

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

February 9th, 2020

The Fifth 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, February 8th, 2020

4:00 pm – Larry Cusic

Sunday, February 9th, 2020

7:00 am – Nora Cusic

9:00 am – Dorothy Mae Jackson

11:00 am – Parishioners

Monday, February 10th, 2020

7:30 am – Betty Wood

Tuesday, February 11th, 2020

7:30 am – Nancy Lippert

Wednesday, February 12th, 2020

7:30 am – Will Frzier

Friday, February 14th, 2020

7:30 am – Janie McAdams

Saturday, February 15th, 2020

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, February 16th, 2020

7:00 am – Am. Academy of the Sacred Arts

9:00 am – Sister Paula IHM

11:00 am – Richard Norsworthy

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.**

Do some spiritual reading everyday.

2020



ANNUAL APPEAL

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Next weekend we will ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal. This weekend, brochures and frequently asked questions about the Annual Appeal are available in our church to help inform your giving. You may also visit the Annual Appeal website at appeal.adw.org. The Annual Appeal supports more than 60 ministries and programs that benefit countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal.

K of C Free Breakfast

Join us for breakfast next weekend in the Parish Center as the Knights of Columbus service their monthly breakfast. A free-will donation will be accepted for a local charity.

How Do We Grow Closer to God?

Our Faith FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) continues on **Sunday, February 16th** at 12:15 pm in the Parish Center. This is a one-hour information session whose agenda is to answer questions about our faith. Come and join us for answers to questions you and our fellow parish family members have. Maybe this week you can stump the panel with your question.

BIBLE STUDY IS CANCELLED THIS WEEK.

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; Tony Bush; Nancy Calvano; Gregory Chapman; Cheryl Coppage; Jimmy Davis; Fr. Michael Dobbins; Thomas Dotson; Josie Economy; Michael Ford; Donna Gardner; David Greene; Jackie Guy; Marsha Harper; Ray Holt; 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; Edward Wardell; 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.

Parish Seafood Dinner

Our parish seafood dinner is scheduled for **Sunday, May 3rd** which is going to be here before we know it. The first meeting about the dinner was held a week and a half ago; the turn out was very low. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. You are encouraged to come to the next meeting to see what changes may be in the works.

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. They paid \$100 and we printed their business or local group's name on each of the 1,000's of tickets. This year we are once again looking for sponsors for the raffle tickets. If you are interested please contact Mari in the rectory office (301-884-3123) during business hours.

The first 15 Sponsors will be the ones printed on the tickets. The cost is \$100 and the deadline is Monday, February 24th, to be a sponsor this year.

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.)

Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise."

Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet.

Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

Information is taken from: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=28

Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,666.35.

The **Renovation Fund Collection** last week was \$2,708.25.

Thank you for your generous donations.

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 January was \$77,805.00, which comes out to an 8 week float.

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, February 15th and Sunday, February 16th.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

4:00 pm Saturday 7:00 am Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
	Michael Munshaw Marian Taylor Debbie Myers Theresa Creager	Charlie Widmayer Judy Ramsey Levi Parker Ann Thomas	Sammy & Joseph Chick Chris Holton & Lacey Boswell Joe Davis Bryce Manuel

Join Us For...

- **Adoration**
 - **Wednesdays** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm w/confession
 - **First Fridays** following the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am.
- **Bible study is cancelled this week.**
- **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)
No materials needed and no cost to you.
 - **Fridays** at 10:00 am
For 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 Shoe Drive

Do you have shoes in your home that are too good throw away, but you just don't wear them anymore? Many people in countries of Haiti, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Tanzania, and Togo will benefit from a new or gently used pair of shoes. Over 88,760,022 people, who do not own cars, have to walk to work every day in those countries.

Mother Catherine Academy student council presents the **MCA Shoe Drive!** They are asking for donations of new or lightly worn shoes to several local donations including: Mother Catherine Academy, Our Lady of the Wayside, **Immaculate Conception**, Sacred Heart, Holy Angels, and St. Joseph's.

A bin will be placed in the vestibule of the church soon. Just look for the bin that says: **MCA Shoe Drive!**

Thank you so much for your consideration of donating to those who will be so grateful.

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

February 9th, 2020

FIFTH 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. Please make sure you sign-in. Parents are also urged to go to confession.
- **First Confessions – Make-Up Date** (Faith Formation & MCA students) – **Saturday, March 28th** (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE) at 10:00 am in the Church. Please make sure you sign-in. Parents are also urged to go to confession.

PLEASE NOTE – ALL children in 2nd grade MUST go to confession before receiving Holy Communion in May. If you miss the scheduled times, it's up to the parents to make arrangements with Father.

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

- Praise & Worship will take place on **Wednesday, February 12th** at **St. Aloysius Church** in the parish hall. The event will begin with a Rosary starting at 6:30 pm followed by Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayers from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All are welcome!
- 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).
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend** on **February 28th – March 1st, 2020**. The weekend is in **College Park, MD**. Give your marriage a Valentine's gift you won't forget! Apply on moments4marriage.org. Seats are still available. Please apply as soon as possible. For more information leave a message at 301-541-7007.
- 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.
- The 59th Annual Spring Dinner will take place on **Saturday, March 7th** from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the **Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall** (located at 24801 Three Notch Rd. Hollywood MD 20636). Buffet-style dinner is \$26.00 for adults and carry-out: \$10.00 for children 4-12: and children 3 and under are free. The meal consists of stuffed ham, fried oysters, chicken salad, parsley potatoes, candied yams, green beans, beets, coleslaw and rolls. (Drink not included with carry-out). There will be a bake sale and a 50/50 raffle. Chances will be sold for a stuffed ham that will be raffled off on April 5th. Donations of Non-Perishable Food Items for St. Mary's Helping Hands Food Pantry will be accepted. For more information contact Elaine Quade at 301-373-2695. Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LAHVFD/>.



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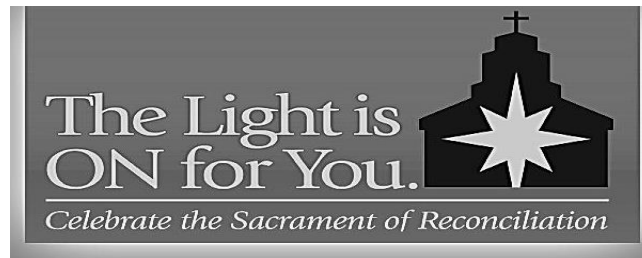
Come prepare for Easter with us during Lent
at Immaculate Conception Church

Ash Wednesday is February 26th which begins the season of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be @ 7:30 am and 7:00 pm.

There will not be a noon Mass.

Please note that Ashes will be imposed only during the Masses.

On **Fridays of Lent** (through April 3rd) **Stations of the Cross** will be held at 7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross will also be held on **Good Friday, April 10th** at 3:00 pm.



Lenten Penance/Reconciliation – Confessions will also be heard on:

Ash Wednesday after the 7:30 am and 7:00 pm Mass

Wednesdays during Lent from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Saturdays from 3:00 PM until 3:45 pm and after the 4 pm Mass

Also on **Wednesday, April 8th** from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence only.

Fasting is defined as eating one full meal. Two smaller meals that are less than a full meal may be consumed to maintain strength. Those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year (until age 59) are bound by the law of fast.

Abstinence is defined as not eating meat (i.e., beef, pork, chicken and other fowl should not be consumed. Fish is fine.). Those who are 14 or older should fast.