

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.
Wednesdays during Lent 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

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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.

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Stations of the Cross:

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm



February 18th, 2018 First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17th, 2018

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, February 18th, 2018

7:00 am – Larry & Joan Russell (Living)

9:00 am – William D. Missouri

11:00 am – Albert Slampak

Monday, February 19th, 2018

7:30 am – Steven Alan Cusic, Jr.

Tuesday, February 20th, 2018

7:30 am – Mary Virginia Martin

Wednesday, February 21st, 2018

7:30 am – James Ronald Flora

Friday, February 23rd, 2018

7:30 am – Fiorino D'Onofrio

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, February 25th, 2018

7:00 am – Diana Hoffman

9:00 am – Robert & Elizabeth Woodburn (Living)

11:00 am – Barbara Woodburn (Living)

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.

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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.

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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

Parish Website: www.ImmaculateConceptionMD.com

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.

Lent

Jesus gave us directions to heaven and opened the gates. Now a question for us –
What can I do for Jesus this Lent?

Hint: *What-so-ever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.*

Stations of the Cross

Join us during Lent on Fridays for Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm in the church.

The Light is ON for You

God created us for relationship with Him and one another. You are invited to renew your relationship with the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. To help you do that, we are happy to announce the return of The Light is ON Lenten Initiative! Starting THIS Wednesday, every Catholic parish across the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. This year you can find Lenten resources and view all the confession times across the region by using the NEW Confession Finder map online at www.TheLightisON.org. You can also find additional confession resources in the back of church today. Fr. Tietjen will be hearing confessions from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm every Wednesday during Lent.

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years. The Mass will take place on **Sunday, June 17th** at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register. Names of couples need to be turned in to the parish office by *Monday, April 2nd*.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Friday, March 2nd**. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend.

Rectory Office Closed

The rectory office will be closed on **Monday, February 19th** in honor of President's Day.

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, February 18th, 2018

MESSAGES OF THE WEEK
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GOT CHANGE – WANT TO HELP - RICE BOWLS were given out last week. **PLEASE FILL THEM UP** and **RETURN** them after LENT. Then you can say to GOD, “I saw You when you were poor and hungry and I helped.”

LIVING STATIONS FOR LENT – I hoped you received the email I sent to all students and their parents. The parish needs your support. Both sessions need to come together to make this possible because time is our enemy. Take a look at the email and let me know if your kids can help. I know it's a hardship on the parents, but in the long run you will be supporting the parish and your child. Thanks for your consideration.

8TH GRADE TEACHERS AND KIDS – CONFIRMATION TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND – APRIL 14th, 2018. KIDS – Were you PLANNING to go or are you doing the long, long, report? It's all up to you and your parents. Please check with your teachers.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS – A list of these requirements can be found on the Faith Formation calendar Web-page. **ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 8th, 2018.** Any questions, please see your teacher.

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT – A retreat is scheduled for all 2nd graders who will be receiving their First Reconciliation this year on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Parish Center.

PARENTS AND KIDS – PLEASE take a look at our Website and the Faith Formation Calendar. I promise, Spring will be here before you see the first robin.

KIDS AND TEACHERS – THIS IS A BIG DEAL! – The Faith Formation Knowledge Assessment Test is scheduled between April 8th and April 22nd. Please start making plans now. April will be here before we know it.

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

KIDS AND TEACHERS – if you have been good this week, done all your homework, helped your parents, and were loving and kind to your brothers or sisters, I will buy you breakfast this Sunday.

POND – KIDS – GOOD NEWS – I have been feeding the fish. They are still ALIVE.

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

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$5,445.10.

Renovation Fund Account Update: We have \$139,799.59. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000.

Thank you for your generous donations. The second collection next weekend will be for the *Church in the Developing World*.

SCHEDULE for Saturday, February 24th and Sunday, February 25th.

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

	Lectors	EMoHC	Altar Servers
4:00 pm Saturday	Mary Ellen Evans (sub)	Charlie Widmayer	Joseph & Sammy Chick
7:00 am Sunday	Joseph Woodland	Tim Steelman	(none)
9:00 am	Debbie Myers (sub)	Raymond Burch	Allie & Christian Redding
11:00 am	Eileen Seyfried	Robert Blackwell	Bryce Manuel & Christopher Swann

Parish Festival

Our Parish Festival is coming fast; this year it will be held **on Sunday, May 6th**. This is a very big event for us! Each year we've had local groups and businesses sponsor the printing of the raffle tickets to help defray the expenses of the printing cost. Last year, we had the following sponsors:

**Auman Automotive • Burch Oil • Ladies Aux. 359-KofSJ
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Burroughs Trucking • Fitzgerald Realty & Auctioneers
G. Miles Trucking • Steve's Catering**

They paid \$100 and we printed their business or local group's name on each of the 30,000 tickets. This highlighted their community involvement and cut down on our printing cost. This year we are once again looking for sponsors for the raffle tickets. If you're interested in having your group's or business' name printed on the raffle tickets, please contact the Rectory @ 301-884-3123, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The first 15 Sponsors will be the ones printed on the tickets. The cost is \$100 and the deadline is **Monday, March 5th**, to be a sponsor this year.

There will be a Parish Festival Meeting on **Wednesday, February 28th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

5k Fundraiser

There will be a meeting to discuss the possibilities of doing a 5k to raise money for the Rectory Renovation. The meeting will take place in the Parish Center on **Friday, February 23rd** at 6:00 pm. Please join others to see what it's all about and what you can do to help.

