

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 25th, 2018
Palm Sunday

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 26th, 2018
7:30 am – Msgr. William Kane

Tuesday, March 27th, 2018
7:30 am – Billy Guy
Wednesday, March 28th, 2018
7:30 am – Anne Navarra (Living)

Holy Thursday, March 29th, 2018
7:00 pm - Parishioners
Friday, March 30th, 2018

NO 7:30 am Mass
7:00 pm – Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, March 31st, 2018
NO 4:00 pm Mass
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

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.

*The Altar arrangements were
donated in memory of
Louis G. Mavronickolas.*

Rectory Office Closed

The rectory office will be closed on **Good Friday, March 30th** and **Easter Monday, April 2nd**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration will be **Friday, April 5th**. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend – Easter Weekend.



Holy Week

Thursday, March 29th – 7:00 pm – **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
followed by Adoration in Parish Center.

Friday, March 30th – 3:00 pm – **Stations of the Cross**
7:00 pm – **Good Friday Liturgy**

Saturday, March 31st – 8:00 pm – **Easter Vigil**

Sunday, April 1st – 7:00 am – **Easter Sunday Mass**
9:00 am – **Easter Sunday Mass**
11:00 am – **Easter Sunday Mass**

REMINDER: NO Morning Mass on Good Friday, March 30th!
NO 4:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday, March 31st!

NO BIBLE STUDY

There will not be Bible study on **Monday, March 26th**. Those who had signed-up earlier last week will be attending the movie *Paul – the Apostle* at the RC Lexington Theater in California, MD. Those individuals should arrive at the theater no later than 7:00 pm.

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, March 25th, 2018
PALM SUNDAY

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 – TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LIVING STATIONS FOR 2018: GOD SMILED UPON US THAT NIGHT – THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND FAITHFULNESS.

REMINDER – There will be no Faith Formation classes this **Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 25th** or **Easter Sunday, April 1st**. Classes will resume on **Sunday, April 8th**.

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).

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.

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 \$6,046.43.

Renovation Fund Account Update: We have \$149,510.64. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000.
Thank you for your generous donations!!

SCHEDULE for Holy Thursday, March 29th, Good Friday, March 30th, Holy Saturday, March 31st and Easter Sunday, April 1st.
(Parents—it is very important that if your child cannot serve at this time to please arrange a substitute.)

	Lectors	EMoHC	Altar Servers
7:00 pm Holy Thursday	Mary Ann Bean	†	Brandon Bowman & Bryce Manuel
7:00 pm Good Friday	Mary Ann Bean/Debbie Myers	†	Christian Redding, Allie Redding & Sarah Redding
8:00 pm Holy Saturday	Laurie Garner	†	Sammy Chick, Joseph Chick & Chris Holton
7:00 am Easter Sunday	Michael Munshaw	Judy Ramsey	Chris Holton & Madison Myers
9:00 am	Eric Holm	Debbie Myers	Allie & Christian Redding
11:00 am	Mary Ellen Evans	Robert Blackwell	Bryce Manuel & Christopher Swann

Thank you

The IC Angels and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St John wish to thank all who attended our Rectory Open House and who participated in the tours of the newly renovated rectory. We collected over \$1300 for the furnishings for the rectory during our Open House. God bless you all for your generosity!

Paul – The Apostle of Christ

A group of parishioners is attending the movie on **Monday, March 26th** at the 7:10 pm showing at the **RC Lexington Exchange Movies 12** in California, MD. We have been told that Monday nights are typically not as busy as other nights.

If you are interested in meeting us, you will have to purchase a ticket on your own.

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.)

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*.

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**.

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; 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.

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 gop@ccaw.org).

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.

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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Prayer

*Whether it is formal or just a
conversation between you and
God, He is very glad to hear
from you. Something he'd like to
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*Have you been away from the
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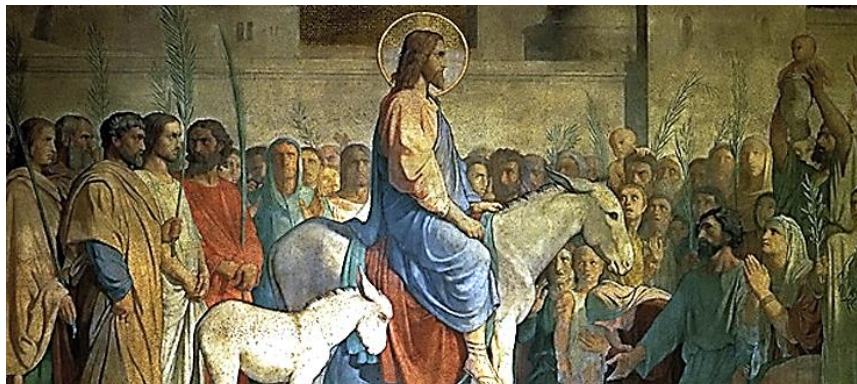
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Other Events in Town

- 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.



Palm Sunday