

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Parish Website:** [ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org)

## Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am

## Weekday Masses:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am

1st Saturday Mass at 9:00 am (only 1st of the month)

## Confessions:

Saturdays at 3:00 – 3:45 pm, and after the vigil Mass.

## Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Friday of each month, beginning after the 7:30 am Mass & ending with Benediction at 6:30 pm.

## Baptisms

Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church should contact the rectory so we can explain the process to you. Baptisms are traditionally held on the first Sunday of each month.

## Marriages

Active and participating parishioners are welcome to be married at Immaculate Conception! Please contact the rectory at least 6 months in advance (preferably a year) so there is time to complete the marriage preparation process and confirm a wedding date.

Please do not reserve a reception hall before scheduling a meeting with the pastor.

## Shut-Ins

If you wish to have your homebound loved-ones receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory (301-884-3123).

## Catholic Education:

### Grades Pre-K-8

Little Flower School – 301-994-0404

Mother Catherine Academy – 301-884-3165

### Grades 9-12

Ryken High School – 301-475-2814

God's Little  
Lambs



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

4:00 pm – Eddie Bowling, Sr.

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Special Intention

9:00 am – Sister Paula

11:00 am – Parishioners

**Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – No Mass**

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – No Mass**

**Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Ricky Diehl

**Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

9:00 am – Special Intention

4:00 pm – Parishioners

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Rose Marie Ciorciari

9:00 am – Frances Greenwell

11:00 am – Frances Holyoak

**New to our Parish?** We welcome you to Immaculate Conception Church. For new registrations or updates, please visit our website ([ICChurchMD.org](http://ICChurchMD.org)) or stop by the Rectory Office which is open: **Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Pray a Rosary for the Homeless.

**\*\*\*NO DAILY MASS\*\*\***

We will not have daily Mass **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, nor Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Fr. Tietjen will not be in the office. However, we will have Mass on **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration will be **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**. A sign-up sheet was in the vestibule this weekend.

**First Saturday Mass**

Please join us on **Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** for first Saturday Mass at 9:00 am.

**Helping CareNet Pregnancy Center**

St. John's American Heritage Girls is raising money for CARENET by selling Mardi Gras King Cakes. Order now and the cakes will be ready for pickup the weekend before Lent starts. The cakes are fresh and handmade and **100% of the proceeds** goes to CARENET. The flyer will be in the vestibule next weekend. There is a limit on the cakes available so get your order in quickly and help these girls reach their goal of helping Moms say yes to LIFE!

**Altar Flowers**

If you're interested in dedicating altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call Clare (301-884-3123) and she will help you schedule an available weekend. The cost is \$47.

**\*\*\*Bible Study Cancelled\*\*\***

Bible study is cancelled next week. We plan to begin again **on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Bulletin Item Deadline**

If you have an item for the bulletin, please note that all information needs to be sent to [Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com) by the close of business on Tuesday. Messages will be edited when necessary.

**Intercessory Prayer**

Join others for intercessory prayer on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**Mass Intentions**

Have you ever wanted to do something special for a family member or a friend? Consider have one of our regularly scheduled Masses said for someone, living or deceased. Contact the rectory if you are interested in scheduling a Mass. Typically, a donation goes with the request; many donate \$10 but it is voluntary.

**Rosary**

The rosary is prayed at the following times:

- **First Sunday of the month** – 30 minutes before each Mass.
- **Every Saturday** – 30 minutes before the 4 pm Mass.
- **First Saturday of the month** – 30 minutes before the 9:00 am Mass.
- **Every Wednesday** – immediately following the 7:30 am Mass.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program that assists those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Tietjen (301-884-3123) or Amy Downs (301-904-7439).

**Prayers for the Sick**

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers: Sandy Burns; Mary Clancey; Melanie Gibson; and Meagan Humbert.

Once a year we take everyone off the *prayers for the sick* list and ask that if your loved one is sick and in need of prayers to add them on. You can do so by calling us or emailing [Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com).

**Prayers for our Soldiers**

We pray for those soldiers serving our Country – serving away from home. Please feel free to call us or email [Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com) to add your soldier serving AWAY FROM HOME back on the list.



Please join FlockNote today! FlockNote is a way for us to reach out to all our parishioners, or a single group, at a moment's notice via text or email. If you are interested in keeping up-to-date on what's going on in the Parish, please visit our website ([ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org)), click on *Subscribe-Flocknote* and choose the groups you would like to receive emails or texts from.

