

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Parish Website:** [ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org)



## Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kvte

## 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:

Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.



## 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

## New to our Parish?

We welcome you to Immaculate Conception Church. For new registrations or updates, please visit our website ([ICChurchMD.org](http://ICChurchMD.org)) or stop by the Rectory Office which is open: **Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**



January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

9:00 am – Cov'd patients

4:00 pm – Norma Norris Buckler

### Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Larry Williams

### Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:30 am – Larry Robert Brady

### Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:30 am – John Andrew Moses

### Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:30 am – Dorothy Bowling

### Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:30 am – Aubin LaForest

### Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

4:00 pm – Brian Davis

### Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

9:00 am – Eva Kalytka

The Christmas flowers were donated in honor or  
in memory of the loved ones of our parishioners.  
Their names are on the altar.

## Changes in Faith Formation

We would like to inform everyone that Deacon Bill Kyte has decided to focus more of his efforts on parish events and therefore has decided to no longer continue as the Director of Religious Education for our parish. We are so grateful for all of his energy and efforts and the many years he has dedicated to the faith formation of our students. Thank you very much Deacon Bill.

In place of a party or personal gift celebrating his tenure as DRE, Deacon Bill has requested that donations be made to Immaculate Conception Church with a focus on supporting Mary's Garden beside the Parish Center.

In his place, Mr. Timothy Steelman has become our new Faith Formation Director of Religious Education. Tim, you have big shoes to fill, but we know you can do it.

## Bible Study

Bible study resumes **Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 pm. Join Fr. Tietjen this week either in the Parish Center or online for the journey through the Bible. To join virtually, visit our website [ICChurchMD.org](http://ICChurchMD.org) and click on "Online Mass and Meetings", then click on the *Bible study* tab.

## Encounter Grace Bible Series

Below are 3 events Encounter Grace is hosting between January and March, 2021.

### BeLoved [1] Bible Series: ONLINE

**BeLoved [1]** is a five-week **online Bible Series** that incorporates written reflection, *lectio divina*, and discussion. The Series will look at 6 ordinary women in the Bible and how they were transformed after an encounter with Jesus Christ. Wednesdays, January 13-February 10, 2021. 9 :00 am **or** 7:00 pm. \$49.00, includes either a print or interactive pdf of the workbook and all other materials. S/H included. Register: [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co)

### Tuesday's Journal Workshop & Retreat: ONLINE

What better way to begin your 2021 than with other women who are using *Tuesday's Journal Weekly Devotional!* Part workshop and part retreat, this morning will include time for *lectio divina* and small group discussion as well as tips and techniques for getting the most out of your journal. \$49.00. Price includes a copy of Tuesday's Journal Vol. 1 (or if you prefer, Vol. 2) and the workshop/retreat. Space is limited. Register: [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co)

### BeLoved [2] Bible Series: IN-PERSON

**BeLoved [2]** is a five-week **in-person Bible Series** that incorporates written reflection, *lectio divina*, and small group (appropriately socially distanced) discussion. The Series will look at 5 ordinary men in the Bible and how they were transformed after an encounter with Jesus Christ. Two days/locations to choose from: Mondays: February 1- March 1, 2021 at St. Mary's Church, Bryantown or Tuesdays: February 2 - March 2, 2021 at St. Aloysius, Leonardtown. 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. \$49.00 includes 5 sessions and all materials. Register: [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co)

## 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.**

Call the Office or Email [Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com)

if you are interested in:

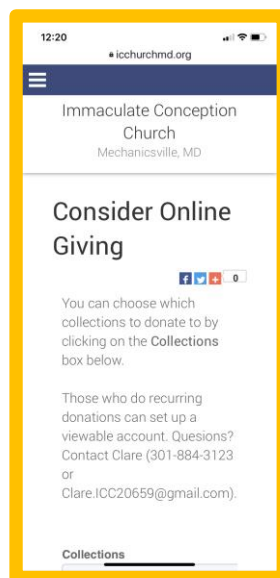
- **Altar Flowers** for available weekends (\$47)
- **Mass intentions** (Donation accepted)
- **Interested in Becoming Catholic?**
  - Additional contact person – Amy Downs (301-904-7439).

## Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$4,505.50.

The **Christmas Collection** last week was \$9,156.65.

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](http://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 would 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](mailto: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](mailto:hildetpj@md.metrocast.net)).

### Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of St. John (**virtual**)

- 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](mailto: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.

## Mary's Garden

Deacon Bill will be using this area to bring more information about Mary's Garden to you. Please continue to look here in the upcoming weeks.

Remember the rosary is prayed in Mary's Garden every Saturday at 12:00 noon. Please consider joining others to pray.



## Faith Formation with Mr. Tim Steelman

Sunday, January 3, 2021

I (Tim Steelman) am humbled to begin as the DRE as of January 2021. Please mention me in your prayers as I will mention you in mine.

### Faith Formation Students:

How will you strengthen your relationship with God in 2021?

- Plan to give God an extra minute of prayer?
- Determine to read a few more Bible verses?
- Offer thanks to God before each meal or snack?
- Randomly volunteer to complete a chore each week, offering that work to God?

We will motivate each other by publicly posting our individual goal to strengthen our relationship with God in 2021 on the parish's Faith Formation web page.

After discussing your goal with a responsible adult in your life, ask them to send your goal to me via email to [tcsworkplace@gmail.com](mailto:tcsworkplace@gmail.com) by January 10, 2021.

Please include in the email whether your goal should be posted online anonymously or with only your first name.

Have you completed all the assignments given to you by your teacher, earning a 70% or higher on the post-assessments and unit tests at My Catholic Faith Delivered ([mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](http://mycatholicfaithdelivered.com))?

**Yes?** Come to the class meeting online on **Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** with a question for your teacher.

**No?** Prepare for the class meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> by completing all the chapters assigned to you with a 70% or better on the post-assessments and the unit tests.

God is calling you. He has placed responsible adults in your life to guide and support you as you learn about your faith and respond to Him. The technology available makes it simple for you to show your response in a meaningful way.

### Those Supporting Faith Formation Students:

Important Dates that are closer than we think:

Sunday, January 10: Classes resume

Wednesday, January 13: Teacher's Meeting online at 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 20: 2nd Grade First Confession Retreat

**I am available in the Parish Center on Sundays from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Also available by appointment in the evenings.**

**Tim Steelman (DRE)** – always reachable at 301-908-6086 (text or call) or [TCSWorkPlace@gmail.com](mailto:TCSWorkPlace@gmail.com)

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

### Bulletin Item Deadline

All information for the upcoming bulletin needs to be emailed to [Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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; Leroy Buckler, Jr.; Edna Burch; Sandy Burns; Ricky Burroughs; Nancy Calvano; Joy Cheryl Coppage; Jessie Davis; Jimmy Davis; Fr. Michael Dobbins; Thomas Dotson; Josie Economy; J D Elrod; Michael Ford; Donna Gardner; Judy Gough; David Greene; Iris Hager; Scott Hughes; Meagan Humbert; Kitty Huntington; Edie Kans; Kellie Knopp; Christine Koehler; Kathy and Michael Krznarich and family; 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; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; Richard Turner; Charlie Waggner and family; 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](mailto: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](mailto:Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com) to add your soldier serving AWAY FROM HOME on the list.

## Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Mr. Howard L. Munshaw (Mike Munshaw's father), Kathy Easter-Knott, and Deacon Ralph W. Cyrus, Jr. who passed away recently.  
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.