

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

28297 Old Village Road
P. O. Box 166

Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Rectory Office: 301-884-3123

Fax Number: 301-884-7437

Faith Formation Office: 240-230-3167

Parish Email: Immaculateconception.md@adw.org

Parish Website: 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 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.

March 23rd, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

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 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

Monday, March 25th, 2019

7:30 am – Bobby Cusic, Sr.

Tuesday, March 26th, 2019

7:30 am – Patrick Wood

Wednesday, March 27th, 2019

7:30 am – Carl Raley

Friday, March 29th, 2019

7:30 am – Elizabeth Tyrie Guyther

Saturday, March 30th, 2019

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, March 31st, 2019

7:00 am – Barbara Buckler

9:00 am – Fran Gray

11:00 am – Joann Gates

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 Nancy Lippert.

Lenten Food Drive 2019

The Archdiocesan Lenten Food Drive is underway this week. Please return your non-perishable food items next weekend (**March 30th/31st**) and place them in the vestry. Thank you for your continued support of the hungry in our community.

Faith FAQ Meeting

Does being divorced prevent the receiving of Communion? Or maybe you have other questions? We are beginning a monthly one-hour information session whose agenda is to answer questions about the faith. Our first meeting is **Sunday, March 24th** from 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm in the Parish Center. Questions to be answered with potential referral to a more definitive or person-specific source of answer. Come stump the panel with your excellent questions, get an answer to a question about our faith that has been on your mind, or simply visit to hear the answers to other questions.

Landscaping Donation

We would like to thank all those responsible for the generous landscape donation to beautify the front of our church. No more mulch washing into the parking lot and walkways! We look forward to the addition of the potted plants this coming spring.

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 25th** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center, however, Bible study is cancelled for **Wednesday, March 27th**.

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; Cheryl Coppage; Jessie Marie Davis; Thomas Farrell; Melanie Gibson; David Hoffmaster, Sr.; Scott Hughes; Meagan Humbert; Kathleen Krzmarich; 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 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 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.

Lenten Fish Fry

The ICC Ladies Auxiliary #359 would like to thank the parishioners for their generous support of our Fish Fry on Friday, March 8th. Your support is always appreciated and allows them to accomplish their missions to give back to the church as well as the community. They sold out early because of your support. They will be having a Lenten Fish Fry again on **Friday, March 29th** from **12:00 noon – 4:00 pm** (Please note they will end this Fish Fry at 4:00 pm not 5:00 pm.) The menu is:

- fish dinner is \$14
- crab cake dinner is \$16
- fried oyster dinner is \$18
- 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).

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 \$6,869.50.

The second collection next weekend is for Easter Flowers & Decorations.

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 30th and Sunday, March 31st, 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	Mike McCauley	Charlie Widmayer	Sammy and Joseph Chick
7:00 am Sunday	Michael Munshaw	Tim Steelman	Joe Davis
9:00 am	Debbie Myers	Debbie Myers	Adam Trossbach & Christian Redding
11:00 am	Theresa Payne	Robert Blackwell	Joe Davis

Reflections on the Tenth Commandment

In last week's reflection, I talked about the similarities between the Ninth and Tenth Commandments. Specifically, I mentioned the reality of *concupiscence*, the parallels between the other Commandments, that merely *contemplating* evil is also gravely sinful, and that *complete personal integrity* is one of the "goals" or byproducts of true Christian discipleship. Please read the Ninth Commandment reflections now (if you haven't already) for a more detailed discussion on these topics. We'll wait for you....

...Now that you're back, let's summarize the link between the Ninth and the Tenth Commandments. The Ninth sets the boundaries we're to have with *people* – we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The Tenth Commandment helps us set boundaries with *material goods* – material possessions are not just meant for me, but for others.

The desire for things isn't a bad one. In fact, at its most basic level it's required for our survival. For example, when we're hungry we desire food. We desire things that will help us. Obtaining things from others is fine when it's done properly (such as bargaining through fair means). (see [CCC #2537](#))

The issue is not with the desire *per se* but an *inordinate* desire for things. Part of the problem is the power people obtain with having lots of wealth and resources. This desire for power over others is one of the main motives behind breaking this Commandment. Extreme greed (also known as *avarice*) can lead to *envy* (a sadness over someone else's goods and the immoderate desire to have them, even by evil means). When we wish harm upon another due to envy it is gravely (seriously) evil. The Church talks about how so many sins are rooted in envy – it's a "refusal of charity" and often stems from spiritual pride. As Christians, we need to make this a priority to dismiss these desires if we're tempted by them. (see [CCC #2538-2540](#))

To combat this temptation, we must embrace spiritual humility by acknowledging that *God alone* is the source of all blessings. Lasting happiness can only be found in God – living simply and prioritizing growing in virtue over material possessions helps us to set our priorities correctly.

