

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.



January 7th, 2018
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.

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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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6th, 2018

4:00 pm – Stephen Carr

Sunday, January 7th, 2018

7:00 am – Charles “Billy” & Kitty Guy (Living)

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Harold Quade and Cacky Mattingly

Monday, January 8th, 2018

7:30 am – Msgr. Ralph Kuehner

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018

7:30 am – Msgr. Vincent Gatto

Wednesday, January 10th, 2018

7:30 am – Carl Thompson

Friday, January 12th, 2018

7:30 am – Eileen Monaghan

Saturday, January 13th, 2018

4:00 pm – Brian Davis

Sunday, January 14th, 2018

7:00 am – Mike Rye

9:00 am – Sean Rowley

11:00 am – Parishioners

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.



Back to the Office

We are still in the process of moving back to the Rectory Office. We are not quite moved in all the way. We will be open for business on Monday, January 8th, but we plan to have someone answering phones for us while we complete the move-in process. Thank you so much for your patience. We will have an open house once we are all set-up.

Youth Rally and Mass for Life

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on **Friday, January 19th**.

Would you like to ride on a Bus?

- **From St. Aloysius, Leonardtown, MD:**
St. Aloysius is going just to the March. The bus will leave St. Aloysius at approximately 10:00 am and return around 7:00 pm. Their Knights of Columbus Council #1470 will be sponsoring a 55-passenger coach bus, up and back that day, leaving from and returning to the St. Aloysius parking lot. A recommended donation of \$10/adult, children free, for non-Council #1470 Marchers. For more information or to reserve seats, contact Ed Donohoe (Ed.Donohoe@gmail.com or 402-850-8664.)
- **For the Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life leaving from Sacred Heart (SH), LaPlata, MD:**
Depart SH at 7:00 am
Rally at St. Matthews Cathedral 8:30 am
Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral 9:00 am
Depart St. Matthews for Mall 10:15 am
Speeches on the Mall 12:00-1:00 pm
March from Mall to Supreme Court 1:00-3:00 pm
Buses depart for SH 4:00 pm
There is no charge for buses however you MUST register online at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aba722aaf49-20171>

Consoling the Heart of Jesus

News Flash~~~~plans are underway for next session of Consoling the Heart of Jesus program, starting in a few weeks. Definite details in next week's bulletin.

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.

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.

Bible Study

Please join us for Bible study on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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, January 7th, 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018! May God bless you and your families in this New Year! YES, FAITH FORMATION IS BACK IN ACTION FOR 2018. ARE YOU READY?

KIDS – WHAT DID YOU GET FOR CHRISTMAS? - Stop by the Deacon's office and let me know what you got, please. What did God give you for Christmas? I know, stop by and I'll tell you.

TEACHERS – I HOPE YOU HAD A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE NEW YEAR. I want to "THANK" each one of you for your love for our children and your dedication to the children of this parish. I look forward working with everyone in 2018.

TEACHERS – There is a teachers' meeting set for **Wednesday, January 10th** from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. Please e-mail me if you can't make it. Thanks.

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 and Confirmation will be held on Friday, May 11th, 2018 beginning at 7:00pm. PLEASE SEE THE FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE.

KIDS AND Teachers – 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.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER S' AIDES are still needed. Are you thinking about it? Come and see the Deacon.

MARY'S GARDEN – *Come and see.* John 1:39. Give praise to Mary, for her beauty is everywhere. Need someone to talk to? Stop by Mary's garden and share your thoughts with her. She loves you too!

PARENTS OF 7TH GRADE KIDS – FIRST TIME EVER AND LAST TIME IN DRE CORNER – Want to join the 8th grade class retreat to St. Clement's Island on April 14th; rain date is April 21st? Please let me know if you are interested and see the sign-up sheet on OUR webpage, under Parish Forms. Any questions, call or see Deacon Bill.

PARISH WEBSITE – 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 \$5,646.61.

The **Solemnity of Mary Collection** last week was \$1,400.00.

Renovation Fund Account Update: We have \$128,943.59. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000.

SCHEDULE for Saturday, January 13th and Sunday, January 14th.

