

Mary Immaculate Parish



St. Mary's
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Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor
Deacon Walter Szczesny
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19 & 20, 2015

Immaculate Conception
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P.O. Box 98
East Bethany, NY 14054



Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm

Months of October - March at St. Mary's

Months of April - September at Immaculate Conception

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

9:30am at Immaculate Conception

Recitation of the Rosary 1/2 hour before Weekend Masses

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Tuesday & Thursday at Immaculate Conception

Wednesday & Friday at St. Mary's

Holy Day Mass Schedule: as announced in the bulletin

*Confessions: 3:15 - 3:45pm Saturdays at Saturday Mass Site
or by appointment.*

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Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter your current family or marital situation; no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality; no matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue -

You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Mary Immaculate Parish.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

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

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND:

Saturday, 4:00pm – December 19 in Pavilion

Intention: George Donohue (RIP)

By: Tom and Kelly Burns

Sunday, 8:00am – December 20 in Pavilion

Intention: Alfred & Margaret Burns (RIP)

By: Daniel & Margaret Logsdon & Family

Sunday, 9:30am – December 20 in East Bethany

Intention: Darrell Bow (RIP)

By: Family

Saturday, 4:00pm – December 26 in Pavilion

Intention: Alfred Rigoni (RIP)

By: Elaine Lemley

Sunday, 8:00am – December 27 in Pavilion

Intention: Nellie Colvin – For all she does for the Ladies of Charity

By: Ladies of Charity

Sunday, 9:30am – December 27 in East Bethany

Intention: For the deceased members of the Shepard and Brandes families

By: Bob & Barb Shepard

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany
Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, December 22 – Advent Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Wednesday, December 23 – Advent Weekday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4PM – Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

7PM – Intention: Mary Norton (RIP)

By: Brian & Dills, Roger Norton

Friday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

8AM – Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

9:30AM – Intention: Bruce Stisser (RIP)

By: Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Deacon Heinz Friedman, Lexi Sonricker, Hailey Conibear, Mary Fran Pietrzykowski, Warren “Buddy” Oderkirk, Doreen Powers, Danielle Maniace, Patricia Sondericker, Tom Krenzer, Jack Jeffres, Kristy Lynn, Liz Noble, Joanne Mazur and Bill Kegler

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, Maj. Jason Palermo, W2 Christian Koch, Dan Murphy, Alex Roth, Tim Stalica, Jady Gray, Jakob Kosiorek, Paul Agan Jr., Sgt. Nicholas Boyer, Brett Sheffer, 1st Lt. Mathieu Philie, SFC Jay Knower, Michael Rigoni, and Mark Wilkinsen.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: All interested persons are welcome to attend. Look for times and locations in the bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Held at Immaculate Conception Hall - Starting in September.

Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

REGULAR COLLECTION:	\$ 2,399.50
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Cumulative):	\$ 303.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT (Cumulative):	\$ 1,745.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (Cumulative):	\$ 260.00

*Please make checks payable to
“Mary Immaculate”*

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just
One; let the earth be opened and bring
forth a Savior.**

cf. Isaiah 45:8

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, December 19 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Elaine Lemley
Altar Servers: Sarah Platek
Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce Platek
Samantha Platek

Sunday, December 20 – 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Carol Pursel
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Bodine
Nellie Colvin

Sunday, December 20 – 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Jeannie Amberger
Altar Servers: Evan Amberger
Shea Amberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Shaughnessy
Carol Wittman

Saturday, December 26 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Mary Shaughnessy
Altar Servers: Hannah Cline
Emma Cline
Eric Cline
Eucharistic Ministers: Dick Givens
Rosemary Givens

Sunday, December 27 – 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Dawn Bertrand
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: John Callari
Nellie Colvin

Sunday, December 27 – 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Lisa Bernard
Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk
Shea Amberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shorman
Debbie Schmidt

DECORATING OUR CHURCHES: This Sunday, **December 20th**, we will be decorating our churches for Christmas day. The decorating will take place after both the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses. Additional helpers will be needed at both locations. If anyone can spare some time to help, it would be appreciated.

THE GIVING/GARLAND TREE: *Please return your gifts by today, December 20th*. If you have any questions, please call Mary Eisenhard at 409-4839 or Pat LaPoint at 584-3978. Our parishioners are a very loving, giving group. Thank you so much. The families are very appreciative.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION: The Christmas flower collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. There will only be one collection so please put your Christmas flower donations in the regular collection.

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATES: December 20th
January 10th and 17th

ALL BABIES CHERISHED BOTTLE DRIVE: If you haven't already, please take a baby bottle home and put your spare change in it as you do your Christmas shopping. On the Feast of the Epiphany, please return the bottle as your gift for the needy children of today. All Babies Cherished is our local Pregnancy Assistance Center and last year they had over 600 client visits and gave out hundreds of clothing outfits, diapers, and formula. Their need in the community is greater than ever. Please help. May God Bless you for your generosity to those in need.

