

# 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass at 9:00 am (only 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

4:00 pm – Kay Szatkowski (Living)

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

9:00 am – Melissa & OJ Lewis (Living)

11:00 am – Parishioners

**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:30 am – Louise Diane Graves

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:30 am – Msgr. William Kane

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:30 am – Wayne Wood

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:30 am – William Joseph Clark

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

4:00 pm – Parishioners

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:00 am – John Philip Thomas

9:00 am – Becky & Tom Kendal (Living)

11:00 am – Franny Taborek (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](mailto:Immaculateconception.md@adwparish.org)

**Parish Website:** [www.ImmaculateConceptionMD.com](http://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.

*The altar arrangements  
were donated in memory of  
Wayne Wood.*

## New Website AND Online Giving

The Archdiocese of Washington has introduced us to a new company for our website. We officially went live this past week. You will find all of the same information and more. We now have access to online giving through this website. Right now you can still use [www.ImmaculateConceptionmd.com](http://www.ImmaculateConceptionmd.com) to find the website, or you may be able to get to our website now at [www.ICChurchmd.org](http://www.ICChurchmd.org). In addition to the online giving, we also are able to keep the past bulletins online. We are excited about the new site and look forward to those interested in signing up for online giving. This is just the beginning, you may see more in the coming future with regards to our website.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>** 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).

## The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

## 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

FOURTH 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** (dress rehearsal in church at 6:30 pm). 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. Living stations will take place on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 pm.

Those interested should contact Deacon Bill (240-230-3167 or [Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm for all those interested in participating in the Passion play.**

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHERS AND KIDS – CONFIRMATION TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND – SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Rain date is Saturday, April 21st.)**

**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.

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

**PARENTS IN SECOND GRADE – 1<sup>ST</sup> CONFESSION FOR SESSION B FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](http://www.ImmaculateConceptionMD.com) 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](mailto:deacon.kyte@gmail.com)

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$7,518.90.

The **Renovation Fund Collection** last week was \$5,351.05.

**Renovation Fund Account Update:** We have \$147,246.64. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000.

Thank you for your generous donations.

## SCHEDULE for Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

(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	Michael Munshaw	Charlie Widmayer	Paul Baden & Sara Redding
7:00 am Sunday	Debbie Myers	Judy Ramsey	Chris Holton & Meadow Sacadura
9:00 am	Eric Holm	Terry Casselman	Brandon Bowman & Christian Redding
11:00 am	Theresa Payne	Joseph Thomas	(none)



### 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 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>*.

### 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.TheLightsON.org](http://www.TheLightsON.org). Fr. Tietjen will be hearing confessions Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

### Parish Dinner/Festival

Our Parish Dinner/Festival is Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope to get letters and raffle tickets mailed out in the next few weeks. The next Parish Dinner/Festival meeting will be **Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

### Mulch Sale to Feed 1,000 Children

For a year! That's right. For every 15 bags of mulch you buy, you've just fed a hungry child for a year. Please consider helping teens from all over St. Mary's County, who work at St. John's Summer Program, feed 1,000 children in Malawi for a year by purchasing mulch. All proceeds will be donated to Mary's Meals, a nonprofit whose mission is to provide one daily meal to hungry children in their place of education. Mulch must be ordered by March 27<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered/picked up April 7<sup>th</sup>. Bags are \$4.00-4.25 depending on quantity. For more information and to order online, visit [www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/Mulch](http://www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/Mulch).

### 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](http://www.kofc-md.org). You can also get more information @ [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join).

There will be a recruitment drive next weekend. One of the Knights will be available after Mass to answer any questions you may have.

- 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; 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; 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:frconley@comcast.net).

### Spirit- Filled Mission

A Spirit-filled Mission will be led by internationally known Catholic evangelists (as seen in the Life in the Spirit Series presentations):

Peter & Michelle Moran

at St. Mary's Church in Bryantown on **Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> though Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**. Daily Prayer Service & Teaching begins at 11 :00 am. Evening talks from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Confessions will also be heard nightly from 6:00-6:30 pm. For more information, feel free to email [frconley@comcast.net](mailto:frconley@comcast.net)

**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**

- **Seafood Dinner** at **Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD** on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>** at 301-769-3332 or email [holyo1angels@aol.com](mailto:holyo1angels@aol.com).
- **The Kalnasy Concert Series** presents Fr. David Beaubien in concert with the **St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble** on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:keyofgmh@gmail.com).
- **A Lenten Evening of Reflection for Men & Women** will be held at **Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico, MD** on **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- **Purses and Bags Bingo** will take place at **MVFD Social Hall** on **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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.
- **Mass with Healing Prayers** will be **Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park. Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!
- **Fried Shrimp Dinner** – Dine-in or Carry-out will take place at **MVFD Social Hall** on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 24<sup>th</sup>** 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**