Batavia, NY. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$9.00 per dinner that includes traditional corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, beverage and dessert. Reserve tickets by calling Mike at 343-3810. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, June 6, 2105 will be Deacon Daniel Ogbeifun's ordination at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo. Details to follow.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:** Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. 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](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Great marriages are blessed by God in Heaven, but they are made here on earth. There is a wonderful opportunity to make your good marriage great, to reignite the romance in your relationship, to place God fully in your marriage. Come to the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend held on February 27 - March 1 at The Atherton Hotel, State College, PA. For more information, call 814-823-4600 or visit <http://www.wwme.org>. *Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WLOF 101.7 FM, WBEN radio 930 AM, or at [www.faithmomentsonline.org](http://www.faithmomentsonline.org).*

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION:** In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus' 40 days in the desert without food or water. Because Jesus was fully human, like us he had real needs, he endured temptation, and he suffered. And even though it wasn't always easy, he endured hardship for the purpose of giving life to others. Jesus endured his desert temptations and suffering by looking to the scriptures and praying. He understood that even in the midst of his particular temptations and suffering, he was not alone. We are not alone either. God is always with us to help us overcome our own temptations and struggles. But like Jesus, we need to look to the scriptures, pray and trust that God will be with us to see us through.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

**SHARE GOD'S GOODNESS WITH CHILDREN:** Help the family who fled their homeland consumed by civil war and violence before beginning a new life in Buffalo. Jackie Bemeriki arrived in the United States from Rwanda in 1999 in pursuit of independence and opportunity. Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Assistance Program assisted her with food, housing. Clothes and documents and she now runs her own child care center to help other refugee families. Give to Catholic Charities 2015 Appeal and join us to "find good within" for these and the tens of thousands of others who benefit from Catholic Charities 70 programs and services. Remember the lives you are touching with your contribution. Find good within. Share God's Goodness. Find out more at [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org) or call 716-218-1400.

**YOU DID IT FOR ME:** Melvin Ramírez works as a coffee farmer in Nicaragua. Though challenging, he and his family got by--until a disease killed Melvin's plants. With no coffee to sell, he couldn't put food on the table.

Catholic Relief Services is helping farmers like Melvin protect and diversify their crops. Now, Melvin's family has a bountiful farm and a more secure future.

*Here goes...*

*"So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been selfish, grumpy, nasty, or overindulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen."*



**MARY IMMACULATE  
LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES  
2015**

**DAILY MASSES:** As regularly scheduled: Tuesday at 8:30 AM in East Bethany and Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 AM in Pavilion

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** At 8:30 AM Mass in Pavilion and 7:00 PM Mass in East Bethany.  
No ashes will be administered outside of Mass.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM:**

Stations of the Cross will be held in East Bethany on Friday, February 20, March 6, 20, and April 3 and in Pavilion on Friday, February 27, March 13, 27.

**RECONCILIATION:**

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at the regularly scheduled time: from 3:15 to 3:45 PM at the Saturday Mass location, except for Holy Saturday when no confessions will be heard.  
***Ascension Parish will be having a Penance Service on Monday, March 16 at 7:00pm.***  
***Penance Service for Resurrection Parish will be published in the bulletin when it is announced.***

**PALM SUNDAY MASSES:**

In Pavilion: 4:00 PM Saturday

In Pavilion: 8:00AM Sunday

In East Bethany: 9:45 AM Sunday (Please note the Sunday Mass is 15 minutes later)

**HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM:**

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00 PM. The Mass of the Lord's Supper in East Bethany

**Good Friday Ceremonies:** a.) 3:00PM - Stations of the Cross in Pavilion

b.) 4:00PM - Good Friday Liturgy in Pavilion

**Holy Saturday:** 8:30 PM Easter Vigil in East Bethany

(Please note: there is no 4PM Saturday Mass for Easter weekend.

Also, no confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday.)

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES** will be celebrated according to the standard of Sunday schedule.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:**

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**Fasting:** All Catholics between their 18<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.



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**To be brought to the attention of your people  
in a significant way**

February 9, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of the **Black and Indian Mission Collection**. In 2014, over 8.9 million dollars was collected from the faithful across the United States and every penny was given out in diocesan grants plus a little more! Again, thank you.

*Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is meant to evangelize.* As we embark on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay-leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. *I ask you to remain faithful to the Black and Indian Mission Collection!*

It is only through the constant generosity of everyone that evangelization efforts are multiplied a thousand fold. The gift of hope brings a renewed interest to all the local Churches across the country. Remember, when a child learns how to make the sign of the cross or a catechist shares Bible stories, you are there because of your prayers and support. Bless you!

On **February 28 - March 1, 2015**, I ask everyone in the Diocese to make a sacrificial gift to the 2015 National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Be assured of my prayers and gratitude.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard J. Malone  
Bishop of Buffalo

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