**Local Food Pantry Donations**

Please consider donations of non-perishable food including: jelly/jam; canned fruit; cereal; tea bags; Coffee; Manwich; Beefaroni, Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs, etc.; Hamburger Helper, Complete meal kits including non-perishable meat; Pork & Beans; Side dish packets of pasta or rice (Simply noodles, Knorr etc); dried beans; rice;sweets (cookies, etc); pudding; jello; canned meats (chicken, Tweet, Spam, potted meat, vienna sausages, etc); canned soup/ramen soup; canned vegetables; dried or canned milk; instant potatoes; Stuffing mixes; sugar; flour; cornmeal; salt/pepper; common spices; ketchup; mustard; mayonnaise; toiletries (soap, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene items, shampoo, conditioner, etc); laundry soap (any size – large, trial, etc); and Quart and gallon size Ziploc bags.

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,192.50.

The **Church Missions with the US** last week was \$1,074.00.

Your donations continue to help us with our financial needs to keep our parish running. Thank you for your support!!

The second collection next week will be for the **Renovation Fund**.

**Online Giving**

If you are interested in no longer receiving donation envelopes and utilizing online giving instead, just go to our website, hover over *Online Giving* and click on *Church Donations*. If you decide to stop your envelopes or have any questions please call Clare in the rectory office (301-884-3123).

**Schedule for Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.**

*Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.*

|                         | <b>Lectors</b>   | <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>      | <b>Altar Servers</b>               | <b>Rosary Leaders</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>4:00 pm Saturday</b> | Mary Ellen Evans | Charlie Widmayer, John Krznarich, & Rosalie Krznarich | Sammy & Joseph Chick               | Evelyn Diehl          |
| <b>7:00 am Sunday</b>   | Terry Casselman  | Judy Ramsey & Tim Steelman                            | Joe Davis                          | Janet Fulcher         |
| <b>9:00 am</b>          | Laurie Garner    | Debbie Myers, Raymond Burch, & Alice Thompson         | Adam Trossbach & Christian Redding | Theresa Wood          |
| <b>11:00 am</b>         | Mike McCauley    | ✠, Joseph Thomas, & Ann Thomas                        | Joe Davis                          | Joe La Bille          |

## Reflections on the Third Commandment

Out of all the blessings that God gives us, the gift of time is a unique one. It's a gift that encompasses our existence, and one that we cannot take back once we have "spent" it. The Third Commandment, "Remember to keep holy the Lord's day," centers around the way we utilize our time.

We have many demands that are placed on us. God intended, from the very beginning, for us to be productive – "fill the earth and subdue it," He said ([Genesis 1:28](#)); we are made in God's image and so we share the creative spark that is part of God's essence.

The Third Commandment is a nod to the Creator and to this first God-given mission: everything should serve and glorify God. And so we sanctify the "Sabbath" to honor God and give Him the honor He is due. There are many things we want to do; when our schedule opens up we often jump at the chance to do them. But God reminds us that even our free time should be spent with an eye towards honoring the Lord.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) reminds us that the Sabbath was traditionally understood to be Saturday, but after the Resurrection of Jesus it was changed to Sunday. (CCC #2174) It is also a visible sign of God's promises ([CCC #2171](#)) and also a "day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money." ([CCC #2172](#))

The key takeaways here are to spend our Sundays giving glory to God and to refrain from activities that would unduly burden us and others with work. We are to worship God and engage in activities that strengthen our communities and families.

Because Jesus is uniquely present to us in the Eucharist, Christians have always focused on spending time with our Lord in their local parishes. Barring illness or some other grave cause (if you're sick or the weather makes it dangerous to be out, *stay home!* It's not a sin to miss Mass under those conditions!), everyone should make it a priority to participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. While some may argue that they can worship God without going to church, this ignores both the reality of the Eucharist as well as the communal aspect of being with fellow believers. We may be saved as individuals, but the act of salvation involves being incorporated into the one mystical Body of Christ. The parish church is the local place where God intends us to experience this communal aspect.

Remember, God doesn't need our worship or prayers. We do. Keeping the Sabbath holy is an important way we keep our pride in check. We say "no" to the urge to focus everything about us and our preferences and center on what Jesus wants. We relax and recharge for the tasks God will give us during the coming week.

So if there are purchases that we can put off for another day, we should. Eating out and enjoying leisure activities can be done, but we should be very sensitive to those who have to work in order for us to participate in those activities. Spending time helping others and learning about our Catholic faith are excellent ways in which we can truly enter into the spirit of this Commandment. ([CCC #2185-2187](#))

So the first three Commandments remind us of the importance of expressing the truth that God is holy by the way we orient out our lives.

– *Fr. Tietjen*

## Parish Festival

Our Parish Festival will be held on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. This year we will have a new name – 2019 Seafood Dinner and Festival. Each year we've had local groups and businesses sponsor the printing of the raffle tickets to help defray the expenses of the printing cost.

