

# MARY IMMACULATE PARISH



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Second Sunday of Lent  
February 28 & March 1, 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 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

Saturday, 4pm – March 7

Intention: Mary Norton (RIP)

By: Brian & Jane Dills, Roger Norton

Sunday, 8 am – March 8 in Pavilion

Intention: Shirley Elliott (RIP)

By: Family

Sunday, 9:30 am in East Bethany

Intention: Howard Schmidt (RIP)

By: Family

### DAILY MASS:

**Mass Time: 8:30 am**

**Tuesday in East Bethany**

**Wednesday & Friday in Pavilion**

Tuesday, March 3 –Lenten Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Wednesday, March 4 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Thursday, March 5 -NO MASS

Friday, March 6 – 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: 2/21 & 2/22

**\$ 1,804.00**

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***"Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his  
face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me."***

*cf. Psalm 27 (26):8-9*

### LECTOR SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Feb. 28 4:00 pm Elaine Lemley

Sunday, Mar. 1 8:00 am Carol Pursel

9:30 am Mike Jackson

Saturday, Mar. 7 4:00 pm

Sunday, Mar. 8 8:00 am

9:30 am

Mary Shaughnessy

Dawn Bertrand

Marita Midwick

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

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

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

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's**

**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.

**FOR THE HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET ARE THE FOLLOWING:**

Bill Mager	Bill Kegler
Dan Gangi	Bill Fuest
Bob Shepard	John Callari
Mike Jackson	Matthew Jackson
John Gould	Steven Gould
Bruce Platek	Douglas Beattie
Chuck Shormann	Eric Shormann
Gary Swede	Bob Collette

Jesus' disciples had no choice between accepting or not accepting their feet being washed by their Master. Peter, who objected, received harsh words for it. And so, it is a privilege for any parishioner to be part of the reenactment of the wonderful example of love taught by our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

**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.

**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.

**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:**

1 Reader  
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.

**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***

**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.**

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND MEMORABILIA FOR THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ST. MARY'S:**

As part of the St. Mary's site of the Mary Immaculate Parish, the committee is collecting information to create a timeline of events. We are seeking the following: pictures, letters, and documents, such as early Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage certificates, newspaper articles or other memorabilia. If you are willing to share this information via scanning for the historical archives of St. Mary's we would be most appreciative. The committee is also requesting oral recitations of memories from members and friends of the St. Mary's Parish. Please extend this invitation to members of the community, as well as family and friends who are no longer in the area, or do not currently attend St. Mary's regularly. We are requesting information from anyone who had recollections that they wish to have included in our historical records. For questions and more information, please contact:

Pat LaPoint – [lapoints@frontiernet.net](mailto:lapoints@frontiernet.net)

584-3978 or,

MaryAnn Brooks – 584-3818

**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.

**BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION:**

This weekend, 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!

**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.

**UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**

March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, June 6, 2015 will be Deacon Daniel Ogbeifun's ordination at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo. Details to follow.

**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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:** As Peter, James and John had a “mountaintop experience” with Jesus, so too do those who are faithful to Jesus, experiencing His marvelous presence as they follow in His footsteps as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, 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 MOMENT:** “I establish my covenant with you.” (Genesis 9:11) Although this passage refers to God’s covenant with Noah to never again destroy all living creatures by a flood, your marriage is likewise a life-giving promise. Choose a symbol (like a rainbow) to be a reminder of your promise to each other.

**PARENTING PERSPECTIVE:** When your child marches to a different drummer, your main task is to support them when the culture may not. (Parenting Your Adult Child) This applies to gender identity, a special needs child, or simply one in crisis. Love them but don’t pamper them.

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION:** For Catholics, the Season of Lent is an important time of reflection and prayer to deepen our faith in the promises of Jesus Christ's resurrection. It's a time to listen more closely to God and perhaps re-think how we are responding to his call. In today's reading from the Book of Genesis, Abraham gives us a good example. He is willing to do whatever God asks of him, responding “Here I am” to God’s call. Abraham listened and was ready to respond as God willed. His ability to *continue* to listen saved his son from sacrifice. Abraham shows us that we need to constantly listen for God’s call in our ever-changing lives. His faith resulted in God's promise of great blessings for his descendants. Remember to take the time during Lent to really listen for God's voice. Spiritual reading, giving to charity and fasting are just some of the traditional Lenten disciplines that can help us do that. Like Abraham, we can have faith in God's plan for us.

