

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 26th, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 25th, 2020

4:00 pm – Audrey Downing

Sunday, January 26th, 2020

7:00 am – Parishioners

9:00 am – Special Intention

11:00 am – Sister Mary Martha Thompson

Monday, January 27th, 2020

7:30 am – Betty Wood

Tuesday, January 28th, 2020

7:30 am – George Baden, Sr.

Wednesday, January 29th, 2020

7:30 am – Audrey Downing

Friday, January 31st, 2020

7:30 am – Larry Cusic

Saturday, February 1st, 2020

9:00 am – John Donald Buckler

4:00 pm – Ricky Diehl

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020

7:00 am – Leelee Bowles Massey

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Joan Burroughs

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 altar flowers were donated in
memory of George & Peggy Baden.

2020 ICC Seafood Dinner and Festival

The first meeting for this year's dinner and festival will take place on **Tuesday, January 28th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. We would like to encourage many of the younger adults to join in and help with this parishwide dinner. We are a parish family and we need you too! Hope to see you at the first meeting this year.

Discount Card Sale Cancelled

Mother Catherine Academy students were planning to sell discount cards at our Parish next weekend. However, the students have already sold all of the cards available this year. They will try and do this here next year.

Healing Our Wounds

The Bread of Life Center will be hosting a **Heavenly Morning of Reflection** here at Immaculate Conception on **Saturday, February 8th**. The morning will begin at 7:30 am with Mass in the church, followed by breakfast in the Parish Center. Fr. Scott Woods will give talks about God's healing love! The morning will also include Confessions and Healing Service with laying on of hands! God heals us in many ways, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. This morning is free and we expect it to fill up, therefore Registration is necessary to confirm our Breakfast and seating needs (due to Fire Code Regulations). Please Register Now through our Bread of Life Center for Peace Facebook page or go through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)! You can also call Bread of Life Center for Peace (301-475-7139) to reserve your seat or if you need more information.

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; Jimmy Davis; Fr. Michael Dobbins; Thomas Dotson; Josie Economy; 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; Bernadine Pilkerton; John Redding; Laura Redding; Sis Robey; Louise Rogers; Elizabeth Shifflette; Joe Shifflette; Linda Kyte Simon; Catherine Smith; James Smith; Claude Stevens; Richard Szatkowski; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; 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 \$5,59299.
 Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.
 The second collection next weekend is for the Renovation Fund.

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.

2019 Statements

The end of the year statements were mailed out 2 weeks ago. If you did not receive one, please call the rectory office during business hours.

Schedule for Saturday, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Rosary Leaders
4:00 pm Saturday	Joseph Thomas	Julia Redding, John Krznarich, & Charlie Widmayer	Sarah Redding & Paul Baden	Evelyn Diehl
7:00 am Sunday	Joseph Woodland	Tim Steelman & Judy Ramsey	MacKenna Zopelis & Lacey Boswell	Janet Fulcher
9:00 am	Terry Casselman	Dan Clark, Debra Myers, & Sara Neill	Joe Davis	Theresa Wood
11:00 am	Jean Adams	(Deacon Bill), Ann Thomas, & Robert Blackwell	Bryce Manuel	Joe LaBille

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).

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.)

Basketball Free Throw Winners

Winners of Knights of Columbus 8159 Basketball Free Throw 2020: Nick Johnson, Jenna Spence, Daniel Gascon, Kylie Parlett, Aiden Norris, Macey Bowles, Francis Gross, Jacob Spence, and AJ Woodland.

The winners are invited to participate at the District Basketball Free Throw Competition to be held at Father Andrew White on Monday, February 17th, please arrive before 10:30 am to complete the check-in process.

Thanks to all who participated, 23 in all!!

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 26th, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

2ND GRADE KIDS: Reminder

- *First Confession Retreat* (Faith Formation & MCA students) – **Saturday, February 22nd** at 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the Parish Center
- *First Confessions* (Faith Formation & MCA students) – **Saturday, March 7th** at 10:00 am in the Church
- *First Confessions – Make-Up Date* (Faith Formation & MCA students) – **Saturday, March 14th** at 10:00 am in the Church

PARENTS don't forget!

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

- *How to Help Family & Friends Suffering Domestic Abuse* will take place at **St. Francis Xavier in Leonardtown, MD on Sunday, February 2nd** from 9:15 am – 10:15 am in the Parish Hall. The workshop is free of charge and open to anyone who would like to learn more about this important issue. Laura Yeomans, from Catholic Charities at the Archdiocese of Washington, will be the presenter.
- 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 (atthewell@ihmrc.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.
- *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).
- A *Women's Lenten Retreat – "Ruth and Naomi – Their Story and Ours"* will take place on **Friday, March 6th through Sunday, March 8th** at the **Camp Maria Retreat Center**. Sister Marian Stenken, from the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, KY is returning to Camp Maria to lead the retreat. The cost is \$175 per person; this cost includes lodging and meals. Scholarship funds are available to those in need. Registration forms and retreat fees are due by Thursday, February 27th; mail to Camp Maria Retreat Center 41290 Camp Maria Rd. Leonardtown, MD 20650. Contact Ann Kovalcik at 301-475-8330, if you have any questions.
- *6 night/7day luxury motor coach trip to Mackinac Island and Michigan's upper peninsula* from **May 31-June 6**. Depart/return from OLSS in Solomons. Trip price of \$879 pp includes bus, hotel, all gratuities, all tours, daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 4 dinners, including a dinner cruise. Visit the Grand Hotel, take a carriage tour and ferry boat ride, and LOTS more! A \$100 (refundable) check deposit is needed by March 15 to hold your space. Contact Mary Beth Brown for more details. 443-623-6368 or marybeth@bytheseatravel.com.