

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



March 17th, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm during Lent.

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).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16th, 2019

4:00 pm – Curtin Smith

Sunday, March 17th, 2019

7:00 am – Bobby Cusic, Sr.

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Carl Raley

Monday, March 18th, 2019

7:30 am – Special Intention

Tuesday, March 19th, 2019

7:30 am – Imogine W. Burroughs

Wednesday, March 20th, 2019

7:30 am – Gerald Hoernke

Friday, March 22nd, 2019

7:30 am – Patrick Wood

Saturday, March 23rd, 2019

4:00 pm – Patrick Wood

Sunday, March 24th, 2019

7:00 am – Paul Mudd

9:00 am – Rick Myers

11:00 am – Parishioners

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) or stop by the Rectory Office which is open: **Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

The Altar Arrangement was donated
in memory of Wayne Wood.



Confessions

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

Lenten Food Drive 2019

Every Lent, parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington collect food to help families and individuals in our community. Our parish will distribute bags next weekend (March 23rd/24th) and ask you to return them by **March 30th/31st**. Many in our community face hunger. Our collection will be distributed evenly between **Helping Hands** and **Our Lady of the Wayside's Food Pantry**.

- A-C Dried Legumes and Grains** (rice, dried beans, lentils, etc.)
- D-F Canned Proteins** (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)
- G-I Pastas and Sauces** (pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese)
- J-L Soups** (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, etc.)
- M-N Canned Vegetables– low sodium** (mixed, green beans, corn, etc.)
- O-Q Whole Grain Cereal** (cheerios, cornflakes, plain oatmeal, etc.)
- R-S Canned Fruits–own juice or light syrup** (pineapple, applesauce, etc.)
- T-V Healthy Snacks** (raisins, dried fruits, nuts)
- W-Z Cooking Oils** (vegetable oil, olive oil, canola oil, etc.)

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

Bible study is scheduled for **Monday, March 18th** at 7:00 pm and **Wednesday, March 20th** 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 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).

Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 pm during Lent and at 3:00 pm on Good Friday.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers: J. Allan; Pat Anderson; Heather Ballard; Doris Anne Bradburn; Sandy Burns; William Irvin Butler; Mary Clancy; Jessie Marie Davis; Thomas Farrell; Melanie Gibson; David Hoffmaster, Sr.; Scott Hughes; Meagan Humbert; Robert Morgan; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Lisa Durst Owens; John Redding; Laura Redding; Ed Shade; Richard Szatkowski; Claire True; Jen Tucker; Betty Williams; and Lily 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; and 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**. If we sell every raffle ticket that we ordered, we could profit \$48,250.00 for our church from the raffle alone. Please do all you can to help sell each and every raffle ticket. Unsold tickets should be placed in the basket on the table in the church vestibule.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 27th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Even if you have not been able to attend any of the meetings yet, you are encouraged to join this one. It's not too late to step in and help out.

IC Angels

The IC Angels will meet on **Wednesday, March 20th** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All Catholic ladies are invited.

Lenten Fish Fry

The Ladies Auxiliary will be having their Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday March 29th** from 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm. Fish dinner is \$14, crab cake dinner is \$16, fried oyster dinner is \$18, and combo platter is \$20. Dinners include green beans, candied yams, mac & cheese, potato salad, & cornbread. For additional information call: Doris (301-884-4423) or Ella (240-434-3061).

Interesting Websites

Last week, Father Tietjen mentioned the website NotDeadYet.org. You can find the link on our website and read more about it. Just go to ICChurchMD.org, hover over "More" and click on "Interesting Websites".

2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass

The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years will be held on **Sunday, June 23rd** at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the rectory during business hours or use the sign-up forms on the table in the vestibule to register.

Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the rectory by Friday, April 12th.

Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$7,285.32. The **Ash Wednesday Collection** was \$812.47. (These figures do not include online donations)

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 and Fridays, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Schedule for Saturday, March 23rd and Sunday, March 24th, 2019.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm Saturday	Mary Ellen Evans	Julia Redding	(none)
7:00 am Sunday	Terry Casselman (<i>needs sub</i>)	Judy Ramsey	Chris Holton & Madison Myers
9:00 am	Laurie Garner	Alice Thompson	Joe Davis
11:00 am	Eric Holm	Joseph Thomas	Mryce Manuel

Reflections on the Ninth Commandment

These two Commandments, “You shall not covet your neighbor's wife” and “You shall not covet your neighbor's goods,” are obviously related. They both focus on the problem technically known as *concupiscence*, which (put simply) is our desire for things that are not good for us. We see, smell, or otherwise sense something and we want it, even if it would be immoral. So concupiscence and covetousness are basically the same thing.

The Ninth and Tenth commandments make a distinction between two types of coveting: coveting “carnal” things (i.e., people) and coveting owned items. (see [CCC #2514-2515](#)) Note the parallel to the Sixth and Seventh Commandments. God is reminding us that partaking directly in sinful behavior is (obviously) wrong, but *merely contemplating evil is also wrong*. Adultery is wrong, but “everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” ([Matthew 5:28](#)) Similarly, allowing jealousy and envy to take up residence in our hearts and minds *is wrong in itself*.

So these two Commandments are demanding that we strive toward *complete personal integrity* where the virtue of purity reigns within us. So the link to the Eighth Commandment can now be seen – we must not only be true to others in our words and deeds, but we must be true to ourselves and to our God-given calling. *To be a disciple of Jesus is to capture every thought, word, and deed and surrender it to God so that every aspect of ourselves is pleasing to God at all times.* That is the goal.

Pretty daunting. But by God's grace it can be done. When it comes to the Ninth Commandment specifically, we need to possess the virtues of *chastity*, which allows us to love others with an undivided heart and with pure motives. We need to also have a *purity of vision* whereby we dismiss any thoughts or ideas that would lead us away from this goal. To this end, we need to practice the virtue of *modesty* which is related to the virtue of temperance or *moderation* – note the similarities in the two words. We practice modesty when we control what we look at and when we dress appropriately. The way we dress and show off certain things is a type of language. We should be in the habit of reflecting on the way we present ourselves to others to see whether we are inadvertently (or intentionally!) tempting others against the Ninth (and, to a certain extent, the Tenth) Commandment(s).

But a few caveats are in order. The first is not to overreact. We want to be *prudent* and not *prudish*. The former is a virtue; the latter is a hypersensitivity to social mores that wind up creating more problems that they solve. There's a reason full-body burqa-style clothing never caught on in Christian circles – *it isn't necessary* if you have the virtue of prudence and modesty! There's a happy medium. Our culture has been pushing immodesty for some time, so just going with what's fashionable will eventually lead you astray. Asking for advice from people who “get” modesty can really help in presenting ourselves in an authentically Christian way.

Which brings up caveat two: temptation, by itself, is not a sin. The sin occurs when we linger in the temptation. Having desires for others is normal. But if a desire is leading us down a sinful path then we need to stop feeding that desire *immediately*. Looking at women (or men) *lustfully* is the problem. If we're not in the habit of filtering our feelings through the lens of Christian virtue then this can seem unrealistic or even impossible. But the beauty of virtuous behavior is that it gets easier the more we practice it. That's what virtue does – it enables us to live a holy life almost instinctively. When we take seriously the practice of taking custody over our senses and controlling our imagination, we will find that temptations will get weaker and are less frequent. Then, we will be able always to see people as *God* sees them, and approach them accordingly.

– *Fr. Tietjen*

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Sunday, March 17th, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

WORD OF TODAY AND FOR THE NEXT 40 DAYS – LENT. PLEASE LISTEN. CAN YOU HEAR JESUS CALLING YOU? “RETURN TO ME WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART” (Joel 2:12). Parents and kids, attend Mass every Sunday and seek God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is why you attend Faith Formation.

MOMS AND DADS: Please take a minute out of your busy schedule to reexamine the FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR for 2018/2019 on our 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 – ONLINE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES – Are you maintaining a grade of 70% or better in each chapter? If you need help, please see your teacher. I don't want to have you in my office every Sunday or call 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%.**

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT STARTING A NEW CAREER – How about teaching the faith? Please call me, stop by and see me, or send me an email. 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**. I'm waiting on the official date from the Archdiocese of Washington. There will be make-up days scheduled for this exam. Every student in Grades 3 through 8 in Faith Formation is required to participate in the Assessment test.