Theology Over Dinner Seminar

Theology Over Dinner will be participating in a "Life in the Spirit" seminar beginning **Thursday, February 22nd** at 6:30 pm. Discover a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit. The format is:

- Dinner (\$10.00 for all six weeks)
- praise and worship
- a 20 minute teaching video
- then break into small groups for discussion.

Please arrive by 6:30 pm. We will be finished by 8:30 pm.

If you are interested in attending, you **must** RSVP by calling St. John's Parish Office (301-373-2281). The location will be given when you call to RSVP.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers: Phillip Adams; J.A.; Chicchina Bailey; Larry Bark; Kathy Bergling; Dorothy Blackwell; Rita Bod; Doris Anne Bradburn; Therese Braithwaite; Sandy Burns; T.C.; Dennis Carr; Jimmy Davis; Joyce Edgington; Dottie Estep; Karen Finch; James Gibson; Eddie Grumbling; Cindy Hall; Courtney Hall; Jimmy Hawkins; Sonny Hill; Dwayne Hindt, Sr.; Marian Holley; Joseph H. Holt, Jr; Raymond Louis Holt, Sr.; Frederick Holton; Joshua Hosier; Kathleen Johnson; C.K.; Angie Kalnasy; Karissa Kyte; D. Lambert; Nancy Lippert; Jean Martin; Cole Martinez; Dennis Maury; Artina Miles; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Lisa Durst Owens; Max Padgett; Haley Palmer; Robert Palmer; Jennifer Peacock; Grace Pennington; Fr. Robert S. Pittman, SSS; Joel Rivera; Sis Robey; Mary Smith; Rachel Stewart-Johnson; Carrie Stoots; Debbie Stoots; Ashley Thomas; Joyce Thompson; Nicki Thorne; Rick Turner; Frankie Vera; Betty Williams; Amy Wood; James Young; 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, Blake Guy, Jeremy Heacock, Kellem R. Holt, Kevin Holt, Nathan J. Holton, Matthew Pennington, Joseph G. Thomas and Gregory Wilkinson.

Care Net Pregnancy Center

The American Heritage Girls Troop MD #2540 cordially invites you to attend St. John's Church's 9th annual "Baby Shower" to benefit the Care Net Pregnancy Center on **Sunday, February 25th**. It will be held in the Msgr. Harris Center at St. John's Church in Hollywood, MD immediately following the 11:30 am Mass. Lunch will be served by the Knights of Columbus Council #7914. Gifts should be unwrapped; all gifts, including cash and gift card, are tax deductible. Please contact Heather Cartwright (240-256-0009 or heathercartwright03@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

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.

- The monthly Knights of Columbus **Charity Breakfast** will be held **Sunday, February 18th** after all Masses. The charity for this month is our Seminarian Support program. The menu will include eggs, sausage, ham, pancakes, biscuits, home-fried potatoes and fruit cocktail. Stop by after Mass and enjoy a great breakfast!
- The Knights of Columbus is having a **Family Pizza Party Trivia Evening** in the Parish Center on **Saturday, February 24th** beginning at 5:00 pm. Pizza, snacks, refreshments, and trivia game prizes are all provided free of charge. For reservations and for more information, please contact Jim Downey (301-884-5428). We ask that you reserve a spot so that we can determine how much pizza to order.
- **Lenten Soup and Bread Supper** in the Parish Center on **Friday, March 2nd** from 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm. No charge for supper, but a free-will offering will be collected for a local charity whose representative will make a presentation about their work. The event will be over in time to attend Stations of the Cross. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

- Deacon Bill

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

- The next Mass with Healing Prayers will be **Monday February 26th**, starting at 7:00 pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park**. Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!
- Health Expo will be held on **Saturday, February 24th** from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at **MVFD Social Hall**.
- A **Women's Lenten Retreat Program** is being hosted at Camp Maria Retreat Center on **Friday, March 2nd through Sunday, March 4th**. Take the journey with Sarah, "Mother of Faith", wife of Abraham, and mother of Isaac. Sarah has much to teach us. Sunday Mass is included. This is a two-night/3-day retreat with overnight accommodations. Sister Marian Stenken, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth from Louisville KY, will lead the retreat. She worked in parish ministry for 30 years. Facilitating retreats is her passion. The cost of the retreat is \$165. Registration and retreat fee are due by **Thursday February 22nd**. Mail to: **Camp Maria Retreat Center 41290 Camp Maria Rd, Leonardtown, MD 20650**. If you have further questions, contact Ann Kovalcik, Director (director@campmaria.org or 301-475-8330).
- **Fried Fish Dinner** – Dine-in or Carry-out on **Friday, March 9th** from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at **MVFD Social Hall**. Cost is \$10 per dinner and includes fish fillets, French fries, coleslaw, applesauce, and roll.
- **Purses and Bags Bingo** will take place at **MVFD Social Hall** on **Thursday, March 15th**, doors open at 6:00 pm, early bird games start at 6:45 pm, bingo starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$25 book of regular games. Contact Sherry (240-925-6141) for reservations. All proceeds benefit the MVFD Auxiliary.
- **Fried Shrimp Dinner** – Dine-in or Carry-out will take place at **MVFD Social Hall** on **Friday, March 23rd** from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The \$12 dinner includes butterfly shrimp, French fries, coleslaw, applesauce, and roll.
- **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** at **MVFD Social Hall** on **Saturday, March 24th** from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Cost is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and free for children 4 and under. Bring your own camera to get a picture with the Easter Bunny.

MVFD Social Hall = Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall