

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



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 of the Month Mass at 9:00 am



Confessions:

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



Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

First Fridays following the 7:30 am Mass – 9:00 am

January 12th, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

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).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11th, 2020

4:00 pm – Brian Davis

Sunday, January 12th, 2020

7:00 am – Lee-Lee Bowles Massey

9:00 am – Special Intention

11:00 am – Parishioners

Monday, January 13th, 2020

7:30 am – Charles Bryson

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020

7:30 am – Fred Valentine

Wednesday, January 15th, 2020

7:30 am – Betty Wood

Friday, January 17th, 2020

7:30 am – Peggy Baden

Saturday, January 18th, 2020

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, January 19th, 2020

7:00 am – Lee-Lee Bowles Massey

9:00 am – Special Intention

11:00 am – Jerry Coats

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



New to our Parish?

We welcome you to Immaculate Conception Church. For new registrations or updates, please visit our website

(ICChurchMD.org) or stop by the Rectory Office which is open:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Christmas flowers were donated
in honor or memory of the loved ones
of our parish.

Faith – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Is it ok to read the Harry Potter and Percy Jackson books? Fiction books that whose stories involve spell casting, demons, and other aspects of the occult? Our Faith FAQ continues; a one-hour information session whose agenda is to answer questions about the faith. This session will take place on **Sunday, January 12th** from 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm in the **Parish Center**.

Unplanned

The IC Angels will be presenting the film, "**Unplanned**" on **Sunday, January 26th** in the Parish Center following a bread and soup luncheon at 12:00 noon. There will be an opportunity for discussion following the movie. This pro-life movie depicts the real-life story of Abby Johnson who was a clinic director with Planned Parenthood. She had a dramatic experience while witnessing an actual abortion at her clinic. This led to her conversion resulting in her becoming a strong pro-life advocate. The lesson we can take from the movie is the power of family, love, and prayer in the fight to protect the unborn. The movie will be shown Please note: This movie has an R rating due to the violent nature of an abortion. Children under 17 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or have written permission to view the movie. So that we prepare enough food, please RSVP by calling Marian Taylor (301-904-2944).

IC Angel Meeting

The IC Angel Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 19th** in the Parish Center following 11:00 am Mass. If you have unsold quilt raffle tickets please bring them with you.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on **Sunday, January 19th** after all Masses. A free-will donation will be accepted for a local charity.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers: Edrena Adams; Pat Anderson; Chicchina Bailey; Mary Ann Balenger; Michael Balenger; Heather Ballard; Wendy Blush; Doris Anne Bradburn; Cassie Michelle Brown; Sandy Burns; Ricky Burroughs; Nancy Calvano; Gregory Chapman; Cheryl Coppage; Jessie Marie Davis; Jimmy Davis; Fr. Michael Dobbins; Thomas Dotson; Josie Economy; Thomas Farrell; Michael Ford; Donna Gardner; David Greene; Marsha Harper; Scott Hughes; Meagan Humbert; Kitty Huntington; Christine Koehler; Kathleen Krznarich; Ralph Lawrence; Don LeVine; Fred Locantore; Penny Lynn; Mike McDonald; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Sandy Nelson; Lisa Durst Owens; John Redding; Laura Redding; Sis Robey; Louise Rogers; Elizabeth Shifflette; Joe Shifflette; Linda Kyte Simon; Catherine Smith; James Smith; Claude Stevens; Richard Szatkowski; Jen Tucker; Richard Turner; Debbie Williams; Lily Williams; and Linda Worthington. If you would like to add your family member to the sick list, please call the rectory (301-884-3123) or email Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com.

Prayers for our Soldiers

We pray for those soldiers serving our Country – serving away from home: Trevor Adams; Anthony Braxton; Caralena Cooper; Blake Guy; Paige Guy, Kellem R. Holt; Nathan J. Holton; Ryan Elliott Lawrence; and Joseph G. Thomas. Please feel free to call us or email Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com to add your soldier serving AWAY FROM HOME on the list.

Litany of Humility

This Litany is attributed to Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val (1865-1930), the Secretary of State of Pope Saint Pius X, by Father Charles Belmonte, S.Th.D., a priest of the Opus Dei Prelature who, inspired by the Cardinal, included it in collection, the "Handbook of Prayers," in 1986. Some words updated.

