

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



February 10th, 2019
Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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.

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).

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 9th, 2019

4:00 pm – All Priests in the Archdiocese of Washington (Living)

Sunday, February 10th, 2019

7:00 am – Parishioners

9:00 am – Matthew Riggelman

11:00 am – Special Intention

Monday, February 11th, 2019

7:30 am – Special Intention

Tuesday, February 12th, 2019

7:30 am – Bobby Cusic, Sr.

Wednesday, February 13th, 2019

7:30 am – Richard Murphy

Friday, February 15th, 2019

7:30 am – Rev. Henry Januskiewicz

Saturday, February 16th, 2019

4:00 pm – Sherry Ann Baker

Sunday, February 17th, 2019

7:00 am – Parishioners

9:00 am – Sister Paula

11:00 am – Patrons of the Am. Academy of Sacred Arts

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

Pray a rosary for those with Special Needs.

Old Palms

We have begun accepting your palms from last Easter. If you forgot yours this weekend, please return them by next weekend and place them in the marked box in the vestibule. Thank you.

Altar Server Training

There will be altar server training on **Monday, February 11th** at 5:00 pm in the church. Those who are interested must have received their first Holy Communion, have a great love for the Mass, and be tall enough to lift heavy objects onto the altar.

Flight-in-Faith Youth Group Meeting

Flight-in-Faith is our Youth Group for grades 7 – 12. There will be a meeting on **Sunday, February 24th** from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Contact Tim Steelman (tcsworkplace@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Trivia Night

The Knights of Columbus is having its annual Trivia Night on **Saturday, March 2nd** in the Parish Center following the 4:00 pm Mass. A pizza dinner will be served followed by Team Trivia and lots of fun. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. This event is open to everyone and is absolutely free. So that we can get a head count, we ask you make reservations. For reservations or any questions, please contact Jim Downey (301-884-5428).

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, February 11th** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center and **Wednesday, February 13th** and 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 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 having 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

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: J. Allan, Sandy Burns; Mary Clancey; Thomas Farrell; Melanie Gibson; Scott Hughes; Meagan Humbert; Nancy Lippert; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Lisa Durst Owens; and Betty Williams.

If you would like to add your family member to the sick list, please call 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. Blake Guy; Paige Guy Please feel free to call us or email Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com to add your soldier serving AWAY FROM HOME back on the list.

Immaculate Conception's 2019 Seafood Dinner and Festival

Our 2019 Seafood Dinner and Festival will be held on **Sunday, May 5th**.

The next Seafood Dinner and Festival meeting will be **Wednesday, February 27th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

For those who are interested, we still have approximately 3 spots open for those who would like to have their group's or business' name printed on the raffle tickets, please contact the Rectory @ 301-884-3123. The cost is \$100 and the deadline is Monday, February 18th, to be a sponsor this year.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to commit themselves to the clean-up crew for after our Parish Dinner/Festival is over. Each year it is left up to a couple of individuals who have worked tirelessly over several days/months for OUR BIG Parish event. Please consider volunteering your time and energy, email Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com OR Morris.Turtles33@gmail.com soon so we can count you in.

We also need someone to volunteer to be the chairperson for the dining room committee.

We hope you all plan to come out and enjoy a fantastic meal (dine-in, drive-thru, or carry-out) of crab balls, steamed spiced shrimp, ham, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, coleslaw, pickled beets, green beans, applesauce, garden salad, and beverages. Participate in the festivities: Big Raffle, White Elephant Room, Bake Table, Garden Area and Bingo. All proceeds to benefit Immaculate Conception Church. Credit /Debit cards accepted.



Have you subscribed to FlockNote yet? Don't know what it is? Let me tell you, 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), click on *Subscribe-Flocknote* and choose the groups you would like to receive information from.

Free Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a free breakfast on **Sunday, February 17th** after all Masses. Donations will be accepted for the charity of the month.

Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,792.00.

The **Renvoation Fund Collection** last week was \$2,866.00.

