

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Rectory Office: 301-884-3123
Faith Formation: 240-230-3167

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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 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am

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Weekday Masses:
Monday – Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am
1st Saturday Mass at 9:00 am (only 1st of the month)

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Confessions:
Saturdays at 3:00 – 3:45 pm,
and after the vigil Mass.

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Eucharistic Adoration:
1st Friday of each month, beginning after the
7:30 am Mass & ending
with Benediction at 6:30 pm.



April 22nd, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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).

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Parish Email: Immaculateconception.md@adwparish.org
*****NEW - Parish Website:** ICChurchmd.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 21st, 2018

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018

7:00 am – William J. Parker & Mary C. Slaughter

9:00 am – Willie Rosario (Living)

11:00 am – Shirley Clark

Monday, April 23rd, 2018

7:30 am – Fiorino D’Onofrio

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018

7:30 am – Billy Guy

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

7:30 am – Buddy Burch

Friday, April 27th, 2018

7:30 am – Joseph True Family (Living)

Saturday, April 28th, 2018

4:00 pm – Donna Hill

Sunday, April 29th, 2018

7:00 am – Parishioners

9:00 am – John Clark (Living)

11:00 am – James D. Haynes, Sr.

To Register at Immaculate Conception:

We welcome you to Immaculate Conception Parish. If you are new to the Parish please register using the forms found in the church vestibule or on our website and drop off the completed form at the church office which is open:
Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

*The altar flowers were
donated in memory of
Buddy Burch.*



Eucharistic Adoration

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration will be **Friday, May 4th**. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend.

Parish Dinner/Festival

We are only **TWO** weeks away from our Parish Festival, scheduled for **Sunday, May 6th**, from 12:00 Noon until the food is gone. You still have time to volunteer at this year's Parish Dinner/Festival. There is plenty to do and it is very rewarding to work together to make this a successful event. **Sold raffle tickets and volunteer slips** can be placed in the collection, dropped off at the rectory, or mailed in. Time is running out!!

Please consider making a delicious dessert for the Bake Table. Bring in your fancy cake or mouth-watering pie, big batch of brownies or cookies. You can even drop off brownies or cakes by the slice. You bake it – we'll sell it. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center the weekend of our big day. Drop-off times will be in the bulletin next weekend.

Please make sure you get your White Elephant items (NO CLOTHES) to the Parish Center this week. Please call the rectory and let us know when you would like to drop your items off so that we can meet you at the Parish Center.

Looking for extra raffle tickets? There are some in the vestibule, and more in the rectory, stop by during office hours to pick more up.

Altar Flowers

If you're interested in dedicating altar flowers in memory of a loved one, please call Clare (301-884-3123) and she will help you schedule an available weekend. The cost is \$47.

Bible Study

Join us for Bible study on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Bulletin Item Deadline

If you have an item for the bulletin, please note that all information needs to be sent to Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com at the end of the day by **Tuesday each week**. Messages will be edited when necessary.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program that assists those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you have questions, please call Fr. Tietjen (301-884-3123) or Amy Downs (301-904-7439).

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Sunday, April 22ND, 2018

FOURTH Sunday of Easter

ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN!

DID YOU KNOW – EASTER is celebrated until May 20th when we celebrate PENTECOST SUNDAY. All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! **GOD LOVES YOU ALL AND SO DO ALL THE TEACHERS.**

8TH GRADE TEACHERS, PARENTS AND KIDS – HEY, did you have a **GOOD TIME** on the Island?? **WE HOPE SO.** Are you ready for **CONFIRMATION**? Have you turned in all your requirements? Do we have your measurement for the **GOWN**? Please check the website for dates and times. Make sure you are at **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE** Thursday night, May 10th, along with your sponsors.

STUDENTS of 8th GRADE– if you didn't go to ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND, please see your teachers right away. They will help guide you in writing the report. REMEMBER, IT'S A REQUIREMENT FOR CONFIRMATION.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT – Saturday, April 28th, from 9:00 – 11:00 am, at the Parish Center. Please check our Parish Website.

ATTENTION 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS – The Festival Committee is looking for some students to volunteer to help out at the Parish Dinner/Festival on **Sunday, May 6th**. This is a good opportunity to earn some community service hours towards your requirement of 20 hours. Please contact the rectory if you are interested (301-884-3123).