Mike Jackson

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS! If you are a snowbird, please be sure to let the office know if you want your envelopes held until your return. If you prefer, you can mail in your contributions during your time away.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We are in need of a few volunteers to count the weekly collection at **St. Mary's Church**. If you would be willing to spend an hour or so, once per month, please contact the office as soon as possible.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO MY BELOVED

PARISHIONERS: Together may we bless God for my second Christmas with you. I thank Him for His love and care of us all through 2015. May the Spirit and Joy of Christmas brighten our hearts and lift our spirits, rekindle warm memories and make us feel more loving and more loved. In Jesus Most Holy Name, I pray! Amen! *Father Innocent*

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Week of Christmas:

Tuesday, December 22: 9am-1pm

Wednesday, December 23: 9am-1pm.

Week of New Year's:

Tuesday, December 29: 9am-1pm

Wednesday, December 30: 9am-1pm.

CALENDARS: Our Mary Immaculate Parish 2016 Calendars are in the back of each church. We again thank H.E. Turner Funeral Home and Eaton Watson Funeral Home for their generous donation of these calendars. Please take one!

MY DEAR FRIENDS: This is my second Christmas away from my Mary Immaculate family. I think of you often and you are always in my prayers. I would like to thank all who have remembered me in their prayers and those who have sent me Christmas greetings. I wish all of you a very joyous and blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with God's merciful love.

Fr. Richard

God's Not Deaf...

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs:

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..."

"I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..."

His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

**MARY IMMACULATE PARISH
2015 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm – St. Mary's

7:00 pm – Immaculate Conception

Christmas carols sung at both sites 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Christmas Day:

8:00 am – St. Mary's

9:30 am – Immaculate Conception

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD, (NEW YEAR) MASS
SCHEDULE:**

Thursday, December 31:

4:00 pm – St. Mary's

Friday, January 1:

9:30 am – Immaculate Conception

**LOOKING FOR WAYS TO ENHANCE YOUR
FAMILY'S ADVENT JOURNEY?**

For your free 2015 creative family focused Advent/Christmas season packet of ideas and activities certain to increase and encourage your family's spirituality in practical ways, contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org.

YOU DID IT FOR ME: On his visit to the U.S. Pope Francis said, "Climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation. When it comes to the care of our 'common home', we are living at a critical moment of history." Stand united with Pope Francis by urging our nation to care for our common home and preserve it for future generations.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: Like a young child awaiting Christmas morning, our readings today fill us with great expectation and hope. In the first reading Israel is given God's promise that He will care for and stand firm with His people. We learn that from Bethlehem shall come forth from God one who will shepherd His flock, that "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." In a similar way on Christmas we do much more than recall God's gift – a gift that was not wrapped in bright paper but in dreary swaddling clothes; a gift that was not found under a tree but in Bethlehem. On Christmas we also place our hope in God's promise to care for us and we trust that the promise once fulfilled in Bethlehem continues to be present with us today. Like both the Israelites of old and the young child of today we are also filled with a great expectation that we will very shortly find God's great gift of peace *in* and *for* our lives.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Today we hear that Jesus' coming into our world and all of the love he poured out for us, through much sacrifice, was done in obedience to the Father's will. Remember that it may be God's will that you be a priest, or a religious sister or brother. If so, will you follow Jesus' example of faithfulness? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website – www.buffalovocations.org.

MARRIAGE MOMENT: The winter solstice brings the longest night of the year. Warm it with candlelight. For some couples, however, dark nights bring depression. If you are among those who are currently struggling in your marriage, turn to the power of prayer as one resource.

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE: These last few days before Christmas can be hectic – concerts, cooking, creating gifts. As the nights grow longer, a candle can be your friend. Light the third Advent candle tonight and pause, gaze, take a deep breath. Let the pause refresh and calm you.

DAILY IDEAS FROM THE ADVENT CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 20th – Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week.
Read Luke 1:39-45.

Monday, December 21st – This can be a sad time for those who are alone. Include anyone in your own gatherings who might be otherwise forgotten.

Tuesday, December 22nd – As a gift to the coming Savior, repair a relationship with a friend or family member that needs healing.

Wednesday, December 23rd – Make an effort to share God's love today. Say a kind word or listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.

Thursday, December 24th – Even if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree. Light it as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World.

Friday, December 25th – Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20 and meditate on each miraculous detail. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.



*"Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.
Those who go forth weeping,
carrying sacks of seed,
will return with cries of joy,
carrying their bundled sheaves."*

Psalm 126:5-6

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