

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.
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 18th, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 17th, 2018

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, March 18th, 2018

7:00 am – John Philip Thomas

9:00 am – Becky & Tom Kendal (Living)

11:00 am – Franny Taborek (Living)

Monday, March 19th, 2018

7:30 am – Louise Diane Graves

Tuesday, March 20th, 2018

7:30 am – James “Dickie” Graves

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018

7:30 am – Elizabeth Slampak

Friday, March 22nd, 2018

7:30 am – Fiorino D’Onofrio

Saturday, March 24th, 2018

4:00 pm – Louis G. Mavronickolas

Sunday, March 25th, 2018

7:00 am – Parishioners

9:00 am – Cecilia “Joy” Hicks (Living)

11:00 am – Harold Quade

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

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 is the time to increase
your prayer, fasting, and
almsgiving.*

New Website AND Online Giving

Our new website is up and running. You can still use www.ImmaculateConceptionmd.com to find the website, or you may be able to get to our website now at www.ICChurchmd.org. We've already had sign-ups on online giving. Feel free to sign-up on our website when you are ready. 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.)

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).

IC Angels

The IC Angels warmly invite all Catholic ladies to their meeting at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center on **Wednesday, March 21st**.

Sharing in the Joy of Love in Marriage and Family

Cardinal Wuerl celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle with families representing all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Washington. At this Mass, His Eminence introduced the Pastoral Plan to Implement *Amoris Laetitia*. This compassionate accompaniment of families, with the God News of the Gospel of marriage and family, is the framework for pastoral implementation of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation. For resources and to read *Amoris Laetitia* and Cardinal's pastoral plan visit: <http://adw.org/amorislaetitia/>.

Each parish received copies of Sharing in the Joy of Love in Marriage and Family, please pick up a copy for your family.

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 18th, 2018

FIFTH 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."

TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISH - COME JOIN US DOWN IN THE PARISH CENTER FOR BREAKFAST. K of C IS COOKING UP SOME GOOD OLE BOY EGGS, PANCAKES, BACON, AND JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE YOU CAN WANT TO EAT. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

PARENTS AND SECOND GRADERS -- 1ST RECONCILIATION --- GREAT JOB KIDS, PARENTS and TEACHERS. GOD has been smiling ever since. I also saw Father Tietjen smiling right after too!

LIVE FROM MECHANICSVILLE - PASSION OF CHRIST - Living Station dress rehearsal in church at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 22nd. Live performance will take place on Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm. To all parents and kids of the Parish, please support our Faith Formation Class. They have worked extremely hard in sharing the Passion with you.

REMINDER – There will be no Faith Formation classes next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 23rd or 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 Webpage. 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.) 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.

KIDS AND TEACHERS – THIS IS A BIG DEAL! The Faith Formation Knowledge Assessment Test is scheduled **Sunday, April 8th** with make-up testing on **Sunday, April 15th**. Please start making plans now.

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 \$8,151.00.

The **Easter Flower and Decorations Collection** last week was \$1,617.20.

Renovation Fund Account Update: We have \$148,294.64. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000.

Thank you for your generous donations!!

SCHEDULE for Saturday, March 24th and Sunday, March 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	Debbie Myers/Mary Ann Bean	Charlie Widmayer	(none)
7:00 am Sunday	Joseph Woodland/Marian Taylor	Tim Steelman	(none)
9:00 am	Joseph Thomas/Terry Casselman	Raymond Burch	Adam Trossbach & Rachel Garner
11:00 am	Eileen Seyfried/Jean Adams	Richard Adams	Bryce Manuel & Christopher Swann

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*.

Confessions

Don't forget Fr. Tietjen is in the confessional each Wednesday night during Lent from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Parish Dinner/Festival

Our Parish Dinner/Festival is **Sunday, May 6th**. 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 4th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

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.

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 27th and will be delivered/picked up April 7th. Bags are \$4.00-4.25 depending on quantity. For more information and to order online, visit 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. You can also get more information @ 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 Grumblin; Cindy Hall; Courtney 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; 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.

PAUL

APOSTLE OF CHRIST

Looking for a movie to see? Consider "Paul – Apostle of Christ" which is opening **Friday, March 23rd** at the **R/C Lexington Exchange Movies 12**. Check additional local theaters as well.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Rev. Andrew E. Royals, Pastor of St. Joseph in Morganza, will lead the devotion of the **Way of the Cross** in the **St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, MD**. The devotional will begin 12:00 pm on **Good Friday, March 30th** and all are welcome to participate. For more information or directions, please call the Catholic Cemeteries Southern MD Regional office (301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766 or email at qop@ccaw.org).

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 be **Monday March 19th** 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 23rd** from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The \$12 dinner includes butterfly shrimp, french fries, coleslaw, applesauce, and roll.
- Spring Oyster Fest at **St Francis de Sales in Benedict on Saturday, March 24th** from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the hall. All you can eat local fried and scalded oysters on the half shell at our outdoor raw bar, steamed shrimp, ham and a variety of side dishes. Cake and dessert sale, crafts, raffle items, game of chance. Cost is \$25 per adult. (Children \$5, Max \$20.) For more information call 301-274-3416.
- 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.
- A Drive-thru Chicken Dinner will take place on **Sunday, March 25th** from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the **Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad** (28120 Old Flora Corner Rd., Mechanicsville, MD.) Cost is \$10 per dinner and includes: 2 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, & roll.