

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



March 1st, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

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.

The Light is on for Confession – Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.



Eucharistic Adoration:

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

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, February 29th, 2020

4:00 pm – Gary Szatkowski (Living)

Sunday, March 1st, 2020

7:00 am – Rose Viniotis

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Essie Mae Gibson

Monday, March 2nd, 2020

7:30 am – Catherine L. Holton (Living)

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020

7:30 am – Carolyn Thomas (Living)

Wednesday, March 4th, 2020

7:30 am – Raymond Raley

Friday, March 6th, 2020

7:30 am – Donna Hill

Saturday, March 7th, 2020

9:00 am – Ernest Williams

4:00 pm – Kay Szatkowski (Living)

Sunday, March 8th, 2020

7:00 am – Patricia, Leo, & Jeanne Cleary

9:00 am – Special Intention

11:00 am – Parishioners

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.**

Please continue to pray for all of our priests during the season of Lent.

Confessions

Please be advised that during Lent, Eucharistic Adoration will **not** take place on Wednesday nights until after Easter Sunday.

On Wednesdays during Lent confessions will be heard from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. You are still encouraged to come and sit with Jesus and adore Him in the tabernacle. Whether Jesus is visible in the monstrance or in the tabernacle, He is there to hear your prayers, listen to your concerns, and speak to your heart.

St. Vincent de Paul

There will be a St. Vincent de Paul meeting on **Wednesday, March 4th** in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm.

If you are interested in helping others in great need, consider joining this meeting.



Daylight savings time begins **Sunday, March 8th**. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour the night before.

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; Edna Burch; Sandy Burns; Ricky Burroughs; Tony Bush; Nancy Calvano; Gregory Chapman; Joy 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; Patti Smith; Claude Stevens; Richard Szatkowski; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; Jen Tucker; Richard Turner; Edward Wardell; Marie Weisenberger; 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.

TRIVIA NIGHT!

Are you up for an evening of Pizza and Games?

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its annual Pizza and Trivia Night on **Saturday, March 21st** beginning at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center. This is guaranteed fun for the whole family. Everyone is invited! Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served. Lots of prizes for the winning teams. And it is all absolutely free.

Please contact Jim Downey (301-884-5428) if you have any questions or to reserve a table.

Parish Seafood Dinner

Are you ready to help out with our Parish Seafood Dinner and Festival? On **Sunday, May 3rd** our parish will come together and have one of the best dinners in Saint Mary's County, right here at Immaculate Conception Church. At the last meeting most of the committee members from years prior were able to attend. Thank you so much for that! Your dedication is greatly appreciated and has been through the years. We would still like to have additional parish members join the committee and see what you can do to not only help out, but to enjoy the parish family fun. You are not only invited to join us but wanted! We are thinking of incorporating new ideas to this dinner to make it even better, what a thought... Better? Make a good thing better.

If you have any questions, please email Steve Morgan (SteveandCindys7@gmail.com).

The next Parish Seafood Dinner and Festival meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 18th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Everyone is invited to this meeting.

Jubilarian Celebration

The annual Archdiocese of Washington Jubilarian celebration of marriage, honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. This year the Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 28th** at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. To register please visit our website at ICChurchmd.org and print out the flier, fill it out, and return it to the rectory by **Friday, March 27th** at 4:00 pm, drop it in the collection, or email it to Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com.

Veteran's Home Donations of NEW Items

The IC Angels will be collecting toiletries for Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home until **March 29th**. The following items are needed (please only supply new items, not gently used): skid proof slipper socks, long pants and sweat pants with elastic waist bands in sizes Large and X-Large, T-shirts (mostly Large and X-Large but can use a few Mediums), liquid body wash (not bar soap), denture cleaner, tooth paste, and electric razors.

Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$5,553.00.

Thank you for your generous donations.

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've created your account you can access it and make changes at your convenience.

Schedule for Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00 pm Saturday	Eric Holm	Charlie Widmayer	Sarah Redding & Paul Baden
7:00 am Sunday	Michael Munshaw	Judy Ramsey	MaKenna Zopelis & Lacey Boswell
9:00 am	Laurie Garner	Debbie Myers	Allie Redding & Adam Trossbach
11:00 am	Mike McCauley	Ann Thomas	Joe Davis

Join Us For...

- **Adoration**
 - **First Fridays** following the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am.
- **Bible Study**
 - **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)
No materials needed and no cost to you.
 - **Fridays** at 10:00 amFor questions contact Dale Lloyd (301-475-6533).
- **Stations of the Cross** (Church)
 - **Fridays** during Lent at 7:00 pm. (*Exception – Good Friday Stations will be at 3:00 pm.*)
- **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 – Ends March 16th

Do you have shoes in your home that are too good throw away, but you just don't wear them anymore?

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.

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.

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.)

Items for Angel's Watch Shelter

The Angel's Watch Shelter in Waldorf is in need of some supplies (new or gently used). The items that are needed are: full size bed sheets, blankets, pillows, and comforters. All the bottom bunks are full size and they have no supplies left in stock. They are also in need of a Pack-n-play for babies. If you have any items to donate, or questions, please contact Kathy Clark (301-274-0680 or Kathy.Clark@CatholicCharitiesDC.org).

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

March 1st, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

“Lord, strengthen me with your grace this Lent so that I can overcome any temptation.”

MOMS AND DADS: 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).

REMINDER FOR 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION AND MCA STUDENTS:

- **First Confessions**– **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**– **Saturday, March 28th** 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.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND KIDS – Just a little glimpse into the future – the annual Faith Knowledge Assessment Test will be coming to Immaculate Conception Church on **Sunday, April 19th** with make-up day on **Sunday, April 26th**. Every student in Grades 3 through 8 in Faith Formation is required to participate in the Assessment test. Please parents – make sure your kids are in class. It's very important.

8TH GRADE TEACHERS AND KIDS – CONFIRMATION RETREAT/TRIP FOR ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2020 (Rain date is Saturday, April 18TH.) **KIDS** – Were you **PLANNING** to go or are you doing the long, long, report? It's all up to you and your parents. Please check with your teachers.

DID YOU GET YOUR RICE BOWLS??– Make sure you take them home and fill them up. Please help the Children of the World. They need us.

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

- The GIFT, a 6-week course on A Life in the Spirit beginning **Monday, March 2nd** from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at **St. Mary Church, Newport** in their **St Francis Hall** (located behind the church to the right). The cost of the series is \$10. Please sign up by contacting their parish office at StMaryCatholicChurchNewPortMD@gmail.com or 301-934-8825.
- 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). *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.
- **Seafood Dinners** will be sold on **Sunday, March 22nd at Holy Angels, in Avenue, MD** from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. The menu includes: fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, pickled beets, and all thrimmings. The cost for adults is \$30; children (12-6) is \$8; and children under 5 eat free. Carryouts are \$28 each. The raffle prize this year is for a total of \$1,500 in cash. First prize is \$1,000 and second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, please call 301-769-3332 or email Holyo1Angels@aol.com.
- **Annual Spring Craft Show** will be held on **Sunday, April 5th** from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm in the **Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall** (located at 24801 Three Notch Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636). Admission and parking are free. There will be over 100 craft vendors from MD and VA with a wide variety of handmade items. The LA will be selling refreshments including Stuffed Ham sandwiches or by the pound. There will be a Bake Table and a 50/50 raffle. A Stuffed Ham will be raffled off. All proceeds benefit the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. A donations box for non-perishable items will be available to benefit Helping Hands. Contact Craftshow@HVFD7.com for more information.