

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



March 8th, 2020

Second 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, 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

Monday, March 9th, 2020

7:30 am – Deceased Priests of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020

7:30 am – Chris Fanning

Wednesday, March 11th, 2020

7:30 am – Winnie Merson

Friday, March 13th, 2020

7:30 am – Christine Russell

Saturday, March 14th, 2020

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, March 15th, 2020

7:00 am – Michael Fanning

9:00 am – Wayne Wood

11:00 am – Thelma Baldwin

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.

Praying the Rosary

If praying the rosary daily is not part of your usual prayer time, I invite you this Lent to begin now. Pray this rosary by yourself or with your family. Lent is a very good time to offer your rosary up for all the priests. Please consider starting today.

Sunday – Glorious Mysteries – The Resurrection; The Ascension; The Descent of the Holy Spirit; The Assumption of the Blessed Mother; The Coronation of the Blessed Mother.

Monday – Joyful Mysteries – The Annunciation; The Visitation; The Nativity; The Presentation of our Lord; Finding Jesus in the Temple.

Tuesday – Sorrowful Mysteries – The Agony in the Garden; The Scouraging at the Pillar; The Crowning of the Thorns; Jesus Carries His Cross; Jesus Dies on the Cross.

Wednesday – Glorious Mysteries – The Resurrection; The Ascension; The Descent of the Holy Spirit; The Assumption of the Blessed Mother; The Coronation of the Blessed Mother.

Thursday – Luminous Mysteries – The Baptism of our Lord; The Wedding at Cana; The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God; The Transfiguration; The Institution of the Eucharist.

Friday – Sorrowful Mysteries – The Agony in the Garden; The Scouraging at the Pillar; The Crowning of the Thorns; Jesus Carries His Cross; Jesus Dies on the Cross.

Saturday – Joyful Mysteries – The Annunciation; The Visitation; The Nativity; The Presentation of our Lord; Finding Jesus in the Temple.

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; 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.

Divine Mercy

In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told CONTINUES

Are you interested in joining others to help you grow closer to our Lord during this time of Lent? Please join us on Sundays at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center for this video series by Fr. Michael Gaitley, showing God's Love & Mercy through the amazing historical events of the past 500 years. Consider attending this **free event** held on Sundays through the month of March. If you missed last week, that's okay; please join us for the rest. Please RSVP to 240-346-3933 just to make sure we have enough materials.

Sunday, March 8th – “the Suffering Servant” and “Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy.”

Sunday, March 15th – “Proclaim This Message” and “Fatima.”

Sunday March 22nd – “The Secret of Divine Mercy” and “God’s Master Plan.”

Sunday, March 29th – “Mary’s Knight” and “The Final Question.”

Catholic Women’s Retreat

Women of our parish, have you signed up for this exciting event? 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 now \$55.00 and includes retreat, breakfast and lunch. Information and link to register can be found at www.encountergrace.co (This is not a typo.) See the flyer on our website under the *Events Tab*, click on *Events in Our Parish*.

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.

If you have any questions, please email Steve Morgan (SteveandCindy57@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.

Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,926.98
The **Renovation Fund Collection** last week was \$2,810.00.
The **Ash Wednesday Collection** last week was \$1,795.00.

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 14th and Sunday, March 15th.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00 pm Saturday	Debbie Myers	Julia Redding	Sammy & Joseph Chick
7:00 am Sunday	Marian Taylor	Judy Ramsey	Chris Holton & Madison Myers
9:00 am	Theresa Creager	Terry Casselman	Joe Davis
11:00 am	Eileen Seyfried	Joseph Thomas	Bryce Manuel

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 am
 - For 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).

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.

MCA Shoe Drive – Ends March 16th

Mother Catherine Academy is collecting new or lightly used shoes for one more week. If you have any donations, please bring them in next weekend. Thank you for your support in this wonderful project.

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 8th, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*“From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear Him.”*

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”](http://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 – 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.

LIVE FROM MECHANICSVILLE – STATIONS OF THE CROSS!

Living Stations practices are scheduled in the church from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm on **Thursdays, March 12th and 19th** and dress rehearsal on **Thursday, March 26th**. The live performance will take place on **Friday, March 27th** at 7:00 pm. **To all parents and kids of the Parish**, please support our Faith Formation Class.

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 (*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

- 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, coles slaw, pickled beets, and all the trimmings. 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 Holy01Angels@aol.com.
- The 386th anniversary of the passengers on the Ark and the Dove landing at St. Clements Island in the Potomac is March 25th. This is also the Feast of the Annunciation. The settlers, led by Father Andrew White, S.J. celebrated the first Mass in the new Maryland colony on this feast day in 1634. In commemoration of that special event, since 1976, local residents have gathered at the historic Saint Ignatius Church at Saint Inigoes to celebrate the Mass of the feast day, the Announcement of the angel to Mary about the Son of God to be born into the world, and to remember the founding of the Maryland colony. This year "Maryland Day", **Thursday, March 25th**, Feast of the Annunciation, **Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm, at historic St. Ignatius Church, Saint Inigoes**; celebrant is Father William George, S.J. All are welcome to attend.
- Annual Spring Oyster Fest will take place on **Saturday, March 28th** from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm at **Saint Francis de Sales Hall** in **Benedict, MD**. Tickets are \$25 at the door. All you can eat. The menu consists of: fried oysters, scalded oysters, and raw oysters at the outdoor bar, shrimp, ham, and homemade side dishes. Reserve a table for six and one person eats free. For more information call 301-274-3416 or email Cusick@advw.org.
- Annual Spring Craft Show will be held on **Sunday, April 5th** from 10:0 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.
- A Golf Ball Drop will take place on **Saturday, May 9th** at **Flat Iron Farm** in **Great Mills**. This event is being hosted for St. Michael's School. They hope to have all 2,000 balls sold to make this a successful event. Tickets are \$100 each and winners can win up to \$50,000. You can purchase tickets now online at SMSGolfBallDrop.com.