Last year, we had the following sponsors:

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They paid \$100 and we printed their business or local group's name on each of the 30,000 tickets. This year we are once again looking for sponsors for the raffle tickets. If you're interested in having your group's or business' name printed on the raffle tickets, please contact the Rectory @ 301-884-3123, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The first 15 Sponsors will be the ones printed on the tickets. *The cost is \$100 and the deadline is Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, to be a sponsor this year.*

## FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MOMS AND DADS:** Please take a minute out of your busy schedule to reexamine the FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR for 2018/2019 on the parish website @ [ICChurchmd.org](#). It's not how we start the school year, it's how we finish. Each child is a gift from God and we have the responsibility and duty to educate them in the practice of our faith. Please remember your promise to God at their Baptism.

**KIDS IN GRADES 6, 7, AND 8 – ON LINE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** – Are you maintaining your 70% grades in each chapter. If you need help, please see your teacher. I don't want to start the New Year having you in my office every Sunday or calling your parents. Trust me, I can see everyone's scores, and I won't let you hide or slip through the door with less than a 70%.

**TEACHERS** – Would you like to become a Certified Catechist this New Year 2019? Please let me know and I'll be happy to help you begin the process. I believe that all classes are on-line. Please think about it.

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT STARTING A NEW CAREER IN 2019 – HOW ABOUT TEACHING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?** – Please call me, stop by and see me, or send me an e-mail. I would love to hear from you. THANKS.

*Deacon Bill*

240-230-3167 or [Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com](mailto:Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com)

## Little Flower School Open House!

Please join Little Flower School (LFS) on **Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and see what make LFS special! All are welcome to tour the school, meet teachers, students and administrators. LFS offers an excellent curriculum from Pre-K 3 through 8th grade in a traditional Catholic setting. Extracurricular activities include chorus, basketball, volleyball, Spanish, student government and STEM activities. LFS offers a Catholic education that encourages the development of a strong faith in God, understanding the importance of serving others, and learning values that will last a lifetime. Free bus transportation is available, including from PAX NAS. Other Open House Events are: **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm; **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm; and **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

## Scholarship Awards Ceremony & Black History Celebration

The St. Mary's County Black History Coalition, a non-profit 501c3 organization, is honored to hold its **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinah K. Miles Somerville Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Black History Celebration** featuring keynote speaker Dr. Adams. This event, themed "Black Migration", will be held on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center. There is no charge for this event, but they do accept donations. Donations can be made by visiting their website at <http://smcbhc.wixsite.com>. All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Francis Bonds (email – [Bonds.Francis@md.metrocast.net](mailto:Bonds.Francis@md.metrocast.net), call or text – 301-385-2201).



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**Other Events in Town**

- *Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers* is scheduled for **Monthday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park. Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm and healing prayers will immediately follow the Mass. All are welcome to attend.
- *Theology over Dinner* will feature guest priests and sisters sharing their stories to religious life. This will take place at **St. Johns Catholic Church in Hollywood, MD on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm and the talk will begin at 7:00 pm.
- *Men's Discernment Retreat Weekend* is for those men in their 20's - 40's interested in learning more about the priesthood. The discernment retreat will be led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington at **Saint John Paul II Seminary** and will take place on **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Registration is now open at [DCPriest.org](http://DCPriest.org). For more information contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020).
- *Super Bowl LIII Wing Platters* will be available on **Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the back of the firehouse at the kitchen door from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Contact Cindy (301-997-5722) to place your order. **Orders MUST BE PLACED BY January 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- *St. Mary Church, Newport's Mass with Healing Prayers* will be on **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**. The Litany of St. John Vianney will be recited after Communion and Fr. Briese will offer prayers of healing for the body and soul. Confessions begin at 6:00 pm; Mass begins at 6:30 pm. For additional information, please call the parish office at 301-934-8825.
- *Men's Retreat - Man's Vocation: Priest, Prophet and King* will take place at the Priestfield Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430) from **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$235 (double occupancy) and includes accommodation and meals. There will be Mass, Adoration, confessions, and talks. Please register at <https://2019adwmenretreat.eventbrite.com>.
- *Quo Vadis? - A Shadow Day* for young men in High School (juniors and seniors) on **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Saint John Paul II Seminary. For more information and to register visit [DCPriest.org](http://DCPriest.org) or email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).
- *Italy/Rome Pilgrimage* is planned for **June 8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>**. Plans are to visit many holy places in Italy, including: the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, Our Lady of Loreto, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, St. Rita of Cascia and more. Trip will end by visiting many major Shrines in Rome including the Vatican. Fr. Michal Sajnog, Pastor of Our Lady of the Wayside, will join us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction! The price is \$3,995 per person based on double occupancy! Contact the Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information (301-475-7139, email: [pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](mailto:pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org) or stop by Heavenly Presents, Leonardtown.) Do not miss this opportunity to be united in prayer - register today!
- *65<sup>th</sup> US National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France* from **June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>**. More information can be found on the bulletin board or on our website ([ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org)) under Get Involved/Pilgrimages.