(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	Mary Ellen Evans	John Krznarich	Paul Baden & Sarah Redding
7:00 am Sunday	Eric Holm	Judy Ramsey	(none)
9:00 am	Laurie Garner	Terry Casselman	Brandon Bowman & Matthew Mejia
11:00 am	Monica Cerkez	Ann Thomas	Bryce Manuel & Christopher Swann

The Sunday TV Mass

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are **homebound**, broadcast from 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.

The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30 am on WDCW-50:

- No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50
- Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC
- Metrocast: Ch 8
- RCN: Ch 15
- Verizon: Ch. 3

Southern Maryland

SAVE THE DATE

The Archdiocese of Washington Department of Special Needs Ministries and Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) is hosting a Day of Reflection: Supporting Families with Special Needs in Faith Formation and Beyond on **Saturday, January 27, 2018** from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm at the IHM Fellowship Hall.

They are inviting catechetical leaders, catechists, ministry leaders and interested staff members as well as parishioners at large, to join us in learning more about supporting our families with special needs.

This workshop is FREE but registration is required by: **January 19th**.

RSVP to: Specialneedsministry@adw.org or 301-459-7464

If childcare is needed, please let us know at the time of registration. For ASL contact 301-841-8210, RS VP at least two weeks in advance.

- Event Sign-In begins at 9:30 am
- Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be served
- Stay for the day!
- Optional daily Mass at 9:00 am
- Confessions at 2:45 pm
- And vigil Mass at 4:00 pm



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.

- Deacon Bill

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; Eddie Grumbling; 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; D. Lambert; Nancy Lippert; Cole Martinez; Dennis Maury; Artina Miles; 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; Nicki Thorne; Rick Turner; Frankie Vera; 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.

Getting Ahead

Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-by-World is a program for 6-12 people living in or near poverty to meet weekly for 18-20 weeks, for 3 hours to investigate the impact of poverty on individuals, families and the community.

Be part of the journey:

Investigate! You're ready for change. Investigate and invest in your future by creating your plan to build your resources. Commit to meeting 3 hours for 20 weeks to problem solve with peers. Build social capital. Use your energy and talents to help improve your community.

Mentor! You're not a counselor or an expert, but a neighbor willing to walk with an investigator. To listen, validate, question and affirm their actions. To facilitate community connections. To empower graduates of Getting Ahead to build their resources. *Support!* Prepare a meal for 10-13 investigators, facilitators and guest mentors to share prior to their meeting. Help fuel the "kitchen table" discussions!

The program begins **Monday, January 22, 2018** at **Fr. Andrew White, S.J. School in Leonardtown**. To apply or learn more about *Getting Ahead*, please call Cindy, Catholic Charities Parish Partners (410-963-7839) or Teresa with St. Aloysius (301-481-2942) or Phyllis and Mike with Immaculate Conception (240-249-3737).

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

- *Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection* – On **Saturday, January 20th**, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, Rev. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will lead a day of recollection at **Annunciation Catholic Church (3810 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.)**. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confessions, a reflection, and vocation witness talks. Lunch will be served. Donations are welcomed. It is not required to be an MTVS member to attend this event! For more information, please visit www.dcpriest.org, or contact Maris Moriarty (moriartym@adw.org or 202-636-9020).
- *Quo Vadis Shadow Day* - On **Friday, January 26th**, juniors and seniors in high school are invited to join the Office of Priest Vocations for a special Quo Vadis "Shadow Day" at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America. You will be able to experience a "day in the life" of a seminarian by joining them for Mass, Adoration, meals, class, sports and just hanging out. This day is a great opportunity to come and see what a day in the life of a seminarian is like! Please register to attend at www.dcpriest.org. Email vocations@adw.org with any questions.
- An *Annual Dinner Theater* will take place at **Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons Island**. The show is titled "*Allibis*" (a mystery-comedy spoof) that will take place on **January 26th, 27th, February 2nd, and 3rd, 2018**. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes the show and a Seafood buffet (catered by Thompson Seafood.) For tickets call 410-326-8272.
- *Mass with Healing Prayers* in honor of St. John Vianney will be held on **Wednesday, February 1st** at 6:30 pm (confessions begin at 6:00 pm) at **St. Mary Church, Newport**. Mass will be held on the first Wednesday of each month thereafter. The Litany of St. John Vianney will be recited after Communion and Fr. Michael Briese will offer prayers of healing for body and soul. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and during Mass.