

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 29th, 2018
Fifth 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.

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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
*****NEW*** - Parish Website:** ICChurchmd.org

Mass Intentions

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.

Monday, April 30th, 2018

7:30 am – Ernest Williams

Tuesday, May 1st, 2018

7:30 am – Elizabeth Slampak

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018

7:30 am – Billy Guy

Friday, May 4th, 2018

7:30 am – Clyde McClintock

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

9:00 am – Thomas Franklin “Tuck” Fowler, Sr.

4:00 pm – William Davis

Sunday, May 6th, 2018

7:00 am – Amy Wood

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Norma Boling

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 honor of
Kayla Gates & Cody Pilkerton
who were married on
Saturday, April 28th, 2018.*



Eucharistic Adoration

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration will be **Friday, May 4th**.

First Saturday Mass

Have you joined us for first Saturday Mass yet? Join us on **Saturday morning, May 5th** at 9:00 am for the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Parish Dinner/Festival

We are only **one week** 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. **Sold raffle tickets and volunteer slips** can be placed in the collection, dropped off at the rectory, or mailed in. Time is running out!!

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center next **Saturday, May 5th** between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Or you can drop your baked goods off **Sunday, May 6th** in the morning.

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

White Elephant table information can be found on the next page.

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 29th, 2018

FIFTH 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.**

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).

PLEASE NOTE—There will be **no** Faith Formation class on **Sunday, May 6th** because of our Parish Festival/Dinner.

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.

CONFIRMATION WEEK — Beginning on **Thursday, May 10th AT 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm – Confirmation Practice.** Everyone should be there with their sponsors (if possible). We will discuss issues such as sitting arrangements, dress attire, pictures, questions/answers that the Bishop will ask and how to address the Bishop, etc. **Confirmation Confession—7:15 to 7:45 pm.** Every student should be prepared to go to confession. Parents may also go. And yes, this is a very important part of Confirmation. **Friday, May 11th – Confirmation Day.** Bishop Dorsonville will begin Mass at **7:00 pm.** You must be at the Parish Center by 6:00 pm. Parents please don't forget to drop off your food contribution in the Parish Center for the reception after Confirmation. Items to bring will be given out in class. Please call me if you have any questions.

MAY PROCESSION – Sunday, May 13th – Crowning of Mary's Statues — All Faith Formation children will be leaving from their classrooms. Students should arrive at the regular scheduled class times. Please remember, the Knights of Columbus #8159 will be serving Mother's Day Breakfast. Please join us for breakfast after the Crowning of the Statues.

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 \$5,142.50.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

The second collection next weekend is for the Renovation Fund.

SCHEDULE for Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th.

(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
4:00 pm Saturday	Eileen Seyfried (sub)	John Krznarich, Rosalie Krznarich, & ?	Paul Baden & Sarah Redding	Evelyn Diehl
7:00 am Sunday	Mike Munschaw (sub)	Tim Steelman, Judy Ramsey, & Terry Casselman	(none)	Judy Ramsey
9:00 am	Debbie Myers	Levi Parker, Alice Thompson, & Raymond Burch	Brandon Bowman & Christian Redding	Jim Downey
11:00 am	Mary Ellen Evans (sub)	†, Ann & Joseph Thomas	Joseph & Sammy Chick	Pat Croson

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.)

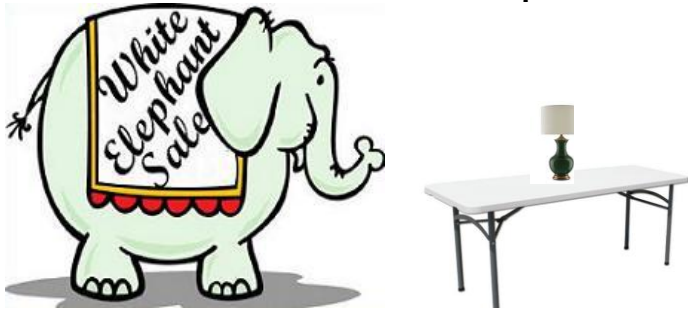
St. Vincent de Paul

There will be a St. Vincent de Paul meeting on **Wednesday, May 2nd** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

Mothers Day Breakfast

The Knights will once again be fixing breakfast for all Mothers of our Parish and their families on **Sunday, May 13th** after all morning Masses. There will be a menu of all your favorites (including cheesecakes) and some surprises as well.

Parish Dinner/Festival – White Elephant Table



There is not much on the table for the white elephant sale... please look for your gently-used items that could be someone else's treasures. When you have some things together, call the office during business hours to meet someone at the Parish Center to drop off your items.

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

- Mass with healing prayers will take place at **St. Mary Church, Newport on Thursday, May 3rd**. 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. For additional information, please call the rectory office at 301-934.8825.
- **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.
- **36th Annual Rosary Pilgrimage at St. Ignatius Church-Chapel Point on Saturday, May 12th**. Join the celebration to honor Our Blessed Mother at historic and scenic St. Ignatius Church. The church overlooks the Port Tobacco River; where Jesuit Fr. Andrew White settled over 375 years ago. Mass will be held at 11:00 am in the church. It will be followed by a procession led by the Knights of Columbus to the Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. The First Communion children will crown Mary at the Shrine and we will pray the Living Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus. Lunch will follow in the parish hall courtesy of the Catholic Daughters. For information, contact us at 301-934-8245.
- **NIGHT AT THE RACES Fundraiser**: Please join new/old/current friends on **Saturday, June 2nd**, at 5:30 pm, Friendship Room, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in LaPlata for a fun filled evening of eating and horse racing. Dinner is \$20 per person (gourmet Italian Buffet); buying a horse is \$20 per horse; racing is \$2 per bet; cash bar. For more information please call Sharon Vaughan at 301-934-2983. This is a benefit for Mount Carmel Monastery of Maryland and is sponsored by the Restorers of Mount Carmel.