PARISH WEBSITE – CHECK OUT WHAT'S COMING IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. Please visit the Parish Website @ www.ICChurchmd.org often to learn about Parish and Faith Formation events, updated Faith Formation calendar, and closing alerts for inclement weather.

CONFIRMATION GOWN FOR MAY 11th, 2018 AT 7:00 pm.

– All students will be wearing a red gown. Please make sure you are measured by your teacher. Gowns will be giving out at practice on **Thursday, May 10th** at 6:30pm. Gowns will be turned in, at the PARISH CENTER, right after CONFIRMATION and before the reception with Bishop Dorsonville. Any questions, please contact your teacher or the Deacon.

WORD OF WISDOM TO GROW UP WITH:

If you FAIL, NEVER give up ... because F.A.I.L. really means "First Attempt In Learning"

END is NOT the END ... In fact E.N.D. really means "EFFORT Never Dies"

If you get NO as an answer, just remember "N.O." really means "NEXT OPPORTUNITY".

Deacon Bill - 240-230-3167 or deacon.kyte@gmail.com

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$5,083.00

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

SCHEDULE for Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th.

(Parents—it is very important that if your child cannot serve at this time to please arrange a substitute.)

| | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>EMoHC</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4:00 pm Saturday | Mary Ellen Evans | John Krznarich | (none) |
| 7:00 am Sunday | Mike McCauley | Judy Ramsey | Chris Holton & Maidson Myers |
| 9:00 am | Laurie Garner | Sara Neill | Allie & Christian Redding |
| 11:00 am | Eric Holm | Robert Blackwell | Bryce Manuel & Christopher Swann |

Online Giving

Are you interested in online giving? Join other parishioners who have already signed up. Signing up is easy. Just go to our website, hover over *Online Giving* and click on *Church Donations*. If you have any questions please call Clare in the rectory office (301-884-3123) during office hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.)

2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal

We, as a parish, had a goal of \$51, 407 for the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. To date, 143 donors have pledged \$36,396 to the Appeal bringing us to 71% of our 2018 goal. Thank you to all our parishioners who have responded generously to the 2018 Appeal. Your commitment and sacrificial giving are truly a blessing for so many who are searching for Jesus' presence as they face bodily and spiritual needs. If you have not had the opportunity to support the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal, it's not too late to join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington by visiting appeal.adw.org to learn more and donate.



Heavenly Presents

Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas to meet your First Communion and Confirmation needs, so be sure to visit them at: 22697 Washington Street (on the Square) in Leonardtown, MD. Operated by volunteers, the store hours are:

- Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

For more information call Heavenly Presents at 301-475-9770.

K of C Corner – Jesus, our Cornerstone – Council #8159.

Are you thinking about becoming a Knight at Immaculate Conception Church? If you would like more information on the Knights, you can also just LOG IN to Maryland State Council Web page: www.kofc-md.org. You can also get more information @ www.kofc.org/join.

- Deacon Bill

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers: Lacey R. Adams; Phillip Adams; J.A.; Chicchina Bailey; Donnie Bearup; Kathy Bergling; Rita Bond; Doris Anne Bradburn; Therese Braithwaite; Sandy Burns; T.C.; Dennis Carr; Jimmy Davis; Joyce Edgington; Dottie Estep; Karen Finch; Walter Fredericks; James Gibson; Cindy Hall; Sonny Hill; Dwayne Hindt, Sr.; Marian Holley; Frederick Holton; Joshua Hosier; Kathleen Johnson; Rachel Stewart-Johnson; C.K.; Angie Kalnasy; Patrick Kelly; D. Lambert; Nancy Lippert; Jean Martin; Cole Martinez; Dennis Maury; Terrie McClintock; Artina Miles; Lou Miller; Louis Miller; Kathy Mulcare; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Jen Newman; Lisa Durst Owens; Max Padgett; Haley Palmer; Jennifer Peacock; Brandy Pennington; Grace Pennington; Fr. Robert S. Pittman, SSS; Laura Redding; Joel Rivera; Sis Robey; Diana Pelkey-Rockwell; James Smith; Mary Smith; Carrie Stoots; Debbie Stoots; Ashley Thomas; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; Nicki Thorne; Rick Turner; Frankie Vera; Betty Williams; and James Zalovick.