We must remind ourselves daily that a relationship with God and growth in virtue takes real effort. We know this is true in every other aspect in life. In our very secular culture, we are constantly bombarded with marketing ploys promising easy ways to achieve our dreams and desires. But there are no shortcuts to real growth. And if it takes real work to obtain useful knowledge, physical health, and healthy relationships with those we care about, why would obtaining spiritual knowledge, health, and a relation with the Almighty be any different?

We cannot find lasting peace and joy in obtaining things because our final destiny does not reside in this world. We were made for God. The things of this world are blessings from God, but they can never substitute for Him. May we never allow ourselves to be distracted by the things of the world to the detriment of God, the source of all our blessings.

– *Fr. Tietjen*

TV Mass for the Homebound

WDCW-50 at 10:30 am every Sunday

(Comcast: Channel 3, Verizon: Channel 3)

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? The Archdiocese of Washington produces a weekly Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. **(For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)**

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Sunday, March 24th, 2019

THIRD 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 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 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%.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND KIDS – IT'S COMING – the annual Faith Knowledge Assessment Test will be coming SOON to Immaculate Conception Church. I'm waiting on the official date from the Archdiocese of Washington. There will be a make-up day scheduled for this exam. Every student in Grades 3 through 8 in Faith Formation is required to participate in the Assessment test.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL –

- **April 13th** – 8th grade students for BOTH Faith Formation and MCA – SAINT CLEMENT'S ISLAND CONFIRMATION RETREAT TRIP (**April 27th**, BACKUP-RAIN DATE). Please see web-page for permission slip.
- **April 14th** – PALM SUNDAY, FAITH FORMATION CLOSED.
- **April 21st** – EASTER, FAITH FORMATION CLOSED.

PARENTS AND KIDS – It's never too early to start thinking about VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – July 15th – 19th, 2019.

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.

PARENTS AND KIDS – Any questions regarding the EVENTS in April and May, please check the Web-page or call me.

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.



Family/ Pet Portraits, Weddings, Special Events, Headshots 240-423-3838
magicalmoments925@gmail.com
 Nancy & Greg Walcutt

BRINSFIELD FUNERAL HOMES, P. A.
 AND CREMATORY
"Life Celebration Home"

Charlotte Hall
 (301) 472-4400



Leonardtown
 (301) 475-5588



David Skarwecki
 Owner (PGPD Retired)
 (301)560-7239
dave@vidsec.net www.vidsec.net

Video Security
 Access Control
 Vehicle GPS Tracking
 Alarm Systems



P.O. Box 442, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

AUMAN
Automotive
 Foreign & Domestic Auto Repair
301-472-4045
 ASE Master Technician Jeff Auman
 Toyota Master Technician 23 Years Experience
 P.O. Box 326 Charlotte Hall, MD 20622



*Have you prayed
 the Rosary today?*

*Offer it up for
 someone in need.*

MATTINGLY INSURANCE

Auto * Home * Business * Life
 Serving Southern Maryland for over 25 Years
 28290 Three Notch Rd
 Mechanicsville, MD 20659
www.MattinglyAgency.com
 Above All in sERvICE!



Erie Insurance®
 301-884-5904
 Fax 301-884-2884

C. L. Boswell, Jr.
 Septic Service

38170 Laurel Ridge Drive
 Mechanicsville, MD 20659

(301) 645-9549

C. L. Boswell, Jr. (240) 925-1201



Ace Hardware
 Vino's 2 Wine and Spirits
 Old Beijing Cafe'
 Tidewater Dental
 SweetFrog
 A J Hibachi
 Tequila Grill and Cantina
 B B Nails Spa
 Hair Cattery
 Papa John's Pizza

**Consider advertising your
 business with us.**

**Call 301-884-3123 for more
 information.**

Donate Your Car

Phone: 800-322-8284

- FREE AND FAST PICKUP
- MAXIMUM TAX DEDUCTION
- WE DO THE PAPERWORK
- RUNNING OR NOT
 NO RESTRICTIONS
- DONATION HELPS YOUR COMMUNITY



Serving the poor since 1845
www.svdpusa.org/donate

SOCIETY OF
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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.
- *Theology over Dinner* will take place at **Ye Olde Town Care, Leonardtown, MD** on **Thursday, March 28th**, doors open at 5:45, event begins at 6:00 pm. Fr. Scott Woods will present an in-depth look at the Mass.
- *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 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.