

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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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.

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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



February 11th, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10th, 2018

4:00 pm – Vernon & Doris Dorsey (Living)

Sunday, February 11th, 2018

7:00 am – J. F. Long

9:00 am – Frank Slaughter & Edith Depew

11:00 am – Parishioners

Monday, February 12th, 2018

7:30 am – James “Dickie” Graves

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018

7:30 am – Mary Juliana Knott

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018

7:30 am – Louise Diane Graves

7:00 pm – Parish

Friday, February 16th, 2018

7:30 am – James “Dickie” Graves

Saturday, February 17th, 2018

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, February 18th, 2018

7:00 am – Larry & Joan Russell (Living)

9:00 am – William D. Missouri

11:00 am – Albert Slampak

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
Parish Website: www.ImmaculateConceptionMD.com

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.

Pray for the souls in Purgatory.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence only.

Fasting is defined as eating one full meal. Two smaller meals that are less than a full meal may be consumed to maintain strength. Those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year (until age 59) are bound by the law of fasting.

Abstinence is defined as not eating meat (i.e., beef, pork, chicken and other fowl should not be consumed. Fish is fine.) Those who are 14 or older should fast.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is **February 14th**. Although it is not a holy day of obligation, Mass will be celebrated at:

- 7:30 am
- 7:00 pm

Ashes will only be distributed during Mass.

Fr. Tietjen will hear confessions immediately after Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Join us during Lent on Fridays for Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm in the church.

The Light is ON for You

Every **Wednesday night** during Lent, we will have *"The Light is On for You."* Fr. Tietjen will be hearing confessions from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm every Wednesday during Lent. Please take this opportunity in preparation of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Bible Study

Join us for Bible study on Mondays at 7:00 pm 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 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, February 11th, 2018

MESSAGES OF THE WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY & ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

FAITH FORMATION KIDS – Beginning **Thursday, February 1st** from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, all students were invited to join us in bringing the Story of the "Living Stations of the Cross" to our Parish this Easter. All acting parts are open and a few of the main parts will need to be filled by upper grade kids. Please help to bring this to life. All kids participating will receive 10 community service hours. The next practice will be **Thursday, February 15th** at 6:30 pm in the church.

8TH GRADE TEACHERS AND CONFIRMANDI – *Just a heads up* – I have contacted the "Robe" Company again for this year. Confirmation practice will be on **Thursday, May 10th**, 2018 at 6:30 pm and Confirmation will be held on **Friday, May 11th**, 2018 beginning at 7:00 pm. PLEASE SEE THE FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE.

8TH GRADE TEACHERS AND KIDS – CONFIRMATION TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND –

APRIL 14th, 2018. 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.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS – A list of these requirements can be found on the Faith Formation calendar Web-page. ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 8th, 2018. Any questions, please see your teacher.

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT – A retreat is scheduled for all 2nd graders who will be receiving their First Reconciliation this year on **Saturday, February 24th** from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Parish Center.

PARENTS AND KIDS – PLEASE take a look at our Website and the Faith Formation Calendar. I promise, Spring will be here before you see the first robin.

KIDS AND TEACHERS – THIS IS A BIG DEAL! – The Faith Formation Knowledge Assessment Test is scheduled between April 8th and April 22nd. Please start making plans now. April will be here before we know it.

PARISH WEBSITE – CHECK OUT WHAT'S COMING IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. Please visit the Parish Website @ www.ImmaculateConceptionMD.com 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 \$7,806.00.

The **Renovation Fund** last week was \$3,706.00.

Renovation Fund Account Update: We have \$139,663.59. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000.

Thank you for your generous donations.

SCHEDULE for Saturday, February 17th and Sunday, February 18th.

(Parents—it is very important that if your child cannot serve at this time to please arrange a substitute.)

	Lectors	EMoHC	Altar Servers
4:00 pm Saturday	Michael Munshaw	John Krznarich	(none)
7:00 am Sunday	Mary Ann Bean	Judy Ramsey	Chris Holton & Meadow Sacadura
9:00 am	Marian Taylor (sub)	Dan Clark	Brandon Bowman & Matthew Mejia
11:00 am	Theresa Payne	Ann Thomas	(none)

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John will sponsor their annual Lenten Fish Fry in the Parish Center on **Friday, February 16th** from 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm. Menu is as follows:

- \$14 for fish dinner
- \$16 for crab cake dinner
- \$18 for fried oyster dinner
- \$20 for combo platter

All dinners are served with green beans, candied yams, macaroni & cheese, potato salad, and cornbread.

Yard Sale at Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception Church is having a yard sale in the Parish Center on **Friday, February 16th** from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm and on **Saturday, February 17th** from 7:00 am to 12:00 Noon. If you have any items to donate or would like more information please contact Jim Downey (301-884-5428).