*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).*

**FINDING THE COURAGE FOR A SECOND CHANCE:** After finding himself on the wrong side of the law and serving prison time, Keshawn knew he wanted a brighter future and needed the right resources. His uncle, an agency employee, told him about Catholic Charities’ Work and Gain Education and Employment Skills program. He was able to complete job readiness training and hospitality training through the Center for Transportation and Excellence and was offered a six-week paid work experience with Catholic Charities’ Maintenance Department. “I know what I did, and I know that is not the life I want to live,” said Keshawn. “All I needed was a chance to prove myself.” Find good within. Share God’s Goodness. Watch Keshawn tell his story in the brief “Find Good Within” video found at [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org).

**FAMILY LENTEN/EASTER PACKET AVAILABLE:** Looking for ways to keep your children interested and have a positive experience of the Church’s annual retreat for 2015? With a little creativity and time you can provide your family with a unique journey together with Jesus. Your free packet includes realistic ideas and practical activities, designed to discover the riches of Lent and Easter together. For your spirituality tool box of ideas, contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at 716-847-2210 or email [familylife@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:familylife@buffalodiocese.org).

**YOU DID IT FOR ME:** When Abed\* came to the United States, he left behind a war-torn village-- and every relative and family member he'd ever known. Starting fresh, the programs offered by his local Catholic Charities helped him learn English, develop his skills, and eventually make enough money for his children to join him. "I felt like I had lost my identity," he said, "but now I feel like I have made a new home."

Last year, over 21,000 refugees nationwide achieved self-sufficiency thanks to the support of Catholic Charities programs. To learn more, please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org)

*Laughter...A small girl was reprimanded by her mother for giggling during prayer. “It’s okay Mom,” she explained, “I was just sharing a joke with God.”*



## **Our Lady of Batavia Council 11728 Knights of Columbus**

February 19, 2015

Rev. Innocent Diala  
Mary Immaculate Parish  
5865 Ellicott St. Rd.  
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Dear Fr. Innocent:

It is a distinct pleasure to be able to report to you the final numbers from the Mary Immaculate Parish Advent Baby Bottle drive conducted Dec. 2014 – Jan. 2015. We received 100 bottles with donations totaling \$2,080.02. This represents an average donation of almost \$21/bottle. To put this in perspective, it has been my personal experience from over ten years of bottle drives that most drives average \$12 - \$14/bottle. A figure of \$21/bottle is remarkable. The parishioners of Mary Immaculate have displayed tremendous generosity in their support of All Babies Cherished during these trying economic times.

Our Lady of Batavia Knights of Columbus thanks you for allowing us to assist the parish in their bottle drive by collecting and sorting the coins. One of the missions of the Knights of Columbus is the practice of charity, and you have helped us meet that mission.

God bless you all for your generosity, and if you or any of the parishioners have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael A. Jackson  
(Pro-Life Chair, Council 11728)  
343-3810

## ***Please be a part of our Church Family Photo Directory!***

We are creating a new Parish Pictorial Directory and are asking for 100% participation. This great program will be used to create tools that will not only connect our parish family, but also assist Father in connecting to all of you. We want to make sure everyone is included and each family will definitely want to make sure you have a copy of the 2015 Mary Immaculate Parish Directory!

### **Photography Dates:**

#### **East Bethany**

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>                      2 – 9 PM  
Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>                9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

#### **Pavilion**

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>            2 – 9 PM  
Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>              2 – 9 PM

### **Sign-up by one of the following convenient ways:**

1. Sign-up on-line at [maryimmaculateny.org](http://maryimmaculateny.org) – please select the site where you will be photographed
2. Sign-up after church only on select weekends starting February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>
3. Call Mary Jo at the Parish Office at 584-7031

## **SIGN UP BY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> TO BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A \$50 PORTRAIT GIFT CERTIFICATE!**

**Free 8 x 10 and copy of our church photo directory** for each family photographed!

**Please arrive on time at your check in time and allow up to 60 minutes** for checking in, your portrait session and the selection process.

**There is no cost to the parish or to you for participating.** Each family will immediately view their portraits and if they desire, be given the opportunity to purchase additional portraits for families and friends. In addition to personal checks, Lifetouch accepts Visa, American Express, Master Card and Discover. You will be able to design your own packages with a discount of up to 30%. **PLUS, all our families will receive an additional 20% off! A great opportunity for family portraits!**

**Props make great portraits!** Bring in your musical instruments, hobby items, sports equipment and special items can enhance your additional portraits that will be taken.

**Purchased portraits will be delivered to your home** in approximately 3 - 4 weeks.

**Family and friends are welcome!** They will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 and can purchase portraits with our group discount. At the time of photography, they will simply indicate they are not to be included in the directory. Also, multi-family portraits can be taken which include 15 – 16 people. Please note that a complimentary photograph is not provided for these portraits.

**Sign-up today! We look forward to seeing your smiling faces!**



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