

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Parish Website:** [ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org)

## 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

## Weekday Masses:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am

1st Saturday Mass at 9:00 am (only 1st of the month)

## Confessions:

Saturdays at 3:00 – 3:45 pm, and after the vigil Mass.

## Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Friday of each month, beginning after the 7:30 am Mass & ending with Benediction at 6:30 pm.

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

## 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).

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

4:00 pm – Parishioners

**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Terrie McClintock

9:00 am – Sonny Oden

11:00 am – Cacky Mattingly

**Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Bobby Cusic, Sr.

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Delores Conrad

**Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Victoria Lee Hosier

**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Carl Thompson

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

4:00 pm – Brian Davis

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Parish

9:00 am – Jerry Coates

11:00 am – Ralph Wilbur Downs

## Catholic Education:

### Grades Pre-K-8

Little Flower School – 301-994-0404

Mother Catherine Academy – 301-884-3165

### Grades 9-12

Ryken High School – 301-475-2814

God's Little  
Lambs



**New to our Parish?** We welcome you to Immaculate Conception Church. For new registrations or updates, please visit our website ([ICChurchMD.org](http://ICChurchMD.org)) or stop by the Rectory Office which is open: **Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

The Christmas Flowers were donated in honor  
(or in memory of) those names on the altar.



### Pro-Life Holy Hour

As you may know, **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** is the day many people travel to Washington DC for the March for Life. Because many people from our area cannot travel to Washington DC for this very important event, we invite you to join us on **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 noon for a Holy Hour. Please bring your family and friends as we gather together to pray for the unborn to have a chance at the life God intended them to have.

### Altar Flowers

If you're interested in dedicating altar flowers in memory or in honor 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 **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm and **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am 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](mailto:Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com) by the close of business on Tuesday. Messages will be edited when necessary.

### Intercessory Prayer

Join others for intercessory prayer on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

### Mass Intentions

Have you ever wanted to do something special for a family member or a friend? Consider have one of our regularly scheduled Masses said for someone, living or deceased. Contact the rectory if you are interested in scheduling a Mass. Typically, a donation goes with the request; many donate \$10 but it is voluntary.

### Rosary

Please join us to recite the rosary. The rosary is prayed at the following times:

- **First Sunday of the month** – 30 minutes before each Mass.
- **Every Saturday** – 30 minutes before the 4 pm Mass.
- **First Saturday of the month** – 30 minutes before the 9:00 am Mass.
- **Every Wednesday** – immediately following the 7:30 am Mass.

### 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 any questions, please call Fr. Tietjen (301-884-3123) or Amy Downs (301-904-7439).

### 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; Ed Bowling; Doris Anne Bradburn; Therese Braithwaite; Sandy Burns; Taylor Burns; T.C.; Nancy Calvano; Dennis Carr; Gregory Chapman; Kenneth Chapman; Bob Chick; Mary Clancy; Linda Clark; Jimmy Davis; Ben DeWees; Dottie Estep; Walter Fredericks; Charlie Freeman; Dewey Fritzman; Gloria Fusco; Melanie Gibson; Frank Gough; Eve Hill; Sonny Hill; Dwayne Hindt, Sr.; Marian Holley; Joshua Hosier; Kathleen Johnson; Rachel Stewart-Johnson; Angie Kalnasy; Patrick Kelly; Warren Kitts; Kathleen Krznarich; Michael Krznarich; D. Lambert; Ralph Lawrence; Doug Lawson; Nancy Lippert; Max Long; Edward "Buddy" Marshal; Jean Martin; Cole Martinez; Dennis Maury; Artina Miles; Lou Miller; Louis Miller; Shirley Morgan; Kathy Mulcare; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Tommy Norsworthy; Lisa Durst Owens; Haley Palmer; Jennifer Peacock; Brandy Pennington; Grace Pennington; Fr. Robert S. Pittman, SSS; Laura Redding; Sylvia Resha; David Riggelman; Joel Rivera; Sis Robey; Diana Pelkey-Rockwell; Rev. Ray Schmidt; Eileen Shillings; James Smith; Martin Smith; Carrie Stoots; Debbie Stoots; Richard Szatkowski; Ashley Thomas; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; Nicki Thorne; Rick Turner; Sharon Turner; Amber Vera; Sandra Vera; Betty Williams; Linda Williams; Patrick Wood; Joseph Adrain Woodland; and James Zalovick. *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, Anthony T. Braxton, 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.



