

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

28297 Old Village Road
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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 1st, 2018
Easter Sunday

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, March 31st, 2018

8:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, April 1st, 2018

7:00 am – Deceased of St. Mary's County

9:00 am – Elizabeth Guyther

11:00 am – Catherine Mattingly

Monday, April 2nd, 2018

7:30 am – Msgr. William Kane

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018

7:30 am – Robert Ames

Wednesday, April 4th, 2018

7:30 am – Billy Guy

Friday, April 6th, 2018

7:30 am Mass – Hilda Jean Gainer

Saturday, April 7th, 2018

9:00 am – James C. O'Grady

4:00 pm – Donna Hill

Sunday, April 8th, 2018

7:00 am – Kristopher M. Smith

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Billy Guy

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 Easter Flowers were donated
in honor/memory
of the loved ones marked on the
envelopes on the altar.*

Rectory Office Closed

The rectory office will be closed on **Easter Monday, April 2nd**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration will be **Friday, April 6th**.



Alleluia! – He has Risen!

We pray that you each had a very fruitful Lent and that you have a very Blessed Easter Season. Jesus died and rose again so that we may one day be welcomed into heaven. Please be sure to invite Him into your life and home. The door to the confessional is open weekly for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please remember you can find healing and forgiveness there. Jesus welcomes you in. Happy Easter!

- Fr. Tietjen and staff

NO BIBLE STUDY

There will not be Bible study on **Monday, April 2nd**.

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.

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 1st, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN!

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 ASAP. Then you can say to GOD, "I saw you when you were poor and hungry and I helped."

REMINDER – There will be no Faith Formation classes on **Easter Sunday, April 1st**. Classes will resume on **Sunday, April 8th**.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS – A list of requirements can be found on the Faith Formation calendar Website. **ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 8th, 2018.** See your teacher with any questions.

8TH GRADE TEACHERS AND KIDS – CONFIRMATION TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND –SATURDAY, APRIL 14th. (Rain date is Saturday, April 21st.) Please return your permission slip and fee by Sunday, April 8th.

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.

PARENTS, KIDS AND TEACHERS – THIS IS A BIG DEAL! The Faith Formation Knowledge Assessment Test is scheduled for **Sunday, April 8th** with make-up testing on **Sunday, April 15th**. Please make every effort to be in class for the test.

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.

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

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,606.00.

Renovation Fund Account Update: We have \$152,210.64. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000. Thank you for your generous donations!!

SCHEDULE for Saturday, April 7th and Sunday, April 8th.

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

	Lectors	EMoHC	Altar Servers	Rosary Leaders
8:00 pm Saturday	Debbie Myers	John Krznarich	(none)	Evelyn Diehl
7:00 am Sunday	Mike McCauley	Tim Steelman	(none)	Mimi Quade
9:00 am	Eileen Seyfried	Raymond Burch	Brandon Bowman & Allie Redding	Monica Cerkez
11:00 am	Theresa Payne	Joseph Thomas	(none)	Doris Martin

New Website AND Online Giving

Our new website is up and running. Please visit our website at www.ICChurchmd.org. Are you interested in online giving? 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.)

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

There will be SVdP meeting on **Wednesday, April 4th** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

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 **Tuesday, April 3rd**.

Parish Dinner/Festival

Our Parish Dinner/Festival is **Sunday, May 6th**.

Letters, donation slips, and raffle tickets were mailed out this past week. Please get your raffle tickets sold and back into the rectory as soon as possible. You can return them via the collection, in person during office hours, or in the mail to our P. O. Box 166, Mechanicsville, MD. The next Parish Dinner/Festival meeting will be **Wednesday, April 4th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

A message from Our Lady of the Waysides' Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Lenten Food Drive. Your generosity allowed us to restock our shelves, and continue our mission of helping to feed the hungry.

Grieving with Great Hope Workshop

Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop will be offered beginning **Wednesday, April 18th**, and continuing Wednesdays, **April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th, and May 16th** in the Parish Center. Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for more information, and for registration contact the rectory (301-884-3123), Deacon Bill (240-230-3167), Tina Slaughter (301-884-9545 or 301-481-1961) or visit our website (ICChurchmd.org). *Seating is limited. Advanced registration is kindly requested.*

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; Larry Bark; 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; James Gibson; Eddie Grumbling; Cindy Hall; Jimmy Hawkins; Sonny Hill; Dwayne Hindt, Sr.; Marian Holley; Frederick Holton; Joshua Hosier; Kathleen Johnson; Rachel Stewart-Johnson; C.K.; Angie Kalnasy; Karissa Kyte; D. Lambert; Nancy Lippert; Jean Martin; Cole Martinez; Dennis Maury; Artina Miles; Louis Miller; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Jen Newman; Lisa Durst Owens; Max Padgett; Haley Palmer; Robert Palmer; Jennifer Peacock; Grace Pennington; Fr. Robert S. Pittman, SSS; Joel Rivera; Sis Robey; Diana Pelkey-Rockwell; Mary Smith; 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.

Prayer Service for Healing

A prayer service for healing will take place on Divine Mercy **Sunday, April 8th** at 3:00 pm, led by internationally known Catholic evangelists **Peter & Michelle Moran** at St. Mary's Church, Bryantown, MD. Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet begins at 3:00 pm followed by Healing Prayers. Confessions will also be available from 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm. For more information, feel free to email frconley@comcast.net.

The Story of Jesus Sight & Sound Theater

Join the Knights of St. John International, Ladies Auxiliary #359 to experience *the Story of Jesus* at the **Sight and Sound Theater** on **Saturday, September 29th**. Cost is \$160 and includes: transportation, show, lunch smorgasbord at Shady Maple, tax, tip, and refreshments on the bus. Does not include bus driver tip. The bus will leave Charlotte Hall Park and Ride at 7:00 am sharply for an 11:00 am matinee. Returning around 7:00 pm. For more information contact: Ella Burton (240-434-3016), Doris Martin (301-884-4423), or Clara Pate (301-645-9439). **First payment is due April 6th**.

Job Opportunity

There is an opening for a Facilities Manager at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, MD. Please see the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

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

- Monthly Masses with Healing Prayers are held the first Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Church, Newport, in honor of St. John Vianney. The next Healing Mass will be on **Thursday, April 5th**. The Litany of St. John Vianney will be recited after Communion and Fr. Michael Briese will offer prayers of healing for the body and soul. Confessions begin at 6:00 pm, Mass begins at 6:30 pm, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation continuing during Mass. Location: St. Mary Church, Newport, 11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. For additional information, please call their parish office at 301-934-8825.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at **St. Mary's Church, Newport** on **Sunday, April 8th** at 3:00 pm. Our Dear Savior has said if we go to Mass – receive Communion – have been to Confession within 1 week – and recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm – we will be relieved of any punishment for sins because of Jesus' mercy. We can even apply this mercy to a soul in purgatory. Father Michael will be available for Confession.
- Indoor Yard Sale at Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall will take place on **Saturday, April 14th** from 7:00 am – 11:00 am. You can rent a table or space for \$10. For more information or to reserve your space, please email JMTurner6207@gmail.com or call 301-399-3187.
- 23rd Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice will take place on **Saturday, April 14th** at 8:30 am beginning and finishing at the **St. Mary's County Governmental Center in Leonardtown, MD** and will be held rain or shine. Runners can sign-up for either a 5K or 10K run, and walkers can sign-up for a 5K fun walk. Registration and fee is required. Please visit www.runforhospice.org for more information.
- 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.