Immediate family members may place names of *parishioners* on our sick list.

If you'd like to add your loved one to the sick list please contact the rectory (301-884-3123 or email Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com).

Prayers for our Soldiers

We pray for those soldiers serving our Country – serving away from home are: Trevor Adams, Ivan Cerkez, Alex Costa, Davon Eaton, Taryn Eaton, Blake Guy, Jeremy Heacock, Kellem R. Holt, Kevin Holt, Nathan J. Holton, Matthew Pennington, Joseph G. Thomas and Gregory Wilkinson.

St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery

All are welcome to attend the installation of a blessed Plaque honoring the sacred memory of the Enslaved Men and Women buried throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. Fr. David Beaubien will preside over the plaque installation ceremony at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Mechanicsville, on **Saturday, May 5th** at 10:00 am.

Although there are no burials of enslaved persons at Queen of Peace, the plaque invites cemetery visitors to remember and pray for those who await their resurrection in Christ in unknown graves anywhere within the boundaries of the Archdiocese.

When Cardinal Wuerl blessed the plaques at a special Mass in February, he said, *“our brothers and sisters in the faith who were enslaved, who lived in human bondage, were treated with the same inequity at their burial. Many received no public marker... what we have come here to do today is to see that here and now all are properly remembered... Grant that these stones, placed in memory of those who suffered in terrible bondage, may, by the power of your blessing, mark a place of rest and hope.”*

Non-Perishable Food Items and toiletries that are needed: jelly/jam; pancake syrup; pancake mix; canned fruit; cereal; tea bags; coffee; Manwich; Beefaroni, Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs, etc.; Hamburger Helper; Pork & Beans; side dish packets of pasta or rice (Simply noodles, Knorr, etc.); dried beans; rice; sweets (cookies, etc.); pudding; jell-o; canned meats (chicken, Tweet, Spam, potted meat, vienna sausages, etc.); canned soup; dried or canned milk; instant potatoes; stuffing mixes; sugar; flour; cornmeal; salt/pepper; common spices; ketchup; mustard; mayonnaise; toiletries (soap, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene items, shampoo, conditioner, etc.); laundry soap; quart & gallon size ziploc bags. If you have something to give that isn't on this list, we will definitely put it to good use! Thanks so much for helping folks in our community that are in need! This food is for the food pantries at *Our Lady of the Wayside* and *Helping Hands* throughout the year.

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Other Events in Town

- *Pilgrimage to Mother Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg* will take place **Saturday, April 28th**, led by Fr. Conley, pastor of St. Mary's in Bryantown. We will leave at 8:00 am and be back by 7:00 pm. Pilgrims will go to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where Mass will be offered, have a tour, and eat lunch. While in Emmitsburg a visit to the Lourdes Grotto will also take place. On the way back they will visit the Springfield Manor Winery in Thurmont for a wine and cheese tasting. Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor and the Keller Bus Company, the cost of the trip is just \$35 per person and includes lunch and the winery visit. For more information and to register contact Lauren Balderson (301-870-2220 ext 11 or smbassist@comcast.net.) Payment is due at registration. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church.
- *Domestic Church Day: Parenting in the Modern World* - Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day **on Saturday, May 5th**, from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature a talk by Catholic psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki, on "*Parenting in the Modern World: Balancing Bonding and Boundaries.*" The retreat will also include fun catechesis for children and teens, a Sunday Vigil Mass, and Cinco-de-Mayo themed family games and food (a substantial snack, but not a full meal). The cost of attendance is \$20 per family and \$10 per couple. Parking is free. To register please visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com.
- *A Marian Day of Prayer – "Blessed are You Who Believe"* will take place on **Monday, May 7th** from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at **Loyola on the Potomac**. The day of prayer begins with a continental breakfast and includes lunch. During the day, the retreatants are invited to spend time in quiet meditation, reflecting on the theme for the day. Confessions are offered, Mass is celebrated, and reflections are shared during the Motivation to Prayer time. To register contact Lisa White at (301-392-0801 or reservations@loyolaretreat.org.) The fee for the day is \$40.00.