O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, Hear me.
 From the desire of being admired, **R. Deliver me, Jesus**
 From the desire of being loved, **R. Deliver me, Jesus**
 From the desire of being cheered, **R.**
 From the desire of being honored, **R.**
 From the desire of being praised, **R.**
 From the desire of being preferred to others, **R.**
 From the desire of being consulted, **R.**
 From the desire of being approved, **R.**
 From the fear of being humiliated, **R.**
 From the fear of being despised, **R.**
 From the fear of suffering rebukes, **R.**
 From the fear of being accused falsely, **R.**
 From the fear of being forgotten, **R.**
 From the fear of being ridiculed, **R.**
 From the fear of being wronged, **R.**
 From the fear of being suspected, **R.**

That others may be loved more than I, **R.**

Jesus grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be admired more than I, **R.**

Jesus grant me the grace to desire it.

That, in the opinion of the world,

others may increase and I may decrease, **R.**

That others may be chosen and I set aside, **R.**

That others may be praised and I unnoticed, **R.**

That others may be preferred to me in everything, **R.**

That others may become holier than I,

provided that I may become as holy as I should, **R.**

Amen.

Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$7,947.66.

The **Motherhood of BVM Collection** was \$2,283.00.

The **Renovation Fund Collection** last week was \$3,241.00.

At the direction of the Archdiocese of Washington we are supposed to have 2 months float in the bank. Two months float comes out to approximately \$82,000.00. Financial float for the month of December was \$76,039.00, which comes out to a little over 7 weeks float. This includes Christmas donations.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!

Online Giving

Have you ever thought about giving online and cancelling your envelopes? You can go on to our website (ICChurchmd.org) and hover over the "More" tab and click on *Online Giving*. If you are interested in setting this up and need help, please call the office during business hours and ask for Clare. Once you have it set-up you can now go in to your account and make changes whenever necessary.

Schedule for Saturday, January 18th and Sunday, January 19th.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00 pm Saturday	Michael Munshaw	John Krznarich	Benjamin & Michael McGrath
7:00 am Sunday	Mike McCauley	Tim Steelman	Chris Holton & Lacey Boswell
9:00 am	Eric Holm	Alice Thompson	Joe Davis
11:00 am	Theresa Payne	Ann Thomas	Bryce Manuel

Just a Few... Happenings in Our Parish

- **Adoration**
 - **Wednesdays** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm w/confession
 - **First Fridays** following the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am.
- **Bible study** (Parish Center)
 - **Mondays** at 7:00 pm
 - **Wednesdays** at 10:00 am
- **Intercessory Prayer** (Parish Center)
 - **Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm
- **Rosary** (in church)
 - **Wednesdays** at 8:00 am
 - **Saturdays** at 3:30 pm
 - **1st Saturday of the month** at 8:30 am
 - **1st Sunday of the month** – ½ hour before each Mass.
- **Rosary Makers** (in Parish Center – 7th gr. classroom)
 - **Fridays** at 10:00 amFor questions contact Dale Lloyd (301-475-6533).
- **Vanguard** (outreach group) (Parish Center)
 - **2nd Friday of the month** at 6:30 pm If you have questions, please contact Tim Steelman (TCSworkplace@gmail.com or 301-908-6086).

Call the Office or Email

Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com

if you are interested in:

- **Altar Flowers** for available weekends (\$47)
- **Mass intentions** (Donation accepted)
- **Interested in Becoming Catholic?**
 - Additional contact person - Amy Downs (301-904-7439).

March for Life

The March for Life official program will be held on **Friday, January 24th** on the **National Mall in Washington, DC at the Washington Monument**. The program begins with a rally at 12 noon, and a time of musical reflection at 11:00 am. There will be jumbo-trons for easier viewing. The March begins immediately following the rally at approximately 1:00 pm and proceeds east from the Washington Monument, at 14th St. on Constitution Avenue and ends in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. Marchers can ride the Metro to the National Mall.

MCA - Sweetheart Dance

Mother Catherine Academy will hold its Sweetheart Dance at **Bowles Farm in Clements, MD**, on **Saturday, February 8th**. A chicken dinner will begin at 6:00 pm, dance from 7:00 pm-11:00 pm, music by *The Wanderers*. The cost is \$30.00 a person. For tickets or questions please contact Kristie Norris (240-538-1135) or Ricky McKinney (240-925-6101).

