

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



November 29th, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

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.

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, November 28th, 2020

4:00 pm – Brian Davis

Sunday, November 29th, 2020

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Norma Buckler

Monday, November 30th, 2020

8:30 am – John “Jackie” Guy

Tuesday, December 1st, 2020

8:30 am – William J. Parker, Sr.

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020

8:30 am – John Nolan Gardiner, Sr.

Friday, December 4th, 2020

8:30 am – George Earl Beall, Jr.

Saturday, December 5th, 2020

9:00 am – Joyce Conner

4:00 pm – Ronald Moffatt

Sunday, December 6th, 2020

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Norma Buckler

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.



Advent Wreath, Blessing, And Prayer for the First Week

An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce, or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the light that the birth of Christ brought into the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the color of kings and of penance. A rose-colored candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ.

Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives.

Prayer: Each day your family should gather around the Advent wreath, generally before the evening meal. The proper number of candles are then lighted, and a prayer is said.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

It starts at the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent with the blessing of the wreath. (The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayers, following which various members of the family light the candles.) The following prayer can be used.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST WEEK The following prayer should be repeated each day during the first week. After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle. (Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, That by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The candle can burn during evening meals for the first week.

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.*

St. Vincent de Paul

There will be a St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting on **Wednesday, December 2nd** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please consider joining them. All are welcome.

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.

CareNet Gifts for Baby Jesus

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

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.

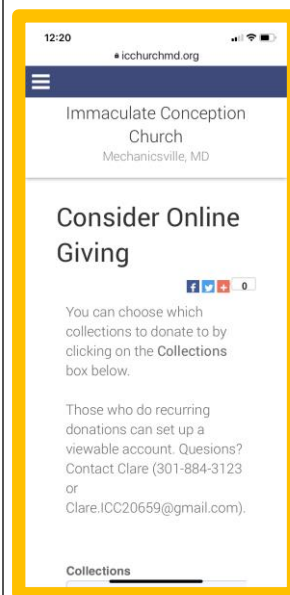
For information, please call Marian Taylor 301-904-2944.

Parish Finance Information

The Regular Collection last week was \$4,769.50.

The St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Project Collection last week was \$1,292.00.

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 29th, 2020 “FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT”

“Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.”

TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND KIDS: WHAT SHOULD ADVENT MEAN TO YOU?—“ADVENT” is the first day of a new Liturgical calendar and begins a 4 week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The “ADVENT” Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for Christ's birth into the world and to ponder Christ's second coming.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” POSTER CONTEST – A special notice from ANOTHER ONE of Santa's helpers: Poster boards will be AVAILABLE the Parish Center on Sunday morning, December 6th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and in the Rectory office Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please, just take one for each student; poster boards do not 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.

MARY'S GARDEN – This will be the first “Thanksgiving” for the Mother of Light in her Garden. Parents and kids, please come and PRAY with the Holy Family. Mary would like that very much. Then go home in the “GLOW” of God our Father and enjoy your family and friends for dinner. Do not forget your prayers.

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; Mary Ann Bean; Vickie Bellet; 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.