Online Giving

For those interested in donating to our parish online, please visit our website and see the online giving tab. If you have any questions, please call Clare on Monday – Wednesday or Fridays, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Schedule for Saturday, February 16th and Sunday, February 17th, 2019.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00 pm Saturday	Joseph Thomas	John Krznarich	Paul Baden & Sarah Redding
7:00 am Sunday	Joseph Woodland	Judy Ramsey	Joe Davis
9:00 am	Marian Taylor	Dan Clark	Christian & Allie Redding
11:00 am	Eileen Seyfried	Robert Blackwell	Bryce Manuel & Christopher Swann

Reflections on the Fifth Commandment

The Fifth Commandment, “You shall not kill,” is probably the best known of the Commandments, but it involves more than the intentional demise of people. But, first and foremost, it does warn us against just that. People are made in the image of God. To take a life unjustly is to violate this intrinsic dignity, it breaks the “Golden Rule” (i.e., “do unto others as you would have them do to you”), and is an affront to God's role as the Lord of Life. “No one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.” (see [CCC #2258, 2261](#))

This accounts for life at all stages. Abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and in-vitro fertilization are examples of actions that (either directly or indirectly) involve the taking of innocent human life in its earliest phases. So-called “mercy killings” or “death with dignity” killings of the elderly are also morally wrong. Suicide is also an affront to this Commandment. The Church has come a long way in understanding this last one. We now understand that people who take their lives are usually trying to avoid some pain which they found unbearable. But while the Church still holds out hope for their salvation, in no way can suicide (or killing anyone to avoid pain) to be considered a morally good solution to the problem of suffering. (see [CCC #2280-2283](#))

The heart of this Commandment is on the intrinsic dignity of the human person. So anything that violates this dignity falls under this commandment. Ever been the victim of malicious gossip? Yep, your attackers broke the 5th. Kidnappers, hostage-takers, terrorists, and even actions like abusing drugs, excessive speeding, or harboring resentment or hatred toward another are sanctioned under this Commandment.

A word, though, on drug use and the like. Health is a gift and anything that affects it for the worse should be avoided. *But being healthy is not an absolute good.* This is where the virtue of *temperance* (avoiding things to excess) comes in. Believe it or not, smoking (*when done in moderation*) is not a sin! Having an occasional cigar or drink is fine. Why? Well, if it were, eating or drinking anything other than the extra-lean-tofuaburger with the parsley and orange-slice garnish downed with the soy almond (with extra liquid minerals and flaxseed!) protein shake would be sinful too. Don't turn the good of healthy living into a religious cult. If something becomes addictive to the detriment of your health, yes it's wrong. But having a super-sized Big Mac occasionally isn't bad either. (see [CCC #2289-2291](#))

I would be remiss if I didn't clarify that this Commandment focuses on the harming of *innocent* human life. Unfortunately, sometimes people are put in situations where taking someone's life was not the goal but the unfortunate and unavoidable byproduct of a situation beyond their control. Sometimes pregnant women have medical issues where the only medical solutions available will not allow their unborn child(ren) to live through the procedure. As long as these procedures are the only options available and they do not *intentionally* aim at killing the unborn, they are permitted and, properly understood, they are *not* abortions. Another example: people have a right to self defense. Sometimes that involves lethal force. There can be situations where the death of a person is justified. Everyone should work toward peaceful resolutions to conflicts. But there are times where self-defense is not only permitted but “a grave duty” when it involves protecting the innocent or the common good of society. (see [CCC #2321](#))

– Fr. Tietjen

Local Food Pantry Donations

Please consider donations of non-perishable food including: jelly/jam; canned fruit; cereal; tea bags; Coffee; Manwich; canned pasta meals; Hamburger Helper, Complete meal kits; Pork & Beans; Side dish packets of pasta or rice (Simply noodles, Knorr etc); dried beans; rice;sweets (cookies, etc); pudding; jello; canned meats (chicken, Tweet, Spam, potted meat, vienna sausages, etc); canned soup/ramen soup; canned vegetables; 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 (any size – large, trial, etc); and Quart and gallon size Ziploc bags.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Sunday, February 10th, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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](#). Parents are the first teachers of the Faith to their children; make sure you are teaching them by your good example and words. Please remember your promise to God at their Baptism. PLEASE, TAKE THEM TO CHURCH.

KIDS OF FAITH FORMATION AND THE PARISH: You are the New and Future Parishioners of our Parish. Learn everything you can about your faith. One day you will see God's face.

