

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 9:00 and 11:00 am



Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 am



Confessions:

Cancelled for this week.



Holy Hour:

Friday Mornings immediately following
the 8:30 am Mass until approximately 10:00 am.

November 22nd, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ –
King of the Universe

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, November 21st, 2020

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, November 22nd, 2020

9:00 am – Edith Depew

11:00 am – Patricia Graves

Monday, November 23rd, 2020

8:30 am – LoVisa Battenfield

Tuesday, November 24th, 2020

8:30 am – Michael Rison

Wednesday, November 25th, 2020

8:30 am – Richard Phillips

Friday, November 27th, 2020

NO MASS

Saturday, November 28th, 2020

4:00 pm – Brian Davis

Sunday, November 29th, 2020 (Advent begins)

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Norma Buckler

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.**

Pray a rosary for the souls in Purgatory
and say a St. Michael Prayer for our Country.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Confessions Cancelled

Confessions are cancelled here at Immaculate Conception for **Wednesday, November 25th**.

If you are in the need of the sacrament, please visit one of our local churches.

- **St. Joseph's Morganza:** Sunday before each morning Mass and after the 6:00 pm Mass; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7:45 am (Mass begins at 8:00 am) and from 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm.
- **Sacred Heart Bushwood:** Saturday from 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm; Sunday 7:30 am – 7:50 am.
- **Holy Angels:** Wednesday, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Mass Cancelled and Rectory Office Closed

We will not have Mass on Thanksgiving Day nor on Friday, November 27th.

The rectory office will be closed on **Thursday, November 26th** and **Friday, November 27th**. We will reopen on Monday, November 30th.

CareNet Gifts for Baby Jesus

The IC Angels are collecting new, unwrapped gifts for Baby Jesus, through **Sunday, December 20th**.

The gifts will then be donated to CareNet of Southern Maryland. CareNet is a Christ-centered ministry, which helps women facing unplanned or crisis pregnancies. Due to the increased restrictions of Covid-19, CareNet has had to limit hours and availability – all while seeing more women vulnerable to abortion than ever before. It has been busy. Please continue to pray for the staff's safety and health, and for wisdom as they continue serving vulnerable women.

If you are able, please consider donating essential items: Clorox wipes/spray, diapers (sizes 4-6), baby wipes, and \$10 gift cards (Wawa, Amazon, Weis, Giant, Walmart.) These needed items are used for their Parenting classes which are now being done virtually. There were over 8 parenting classes last month alone, each one-on-one sharing the Good News as they share how to be the best parent!

As you do your holiday shopping, please purchase one of these baby items, or any other item you choose. There will be a crate available in the back of the church for your donations. If you choose to write a check instead, please make it payable to "CareNet of Southern Maryland." For security reasons, please place all checks and gift cards in an envelope, marked "CareNet," and place them in the collection baskets. Thank you for your cooperation and support. May God bless you for your generosity.

For information, please call Marian Taylor 301-904-2944

Spiritual Communion Prayer

For those who are unable to attend Mass but are watching online, here is a Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

Please see the back of the bulletin for *prayers for the sick, military, baptized, and deceased.*

New Ministry Reaching Out

We have a small group of individuals who have spoken to Father Tietjen about starting a new ministry. Our new ministry would like to reach out to parishioners that are homebound (for reasons such as Covid-19) by sending something small but meaningful in the mail, or making phone calls to let them know they are in our prayers and to just brighten their day. If you know of a parishioner that would appreciate this OR you would like to join this ministry, please contact us at the rectory (301-884-3123 [during business hours] or email Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com) with their name, phone number, and mailing address.

Festival of Trees

The Hospice of St. Mary's annual Festival of Trees has gone virtual! We invite all in our community to participate in Holidays at Home by entering our decorating contest (donation cost: \$100). Invite your friends and family to vote for their favorite trees and wreaths for just \$1! We also have a children's art contest, plus trees and wreaths for auction. All proceeds benefit Hospice of St. Mary's.

Details: <http://www.hospicefot2020.givesmart.com/>

Thanksgiving Dessert Auction

St. John's School is hosting a *Thanksgiving cake and pie auction!* Dessert donations accepted **Monday, November 23rd** from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Comment on the photos within the Facebook event to bid in \$5 increments on **Tuesday, November 24th**:

<https://fb.me/e/1G7bdwoMV>.

The highest bid at 2:00 pm wins! Pay at pickup, **Tuesday, November 24th** from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Please contact hollidaya@sjsollywood.org with questions.

Parish Finance Information

The Regular Collection last week was \$5,190.50.

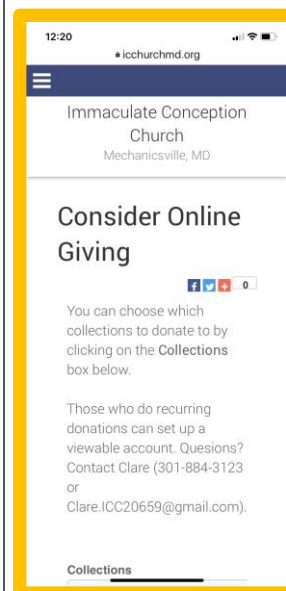
The Christmas Flowers & Decorations Collection last week was \$1,112.00.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Online Giving

Many families have already chosen to give one-time or recurring donations through our website. Explore the convenience of online giving at ICChurchmd.org/online-giving, and be one of the families who set their donations to **automatically occur** when, how often, and in the amount, you'd like to give. You always have access to update your information, change gift amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a gift at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or swinging by the ATM.