Parish Festival

Our Parish Festival is coming fast; this year it will be held on **Sunday, May 6th**. This is a very big event for us! Each year we've had local groups and businesses sponsor the printing of the raffle tickets to help defray the expenses of the printing cost. Last year, we had the following sponsors:

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They paid \$100 and we printed their business or local group's name on each of the 30,000 tickets. This highlighted their community involvement and cut down on our printing cost. This year we are once again looking for sponsors for the raffle tickets. If you're interested in having your group's or business' name printed on the raffle tickets, please contact the Rectory @ 301-884-3123, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The first 15 Sponsors will be the ones printed on the tickets. *The cost is \$100 and the deadline is **Monday, March 5th**, to be a sponsor this year.*

There will be a Parish Festival Meeting on **Wednesday, February 28th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers: Phillip Adams; J.A.; Chicchina Bailey; Larry Bark; Kathy Bergling; Dorothy Blackwell; Doris Anne Bradburn; Therese Braithwaite; Sandy Burns; T.C.; Dennis Carr; Jimmy Davis; Joyce Edgington; Dottie Estep; Karen Finch; James Gibson; Isabelle Gorga; Eddie Grumblin; Cindy Hall; Courtney Hall; Jimmy Hawkins; Joey Heiston; Nancy Heiston; Sonny Hill; Dwayne Hindt, Sr.; Marian Holley; Joseph H. Holt, Jr; Raymond Louis Holt, Sr.; Frederick Holton; Joshua Hosier; Frank Hull; Kathleen Johnson; C.K.; Angie Kalnasy; Karissa Kyte; D. Lambert; Nancy Lippert; Jean Martin; Cole Martine; Dennis Maury; Artina Miles; 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; Rachel Stewart-Johnson; Carrie Stoots; Debbie Stoots; Ashley Thomas; 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, Blake Guy, Jeremy Heacock, Kellem R. Holt, Kevin Holt, Nathan J. Holton, Matthew Pennington, Joseph G. Thomas and Gregory Wilkinson.

Care Net Pregnancy Center

The American Heritage Girls Troop MD #2540 cordially invites you to attend St. John's Church's 9th annual "Baby Shower" to benefit the Care Net Pregnancy Center on **Sunday, February 25th**. It will be held in the Msgr. Harris Center at St. John's Church in Hollywood, MD immediately following the 11:30 am Mass. Lunch will be served by the Knights of Columbus Council #7914. Gifts should be unwrapped; all gifts, including cash and gift card, are tax deductible. Please contact Heather Cartwright (240-256-0009 or heathercartwright03@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

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.

- The **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th** from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Menu will include a variety of pancakes, sausage, ham, home-fried potatoes, and fruit cocktail. The cost is \$5 per person (ages 6 and up.) Children 5 and under eat free! Hope to see you there!
- The monthly Knights of Columbus **Charity Breakfast** will be held **Sunday, February 18th** after all Masses. The charity for this month is our Seminarian Support program. The menu will include eggs, sausage, ham, pancakes, biscuits, home-fried potatoes and fruit cocktail. Stop by after Mass and enjoy a great breakfast!
- The Knights of Columbus is having a **Family Pizza Party Trivia Evening** in the Parish Center on **Saturday, February 24th** beginning at 5:00 pm. Pizza, snacks, refreshments, and trivia game prizes are all provided free of charge.
- **Lenten Soup and Bread Supper** in the Parish Center on **Friday, March 2nd** from 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm. No charge for supper, but a free-will offering will be collected for a local charity whose representative will make a presentation about their work. The event will be over in time to attend Stations of the Cross. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

To reserve a spot or for more information, please contact Jim Downey (301-884-5428). We ask that you reserve a spot so that we can determine how much pizza to order. - *Deacon Bill*

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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Other Events in Town

- **Second Annual Holy Family Celebration** – Join fellow Catholic couples and families on **Saturday, February 17th** from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day celebration will feature an inspiring talk for couples by nationally recognized writer and speaker Msgr. Charles Pope, Mass and Consecration to the Holy Family, and fun catechesis for children and teens. The cost of attendance is \$15 per couple and \$30 for a family of three or more, which includes a meal after Mass. Register at: www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the DC State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.
- **Drive-thru seafood dinner** at **St. Mary's Fairgrounds** is being hosted by the Third District Optimist Club from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Fridays beginning **February 16th** and continuing until **March 30th**. The event is to help St. Mary's 4-H archery. Cost will be \$10 for each dinner. For more information email crisckid41@yahoo.com or call 301-904-0799.
- A **Women's Lenten Retreat Program** is being hosted at Camp Maria Retreat Center on **Friday, March 2nd through Sunday, March 4th**. Take the journey with Sarah, "Mother of Faith", wife of Abraham, and mother of Isaac. Sarah has much to teach us. Sunday Mass is included. This is a two-night/3-day retreat with overnight accommodations. Sister Marian Stenken, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth from Louisville KY, will lead the retreat. She worked in parish ministry for 30 years. Facilitating retreats is her passion. The cost of the retreat is \$165. Registration and retreat fee are due by **Thursday February 22nd**. Mail to: **Camp Maria Retreat Center 41290 Camp Maria Rd, Leonardtown, MD 20650**. If you have further questions, contact Ann Kovalcik, Director (director@campmaria.org or 301-475-8330).