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR ALL 2ND GRADE CHILDREN from Faith Formation and MCA – GOD is smiling at our Parish. “THANKS” for a great job by our Teachers of the Faith and to all the children of the parish. A JOB WELL DONE.

DID YOU GET YOUR RICE BOWLS – Make sure you take them home and fill them up and bring them back to class. Please help the Children of the World. They need us.

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

Quo Vadis Hiking Trip

On **Sunday, March 31st**, all high school aged men who are interested in the priesthood are invited to go on a Quo Vadis hiking trip at Great Falls National Park. The day will include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high school aged men who are open to the priesthood. The day will run from 9:45 am – 5:15 pm. Bus transportation will be available from throughout the archdiocese. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org! Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

FlockNote

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. We can inform you of last minute cancellations, requests for prayer, changes in a scheduled meeting, and more. Consider signing up, go to ([ICChurchmd.org](#)), click on *Subscribe-Flocknote* and choose the groups you would like to receive information from.



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Other Events in Town

- *Spring Seafood Dinner* will be held at **Holy Angels, Avenue** on **Sunday, March 24th** from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm. Fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken and much more. The cost is \$28 for adults, \$26 for caryouts, \$8 for children 6-12, and 5 & under eat free. Call 301-769-3100 for more information or advance tickets.
- *Drive-thru chicken dinners* can be purchased at **Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department** on **Sunday, March 24th** from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm or until sold out. The cost is \$14 per dinner and includes 4 picese of fried chicken, green beans, parsley potatoes, apple sauce, roll, and a bottle of water.
- *Sacred Music Concert* will be held on **Sunday, March 31st**, at 3:00 pm at **St. Aloysius, Leonardtown, MD**. This concert is part of the Kalnasy concert series. Father David Beaubien will be singing sacred music; many selections have been arranged by him. The St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble will also be performing.
- *A Catholic Retreat for Men – The Five Loves of the Saints* will take place on **Friday, April 5th through Sunday, April 7th** at the **Malvern Retreat Center in Mavern, PA**. Retreat masters are Fr. Larry Swink and Fr. Dan Leary. The cost is \$220 and Registration is required. To register, visit AnimaChristiRetreats.org or for more information contact Bill Wannall (wwannall@sacredheartaplata.org). See the flier online under "Get Involved – Other Events in Town."
- *The Way Retreat for Survivors of Abuse is being sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington*. A retreat will take place from **April 5th – 7th** for men and **April 12th – 14th** for women. The retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information and to register, go to adw.org/the-way-retreat/ or call Deborah McDonald (301-853-4466).
- *Dueling Pianos Show and Silent Auction with Dinner, raffles, and games* will take place at **St. John's in Hollywood, MD** in the **Monsignor Harris Center** on **Saturday, April 6th** at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Beer, wine, and top shelf drinks available for purchase. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend. Table reservations for parties of 8 only. For tickets, more information, or to become a sponsor, contact [SJS Auction2@gmail.com](mailto:SJSAuction2@gmail.com).
- *3rd Annual Walk in the Park* at **St. Francis Xavier Church** on **Saturday, April 6th**. Register for this 5K Family fun run/walk through beautiful Newtowne Neck State Park. Proceeds benefit the Parish's Newtowne Manor Preservation Fund. Contact Sarah (301-247-7416) to register or for more information.
- *24th Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice* will take place on **Saturday, April 13th** at 8:30 am. The race will begin and finish at the **St. Mary's County Governmental Center in Leonardtown, MD** and will be held rain or shine. Runners can sign-up for either a 5K or 10K run, and walkers can sign-up for a 5K fun walk. Race day registration is available at the Governmental Center from 7:00 am until 8:00 am. For more information and an online registration form visit RunForHospice.org.
- *St. John's School 1st Annual Golf Tournament* will take place at **Breton Bay Golf & Country Club** on **Thursday, May 9th**. The fee is \$125 per person/\$500 per foursome. More information can be found at SJSHollywood.org to register, sponsor or donate.