

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am



Weekday Masses:

Private for now.



Confessions:

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



Eucharistic Adoration:

Will continue in the future.

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

For Masses that can be attended

Saturday, May 30, 2020

4:00 pm – Sean Rowley

Sunday, May 31, 2020

9:00 am – Jay and Mary McMenamin (Living)

Private Masses will be said this week for the following intentions:

Marie Del Vacchio
Sarah Neill (Living)
Paula Luskus
Leo Cleary
John Pitt Jordan

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 for June 6th through June 12th will be announced next weekend.

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.**

Pray for a rosary for all the deceased of our Parish and for those of St. Mary's County.

Masses

While we are beginning to come back to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we are still following the typical safety measure protocols. As a reminder, you are still dispensed (not obligated) to come to church to worship God. You are welcome to attend church provided you are not sick or living with those who are ill. Please be advised there is very limited seating when we do have Mass.

Father Tietjen will decide on next weekend's schedule of Masses after this weekend. Please continue to check our website for more information regarding schedules and instructions.

Rectory Office

The rectory office is open to take phone calls beginning **Monday, June 1st**, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. If you need to see Father, please call first to make an appointment.

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; Jessie Davis; Jimmy Davis; Fr. Michael Dobbins; Thomas Dotson; Josie Economy; Michael Ford; Donna Gardner; Judy Gough; 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.

Confessions

Father Tietjen is hearing confessions on Wednesdays evenings only, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Father has a confessional area set up near the Sanctuary. This is for safety reasons with social distancing. It is set up for anonymous only.

Parish Festival Raffle

As you already know, we were not able to have our Parish Festival this year, but we are still going to have the raffle. Although the raffle tickets have a date of May 3rd, 2020, we still plan to hold the raffle on a date in the near future. We would like to have a parish gathering (i.e. picnic outside, brunch in the Parish Center). As things change, we will decide how and when to do our raffle. For now, we ask you to continue to sell the raffle tickets. You may pick up more in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your help.

Important Update on the Jubilarian Mass

The annual Jubilarian Mass has been postponed to the fall. We will post more information as soon as we are given another update.

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).

Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** for the month of May so far is \$9,919.00.

Online donations to the **Regular Collection** for this month so far is \$10,287.40 (May 1st – May 29th).

Altogether totals \$20,206.40.

During a normal month we typically bring in an approximate **total** of \$28,000.

Thank you for your donations during these difficult times.

Online Giving

Have you ever thought about giving online and cancelling your envelopes? You can go on to our website (ICChurchmd.org) 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.

FAITH FORMATION
MAY 31st 2020
PENTECOST SUNDAY

PARENTS, TEACHERS OF OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: We need to get ready for FY2020-2021 Faith Formation classes. Are you ready for a new adventure? How would you like to join me on a video conversation to discuss this new idea? – The classes would consist of a teacher, parent, and child and be run very similar to our classes now but at home on a computer. Would YOU like to join ME? E-MAIL me and I'll set it up. My prayers have been answered. This coming week new guidelines for Sunday Masses and a future plan for Faith Formation will be coming to our Parish. Shortly after such guidance, I will be scheduling an ON-LINE meeting with all PARENTS and KIDS.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ON-LINE? – Would you like to help? Please let me know. I don't want our Parish NOT to have one and will do everything we can to provide for kids of the Parish to enjoy VBS IN 2020. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

ALL TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR – Biggest question I have for all the teachers is this; will you come back next year? I'm not sure how it will be done or even when it will start but we must continue teaching the youth of our parish. I believe it could be on different days of the week, video-conferencing, you name it; let's talk about it. Call me.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED – This coming year, Faith Formation is in need of several TEACHERS; one for the 5th grade, 4th grade, and possibly others. Please, GOD is asking you to look deep into your heart and commit yourself to help the youth of our Parish Community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS – GREAT NEWS - First week of June, 2020, The Archdiocese of Washington will be sending information on how the Parishes can begin to have HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION for FY2020. IC and MC families will be notified of the dates as soon as we find out.

PARISH WEBSITE INFORMATION– Please visit the Parish Website @ ICChurchmd.org often to learn about Parish and Faith Formation events. If you have any questions, please contact me (240-577-0923 or deacon.kyte@gmail.com).

CATECHETICAL OFFICE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON SUGGESTED PRAYERS AND ACTIVITIES LIST: Please review this list each week. We will be adding additional prayers and Activities from the Archdiocese when we receive them.

The resources in the coming weeks are designed to help the students and families we serve continue in a spirit of Easter joy throughout the 50 days of the season:

Spiritual: A week from Sunday, June 7, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Now is the time to begin a novena to the Holy Trinity. There are several online options, one of which is the online platform for “Pray More Novenas” found here: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/holy-trinity-novena>. You can opt for regular prayer reminders through this site.

Catechetical: We have designed several resources for Pentecost to share with your families and students. The family resource is designed to engage families as heads of the Domestic Church and pray to the Holy Spirit to bless their homes and families. We are hoping that many families will participate in this initiative and share their experiences online. We have created the hashtag #ADWFamilyFaith for promoting these images on social media. We invite you to encourage families to use this as they post their at-home family faith formation efforts with others.

The other resources include a crossword puzzle, word search, and coloring pages with Pentecost themes for students.

Self-Care: Even as we begin to make small steps in easing stay-at-home restrictions, we need to be mindful of balance and self-care. The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami developed the attached resource, which provides tips for caring for our emotional, physical, spiritual, intellectual and social needs.

As our Religious Education year comes to an end, we pray for all of the Catechists and Religious Education families of our Parish. Although their year ended in an unusual way, we all have hope for a faith-filled exciting beginning of a new school year in 2020-2021.

Deacon Bill (240-577-0923 or Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com)

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.

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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