Please join FlockNote today! FlockNote is a way for us to reach out to all our parishioners, or a single group, at a moment's notice via text or email. If you are interested in keeping up-to-date on what's going on in the Parish, please visit our website ([ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org)), click on *Subscribe-Flocknote* and choose the groups you would like to receive emails or texts from.

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,091.00.

The **Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection** last week was \$2,098.00.

Thank you for your generous donations!!!

The second collection next weekend is for the **Church Missions within the United States**.

### Online Giving

If you are interested in no longer receiving donation envelopes and utilizing online giving instead, just go to our website, hover over *Online Giving* and click on *Church Donations*. If you decide to stop your envelopes or have any questions please call Clare in the rectory office (301-884-3123).

### Schedule for Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00 pm Saturday	Mike McCauley	John Krznarich	(none)
7:00 am Sunday	Mike Munshaw	Judy Ramsey	Chris Holton & Madison Myers
9:00 am	Eric Holm	Raymond Burch	Joe Davis
11:00 am	Laurie Garner	Joseph Thomas	Joe Davis

**FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**  
**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR 2019**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019** – ONLY 17 MORE WEEKS LEFT UNTIL THE END OF FAITH FORMATION FOR 2018/2019. HOW ARE YOU DOING SO FAR IN YOUR CLASS WORK?? Did you get God’s present for Christmas? YES, you did: didn’t you see Him lying in the manger? JESUS was in the manger looking for YOU.

**MOMS AND DADS** – Please take a minute out of your busy schedule to reexamine the FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR for 2018/2019 on the parish website @ [ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org). It’s not how we start the school year, it’s how we finish. Each child is a gift from God and we have the responsibility and duty to educate them in the practice of our faith. Remember your promise to God at their Baptism.

**TEACHERS MEETING** – **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2019, beginning at 6:30pm. Meeting will be held in classrooms three and four. Hope to see you there.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST** – Did you see the flyer in the Hall? It’s at Mother Catherine Academy Gymnasium, **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**; registration begins at 6:00pm and game on at 6:30pm. Do you have what it takes to be CHAMP?

**GRADES 6, 7, AND 8 – ON LINE FAITH FORMATION** - Did you listen to your teachers about continuing your on-line education over the Christmas break? I don’t want to start the New Year having you in my office.

**QUESTION(S) FOR FAITH FORMATION DRE:** Would you like to make an appointment to speak to the DRE? Do you have any comments you would like to share with the DRE? Would you like to see some improvements or changes in the way the classes are being held? Please let me know, I would love to hear them.

*Deacon Bill*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Give the gift of time and yourselves to your spouse. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on February 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in Gaithersburg, MD or October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> also in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to [moments4marriage.org](http://moments4marriage.org) to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It’s not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended.

**Marriage Trouble?**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, please visit: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com), call 443-400-7017, or email: [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).

**Overview of the Ten Commandments**

We all know what the Ten Commandments are, but not everyone knows them by heart. So, to that end, I thought I'd give some basic info for the next few weeks (months?) as an aid in learning them.

And why is this important? Well, because Jesus said as much. In the Gospel of Matthew (specifically, Matthew 19:16-19), a rich young man asks Jesus what he must do to attain eternal life. His answer? “Keep the commandments.” If we don't know them, we can't follow them, and we can't teach them to others.

As I mentioned last week, there are two places in the Bible where you can find the Commandments: Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Do yourself a favor and read them in your Bible (you *have* a Bible, right? *Right*??). You'll see that there are actually more than ten “Thou Shall Not's” in there, so you can understand how people came up with different numbering systems over the years. And yes, if we had access to the original stone Tablets we could put that controversy to rest, but the original Tablets were placed in the Ark of the Covenant (see Exodus 25:16) and the Ark has been lost...no one can remember which governmental warehouse it was archived in when Indiana Jones brought it here to America....

Here's a typical Catholic rendition of the Ten Commandments:

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

I placed a space between the third and fourth Commandments to point out a subtle distinction in the listing. The first three focus on our conduct toward God, and the remainder focus on our behavior toward people. So while all the commandments are important, the later commandments build upon the earlier ones.

In the coming weeks I'll focus on the particular Commandments, but for now, I hope this helps increase your desire to learn more about our great and loving God.

- Fr. Tietjen





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**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019) are invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition. The event is FREE. The competition will be held at **Mother Catherine Academy Gymnasium, Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019** from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. The snow date is January 16<sup>th</sup> (following Wednesday). Please arrive ½ hour early to complete registration. You can register at the door or in advance. First place will be awarded to boys and girls of each age group. To register in advance or for more information please contact Leo Hoffman (240-237-2949).