KIDS IN GRADES 6, 7, AND 8 – ON LINE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES – Are you maintaining your 70% grades or better in each chapter. If you need help, please see your teacher. I don't want to start the New Year having you in my office every Sunday or calling your parents. Trust me, I can see everyone's scores, and I won't let you hide or slip through the door with less than a 70%.

TEACHERS – Would you like to become a Certified Catechist this New Year 2019? Please let me know and I'll be happy to help you begin the process. I believe that all classes are on-line. Please think about it.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT STARTING A NEW CAREER IN 2019 – HOW ABOUT TEACHING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH? - Please call me, stop by and see me, or send me an e-mail. I would love to hear from you. THANKS.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND KIDS – Just a little glimpse into the future – The Annual Faith Knowledge Assessment Test will be coming to Immaculate Conception Church between March 31st and April 14th, 2019. I'm waiting on the official date from the Archdiocese of Washington.

PARENTS AND KIDS, 2ND GRADE – SATURDAY, SATURDAY, SATURDAY, SATURDAY, Please don't forget. FEBRUARY 23rd, 2019. YES, you did read that RIGHT! On **Saturday, February 23rd** from 9:00 am – 11:00 am there will be a First Confession Retreat in the Parish Center. Kids from both Sessions, A and B, home school and Catholic school must attend. Please, don't put sports before God.

LENT IS COMING – Here's a question for you? Lent begins **March 7th** through what day? Go see the Deacon with your answer. I hope it's right.

Deacon Bill

(240-230-3167 or Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com)

Scholarship Awards Ceremony & Black History Celebration

The St. Mary's County Black History Coalition, a non-profit 501c3 organization, is honored to hold its **8th Annual Dinah K. Miles Somerville Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Black History Celebration** featuring keynote speaker Dr. Adams. This event, themed “Black Migration”, will be held **Sunday, February 24th** at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center. There is no charge for this event, but they do accept donations. Donations can be made by visiting their website at <http://smcbhc.wixsite.com>. All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Francis Bonds (email – Bonds.Francis@md.metrocast.net, call or text – 301-385-2201).



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Other Events in Town

- *Quo Vadis?* – A Shadow Day for young men in High School (juniors and seniors) on **Friday, February 15th** at the Saint John Paul II Seminary. For more information and to register visit DCPriest.org or email vocations@adw.org.
- *Cupid's Dance* will be held at **Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Chaptico, MD** on **Saturday, February 16th** from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm. Music provided by DJ. Advanced tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 a couple. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$20 per person or \$30 a couple. Casual attire. For more information please contact Susan (240-476-1179) or Darlene (240-925-5327).
- *From Newtown to Georgetown: Connections and Legacies* – a talk given by Dr. Adam Rothman, a Georgetown University professor, will be held at **St. Francis Xavier, Leonardtown, MD** on **Sunday, February 24th** at 6:30 pm. Desserts and coffee will be served.
- *Purse and Bags Bingo* will be held at the **Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall** on **Saturday, March 16th**. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and Bingo begins at 6:00 pm. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or on ICChurchmd.org. Look under *Get Involved* and click on *Other Events in Town*.
- *Nonsense* is a Cabaret Production presented by Rob Misko and John Baldino and will be held live on stage at **St. Francis Xavier Parish, Leonardtown, MD** in the church hall on **Saturday March 16th** at 7:00 pm and on **Sunday, March 17th** at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person (in advance) or \$25 per person (at the door). Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4067914>.
- *Lenten Day of Prayer*, titled *"The Lord Hears our Cry"* will be held at Loyola on the Potomac on **Monday, March 18th** and **Monday, April 15th**. Each day will begin at 9:00 am and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and Mass. The fee is \$40.00. Please call (301-392-0801) to make a reservation or go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com.
- *Encounter Grace Women's Series – RECLAIM* – Ladies, join the Encounter Grace team at **St. John Vianney Catholic Church and Family Life Center** on **Saturday, March 23rd** from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm for a day of reflection and sisterhood. Tickets are on sale at EncounterGrace.co. Early bird pricing through February 15th is \$25 and includes breakfast and materials. After February 15th the cost is \$30 per person. Appropriate for ages 16+. For more information please contact St. John Vianney (410-535-0223).