

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



June 7th, 2020

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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, June 6, 2020

4:00 pm – Amy Wood

Sunday, June 7, 2020

9:00 am – David McMenamin

12:00 pm – Larry & Pat Gibson

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

Harold Gardiner

William Bernard Eggers

Florence Marie Battenfield

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 starting Saturday, June 13th, 2020 will be published 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.**

Please pray a rosary for the deceased of our Parish.

Masses

We remind you that we are still following the typical safety measure protocols when attending Mass. 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 in the church.

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.

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.

Rectory Office

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

Online Giving

Thank you to all those families now using online giving. If you are interested in continuing to use online giving and have been entering your donations each week, please consider setting it up for recurring. This will allow you the option to set up an account (I would then send you a one-time email with a link to create your account.) Once your account is set up, you can go in and make changes whenever you would like. You can then change the amount, change bank information, choose additional monthly donations, or pause your donations altogether. Please go to our website (ICChurchmd.org) and click on *Online Giving*. If you need help, please call Clare (M-W, F) during business hours.

Mission in Action

During this difficult time our world is facing with coronavirus, we have the opportunity to grow in our friendship with Jesus and to pray and offer sacrifices on behalf of others who are in need. We are missionaries even at home.

What can I do as a missionary at home?

1. Pray the Mission Rosary with your family for peace and healing in the whole world.
2. Children can clean their room and do extra things around the house to help their parents or siblings.
3. Say the Divine Mercy Chaplet and ask the Holy Spirit to be at the bedside of someone sick or dying.
4. Read the Sunday Mass readings. As a family, participate in a live-streamed Sunday Mass. Click on the link to find spiritual resources for live-streamed Masses and prayers: <https://adw.org/live-streamed-Masses-and-prayers/>

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.

Jubilarian Mass

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries will now take place on **Sunday, November 22nd** at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

Morning Reflection for Grieving Parents

The office of Family Life will be offering an on-line morning reflection on Father's Day, **Saturday, June 20th** from 9:00 am – 10:00 am for parents who are grieving the loss of a child. The theme is "Our Father's Loving Promises." Any parent who is grieving is welcome to attend, no matter how long ago their child's death was or the cause of the death. For more information, contact the **Office of Family Life** at VisibleSign@adw.org or 301-853-4546.

Some quotes to Meditate on

"The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the church."

~ Pope Francis

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus."

~ Pope John Paul II

"The cross means there is no shipwreck without hope; there is no dark without dawn; nor storm without haven."

~ Pope John Paul II

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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** last week was \$5,371.00.

Online donations for the **Regular Collection** last week was \$3,422.50.

Thank you for your donations during these difficult times!

Please see the back of the bulletin for *Prayers for the Sick* and *Prayers for our Soldiers*.

FAITH FORMATION
JUNE 7TH, 2020
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

PARENTS, TEACHERS OF OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Are there any parents or teachers reading the DRE? I'M going to begin putting information out for next year's Faith Formation classes and I want to make sure all PARENTS and TEACHERS are aware what is going on and have a voice in our program development for the upcoming year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THIS YEAR - CANCELLED.

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 - In the first weeks 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.

Spiritual: Ave Explores is offering a podcast series, "Faith in Action." This series will speak to our call to love and serve others through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching and the lives of the saints. You can learn more about the podcast here:

<https://www.avemariapress.com/aveexplores-faith-action/>.

Catechetical: Attached are two prayer resources to share with catechists and families: "Wake me up, Lord," designed for adults and "St. Francis Prayer for Peace," designed for children.

You will also find a Holy Trinity activity page for our younger students, as well as a Holy Spirit reflection for middle school students.

Self-Care: With the civil unrest and Covid 19 pandemic, there is no shortage of news. Now more than ever we need to practice self-care by limiting our media intake. This article is written with families in mind, but offers very practical tips for everyone to consider:

<https://www.newyorklife.com/newsroom/csr-limiting-media-intake-during-coronavirus>.

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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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; 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.