Catholic Women's Retreat

A **Catholic Women's Retreat**, hosted by Encounter Grace, will take place on **Saturday, March 28th**, here at Immaculate Conception Church. The retreat, *The Grace of Yes with Lisa Hendey*, is a full-day retreat. Open to Catholic women ages 18+, cost is \$45.00 and includes retreat, breakfast and lunch. Information and link to register can be found at www.encountergrace.co (This is not a typo.)

Bulletin Item Deadline

All information for the upcoming bulletin needs to be emailed to Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com by the close of business on Tuesday. Messages will be edited when necessary.

FAITH FORMATION

January 12th, 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.
Happy New Year to all of our Faith Formation families.

MOMS AND DADS: Please take a minute out of your busy schedule to reexamine the FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR for 2019/2020 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.

PARENTS OF ONLINE KIDS: Are you aware that you can look at your child's progress each week? All you need to do is log on to "mycatholicfaithdelivered.com" and you can see your child's report. In this way, you also help support their teachers in working with your child when they are behind in their homework and encourage them to do better in their class work. Let me know how that is going?

MARY'S GARDEN: Very soon Mary's Garden will be going through a revitalization program. Please be patient with the caretaker. We are working on a few answers from GOD.

PARISH WEBSITE – Please visit the Parish Website @ ICChurchmd.org often to learn about Parish and Faith Formation events. If you have any questions, please contact me (240-249-6010 or deacon.kyte@gmail.com).

FAMILY PRAYER: This would be a very good time to start praying the rosary as a family every night.

Sunday – the Glorious Mysteries
Monday – the Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday – the Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday – the Glorious Mysteries
Thursday – the Luminous Mysteries
Friday – the Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday – the Joyful Mysteries

Deacon Bill, DRE

FlockNote

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. Please go on our website (ICChurchmd.org) and sign up today.

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Other Events in Town

- **Help Our Marriage** - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on **January 24th - January 26th, 2020**, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call 443-400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org.
- **25th Anniversary** - Holy Ghost Council was established in 1995. The Knights are asking the parish community to join them in celebrating their first 25 years by attending their Anniversary Dinner on **Saturday, January 25th** in St. Francis Hall. All are welcome to join in the celebration. Please see our website, under *Other Events in Town*, to get more information.
- **Super Bowl Wing Platters** hosted by the Mechanicsville Fire Department Auxiliary on **Sunday, February 2nd**. A full platter (50 pieces) is \$50.00 and a half platter (25 Pieces) \$30.00. Orders can be placed by calling Cindy (301-997-5722) and be picked up on the day of the event at the back of the firehouse at the kitchen door. **Orders must be placed by Wednesday, January 29th!** All proceeds benefit the Mechanicsville Fire Department.
- A **12 week program called Surviving Divorce**, guided by videos, small group discussion and workbooks, will take place at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park** beginning **Sunday, February 9th** from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. To register or for more information contact Judith (athewell@ihmrcc.org or 240-298-4044). Suggested donation of \$25 to cover the cost of materials. Free child care is available if needed.
- A **Catholic Women's Book Club Get-Together**, hosted by Encounter Grace will take place on **Tuesday, February 18th**, from 6:30 -8:30 pm. (Location to be determined). The book they will be discussing is *St. Monica and The Power of Persistent Prayer* by Mark Aquilina and Mike W. Sullivan. This is a free event, open to women 18+. More information and link to register can be found at www.encountergrace.co.
- A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will take place on **February 28th – March 1st, 2020**. The weekend will take place in **College Park, MD**. Please apply online at moments4marriage.org. Please apply by January 25th to guarantee your seat. For more information, leave a message at 301-541-7007.
- **Leap into the 12 Steps of Recovery – A spiritual journey**. Living through a loved one's process of addiction and recovery is challenging and overwhelming for all involved. Join others at a Camp Maria Retreat Center for a time of reflection, healing and connection with others walking this path in a same, compassionate, and supportive environment. The retreat will be held at **Camp Maria Retreat Center** from **Friday, February 29th – Sunday, March 1st**. The cost is \$180 to cover meals and lodging. To register email Director@CampMaria.org.

The deadline to register is February 10th. For more information contact Ann Kovalcik (301-475-8330).