

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



March 4th, 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

4:00 pm – Gary Szatkowski (Living)

Sunday, March 4th, 2018

7:00 am – Raymond Raley

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Vi Evans (Living)

Monday, March 5th, 2018

7:30 am – Louise Diane Graves

Tuesday, March 6th, 2018

7:30 am – Deacon Pascal Hong

Wednesday, March 7th, 2018

7:30 am – Deacon Kevin Butler, Sr.

Friday, March 9th, 2018

7:30 am – James “Dickie” Graves

Saturday, March 10th, 2018

4:00 pm – Kay Szatkowski (Living)

Sunday, March 4th, 2018

7:00 am – Patty & David Copsey (Living)

9:00 am – Melissa & OJ Lewis (Living)

11:00 am – Parishioners

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.

Pray the rosary.





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**.

Rectory Warming/Open House

The IC Angels Ladies Auxiliary and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John are hosting a "Rectory Warming/Open House" get together for the newly renovated rectory on **Sunday, March 18th** from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Join us in the Parish Center for refreshments, drinks, and fellowship. Small group tours of the renovated rectory will take place every few minutes. We will also have a collection box if you choose to make a donation to help purchase furniture and/or décor for the rectory.

For more information, please call the rectory (301-884-3123) or Marian Taylor (301-904-2944).



Daylight Savings Time Approaches

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on **Sunday, March 11th** at 3:00 am. Better yet, turn them ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

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 this Monday 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. We're continuing the epistle of St. James.

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, March 4th, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

GOT SOME CHANGE IN YOUR POCKET WEIGHING YOU DOWN? WANT TO LOSE A FEW POUNDS? RICE BOWLS NEED TO BE FED TOO. PLEASE HELP 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 hope 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. Practices for living stations will be held on **Sundays** 9:30 am – 10:15 am until *Thursday, March 22nd* (dress rehearsal in church at 6:30 pm). Living stations will take place on **Friday, March 23rd** at 7:00 pm. More information on next page!

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 requirements can be found on the Faith Formation calendar Webpage. ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 8TH, 2018. See your teacher with any questions.

PARENTS IN SECOND GRADE –

SESSION A and MCA – 1ST CONFESSION, **SATURDAY, MARCH 10th**, BEGINNING AT 9:00 am.

SESSION B WILL BE THE FOLLOWING **SATURDAY, MARCH 17th** AT 9:00 am. PLEASE take a look at our Website and the Faith Formation Calendar.

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.

NEWS FLASH FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY –

DEACON BILL HAS BEEN CALLED UP BY THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS AND WILL BE GOING TO SPRING TRAINING BEGINNING THURSDAY, MARCH 8th THRU MARCH 11th. LET US ALL PRAY FOR HIM. HE WILL NEED OUR PRAYERS.

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

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,203.47.

The **Church in the Developing World Collection** last week was \$999.00.

Renovation Fund Account Update: We have \$141,895.59. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000.

Thank you for your generous donations.

The second collection next week is for *Easter Flowers and Decorations*.

SCHEDULE for Saturday, March 10th and Sunday, March 11th.

(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	Charlie Widmayer	(none)
7:00 am Sunday	Marian Taylor (sub)	Tim Steelman	(none)
9:00 am	Monica Cerkez	Alice Thompson	Adam Trossbach & Rachel Garner
11:00 am	Laurie Garner	Ann Thomas	Joseph & Sammy Chick

The Light is ON for You

Every Wednesday during Lent, every Catholic parish across the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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. Fr. Tietjen will be hearing confessions Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

There will be a SVdP meeting on **Wednesday, March 7th** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

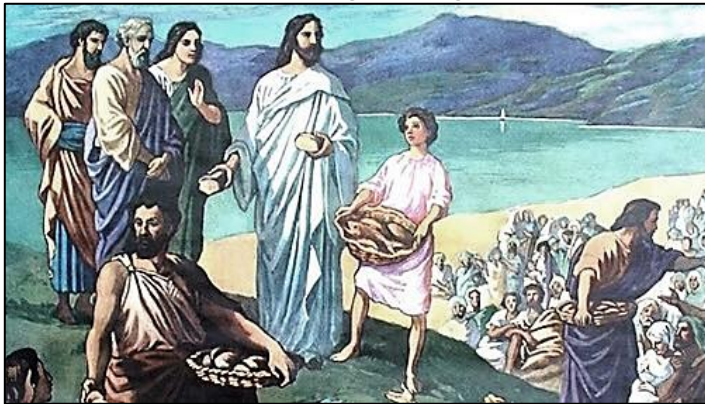
Parish Dinner/Festival

The plans for our Parish Dinner/Festival on **Sunday, May 6th** are coming along.

The next Parish Dinner/Festival meeting will be **Wednesday, April 4th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Lenten Food Drive

Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are again sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of **March 10th/11th**. When you come to Mass next weekend, please leave your donation in the vestibule in designated areas. The food you donate will be distributed to our local pantries, ½ going to Helping Hands, and the other ½ going to Our Lady of the Wayside Food Pantry. Please be generous with your contribution. Thank you for all you do to help the hungry among us.



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: Phillip Adams; J.A.; Chicchina Bailey; Larry Bark; Donnie Bearup; Kathy Bergling; Dorothy Blackwell; Rita Bond; 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; 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; Louis Miller; 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; Calvert 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, Davon Eaton, Taryn Eaton, Blake Guy, Jeremy Heacock, Kellem R. Holt, Kevin Holt, Nathan J. Holton, Matthew Pennington, Joseph G. Thomas and Gregory Wilkinson.

Thank You

The Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary #359 would like to thank the parishioners for their support at our February 16th Lenten Fish Fry. Your continuous support is greatly appreciated.

Faith Formation Students

LIVING STATIONS FOR LENT CONT.

In order for us to be able to put on the Passion play this year, we need at least 10 more students. The parts that are still needed are: Judas, Barabbas, more soldiers, Joseph (friend of Jesus), more apostles, and more for the crowd. Those interested should contact Deacon Bill (240-230-3167 or Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com) or Nancy Walcutt (301-290-0514). If Deacon Bill is not in the office, please leave a voicemail. There will be a meeting in the church on **Sunday, March 11th** at 12:15 pm for all those interested in participating in the Passion play.

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

- 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.
- Seafood Dinner at **Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD** on **Sunday, March 11th** from 11:30 am until 4:00 pm. The menu includes: fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, pickled beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style – all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at \$26.00 each. The Raffle Prize this year is for a total of \$1,500 in cash! The First prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory on or before **Thursday, March 1st** at 301-769-3332 or email holyo1angels@aol.com.
- The Kalnasy Concert Series presents Fr. David Beaubien in concert with the St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble on **Sunday, March 11th** at 3:00 pm. The concert is free and will take place at **St. Aloysius in Leonardtown, MD**. For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com.
- 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