If you have any questions, contact Clare (301-884-3123 or Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com).



Parish Weekly Events

Faith Formation

- Sundays at 10:00 am (online)

Rosary Recitation

- Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Fridays immediately following Mass in church. Also, on Saturdays before the 4:00 pm Mass.
- Saturdays at 12:00 noon outside in Mary's Garden.

Bible Study

- Mondays at 7:00 pm in the **Parish Center and online.**

Intercessory Prayer

- Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (online). Contact Tammy Hildebrand (240-346-3933 or hildetpj@md.metrocast.net).

Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of St. John

- Meetings are the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon in the Parish Center. Contact Clara Pate (301-645-9439 or CPat923@verizon.net). All Catholic women are welcome.

IC Angels

- Meetings are the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 pm in the Parish Center. All Catholic women are welcome.

Knights of St. John (NOT MEETING AT THIS TIME.)

- When meetings begin again, we will post it here – they are usually once a month.

Knights of Columbus

- Business meetings are held the **second Monday** of each month at 7:00 pm in the **Parish Center.**
- Social meetings are held the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:00 pm in the **Parish Center.**
- Contact Greg Walcutt (301-751-9950).

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Organization to help those in need.)

- Meetings are held the **first Wednesday** of each month at 6:00 pm in the **Parish Center.** All are welcome.

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).

Food Pantry Items

Together we can feed many others. Thank you for your continued support in donating to the food for the local pantries. The following list of items are needed: jelly, Hamburger Helper, family-size boxes of instant mashed potatoes, pork and beans, Jiffy cornbread mix, canned chicken breast, spaghetti noodles, hot chocolate, coffee, tea bags, men's deodorant, and laundry detergent.

But as usual, anything that is nonperishable is greatly appreciated.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 2020

“OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE”

“In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

FAITH FORMATION FUTURE FOR FY 2021 --The NEW YEAR, FY 2021, is coming and along with the NEW YEAR will come new challenges for all of our lives. Be ready, and TRUST IN GOD, OUR FATHER in heaven. He loves all of us. We are all His children. In this NEW YEAR coming, please, pretty please: learn how to PRAY TO OUR FATHER in heaven. Just talk to Him. He would love to hear your voice.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS -- IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR “FAITH FORMATION CLOSURES AND HOLIDAYS”. Please remind your students and parents that this would be a great time to get caught up on any missed assignments or maybe get ahead while on the HOLIDAY LEAVE.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” POSTER CONTEST -- A special notice from ANOTHER ONE of Santa's helpers: Poster boards will be AVAILABLE this week in the Parish Center on Sunday morning from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and in the Rectory office Monday-Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please, just take one for each student; poster boards don't grow on trees you know. PLEASE, PLEASE, remember, you must turn in your winning POSTER to Deacon Bill by Sunday, December 20th by NOON, because SOMEONE SPECIAL IN A RED SUIT will be picking them up later.

FAITH FORMATION PARENTS AND KIDS -- IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! Please check your CALENDAR DATES -- VERY IMPORTANT -- “THANKSGIVING” and then “CHRISTMAS”, “FAMILY CHURCH SERVICES”, and then the “NEW YEAR” BEGINS. Also, this will be a great time to get caught up in any missed assignments or complete some future class work. That's a good way to start a NEW YEAR OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT OR LEFT FOOT, whichever way you want.

MARY'S GARDEN -- Parents and kids, please come and take a look at Mary's garden. Did you know that someone will be crowning Mary this coming year? Also, are you aware that at 12 Noon each Saturday, there is a Rosary Prayer group that you can be a part of and recite the ROSARY with them? Your Mother Mary, Jesus' Mom, would love to see you there. Let me know what you think? Have you seen Mary's garden late in the evening or early at night? She has some SPECIAL LIGHTS AROUND HER.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND KIDS -- This coming Thursday, November 26th is THANKSGIVING DAY! I hope and pray that all families in our parish and around these United States of America will come together and enjoy this day God has given us to celebrate our FREEDOMS, THE LOVE OF CHRIST, and EACH OTHER. As we begin our dinner, we should all PRAY TO OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN and give thanks for this meal and our FAMILIES. GOD BLESS EVERYONE.

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.

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

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; Evelyn Arnold; Chicchina Bailey; Mary Ann Balenger; Michael Balenger; Heather Ballard; Wendy Blush; Ralph Edwin Bond, Jr.; Doris Anne Bradburn; Cassie Michelle Brown; Edna Burch; Sandy Burns; Ricky Burroughs; Nancy Calvano; Joy Cheryl Coppage; Jessie Davis; Jimmy Davis; Fr. Michael Dobbins; Thomas Dotson; Josie Economy; Michael Ford; Donna Gardner; Judy Gough; David Greene; Iris Hager; Marsha Harper; Scott Hughes; Meagan Humbert; Kitty Huntington; Edie Kans; Kellie Knopp; Christine Koehler; Ralph Lawrence; Fred Locantore; Penny Lynn; Mike McDonald; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Sandy Nelson; Lisa Durst Owens; Sgt. Matthew Pennington; Bernadine Pilkerton; Carolyn Quade; John Redding; Laura Redding; Shelly Reinke; Louise Rogers; Elizabeth Shifflette; Joe Shifflette; Catherine Smith; James Smith; Patti Smith; Claude Stevens; Joey Sweat; Richard Szatkowski; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; Richard Turner; Edward Wardell; Charlotte Wathen; Debbie Williams; Lily Williams; Joan Winslow; 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.

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

We pray for the repose of the soul of George Widmayer, our parishioner who died this past week.