

# 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass at 9:00 am (only 1<sup>st</sup> of the month)

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**Confessions:**

Saturdays at 3:00 – 3:45 pm,  
and after the vigil Mass.  
Wednesdays during Lent 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

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**Eucharistic Adoration:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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



## March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

4:00 pm – Gary Szatkowski (Living)

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:00 am – Raymond Raley

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Vi Evans (Living)

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:30 am – Louise Diane Graves

**Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:30 am – Deacon Pascal Hong

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:30 am – Deacon Kevin Butler, Sr.

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:30 am – James “Dickie” Graves

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

4:00 pm – Kay Szatkowski (Living)

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

7:00 am – Patty & David Copsey (Living)

9:00 am – Melissa & OJ Lewis (Living)

11:00 am – Parishioners

**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](mailto:Immaculateconception.md@adwparish.org)

**Parish Website:** [www.ImmaculateConceptionMD.com](http://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 the rosary.*





### 2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years. The Mass will take place on **Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register. Names of couples need to be turned in to the parish office by **Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### Rectory Warming/Open House

The IC Angels Ladies Auxiliary and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John are hosting a "Rectory Warming/Open House" get together for the newly renovated rectory on **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Join us in the Parish Center for refreshments, drinks, and fellowship. Small group tours of the renovated rectory will take place every few minutes. We will also have a collection box if you choose to make a donation to help purchase furniture and/or décor for the rectory.

For more information, please call the rectory (301-884-3123) or Marian Taylor (301-904-2944).



### Daylight Savings Time Approaches

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 am. Better yet, turn them ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

### 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 this Monday 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. We're continuing the epistle of St. James.

### 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](mailto: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, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**GOT SOME CHANGE IN YOUR POCKET WEIGHING YOU DOWN? WANT TO LOSE A FEW POUNDS? RICE BOWLS NEED TO BE FED TOO. PLEASE HELP FILL THEM UP and RETURN them after LENT.** Then you can say to GOD, "I saw you when you were poor and hungry and I helped."

**LIVING STATIONS FOR LENT** – I hope you received the email I sent to all students and their parents. The parish needs your support. Both sessions need to come together to make this possible because time is our enemy. Practices for living stations will be held on **Sundays** 9:30 am – 10:15 am until *Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>* (dress rehearsal in church at 6:30 pm). Living stations will take place on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 pm. More information on next page!

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHERS AND KIDS – CONFIRMATION TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND – APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS** – A list of requirements can be found on the Faith Formation calendar Webpage.

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.

See your teacher with any questions.

### PARENTS IN SECOND GRADE –

**SESSION A and MCA** – 1<sup>ST</sup> CONFESSION, **SATURDAY, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>**, BEGINNING AT 9:00 am.

**SESSION B** WILL BE THE FOLLOWING **SATURDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>** AT 9:00 am. PLEASE take a look at our Website and the Faith Formation Calendar.

**KIDS AND TEACHERS** – THIS IS A BIG DEAL! The *Faith Formation Knowledge Assessment Test* is scheduled between April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](http://www.immaculateconceptionmd.com) often to learn about Parish and Faith Formation events, updated Faith Formation calendar, and closing alerts for inclement weather.

### NEWS FLASH FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY –

**DEACON BILL HAS BEEN CALLED UP BY THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS AND WILL BE GOING TO SPRING TRAINING BEGINNING THURSDAY, MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> THRU MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>. LET US ALL PRAY FOR HIM. HE WILL NEED OUR PRAYERS.**

*Deacon Bill* - 240-230-3167 or [deacon.kyte@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.kyte@gmail.com)

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,203.47.

The **Church in the Developing World Collection** last week was \$999.00.

**Renovation Fund Account Update:** We have \$141,895.59. Our ultimate goal is \$160,000.

Thank you for your generous donations.

The second collection next week is for *Easter Flowers and Decorations*.

### SCHEDULE for Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

(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	Charlie Widmayer	(none)
7:00 am Sunday	Marian Taylor (sub)	Tim Steelman	(none)
9:00 am	Monica Cerkez	Alice Thompson	Adam Trossbach & Rachel Garner
11:00 am	Laurie Garner	Ann Thomas	Joseph & Sammy Chick

### The Light is ON for You

Every Wednesday during Lent, every Catholic parish across the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year you can find Lenten resources and view all the confession times across the region by using the NEW Confession Finder map online at [www.TheLightIsON.org](http://www.TheLightIsON.org). Fr. Tietjen will be hearing confessions Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

### St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

There will be a SVdP meeting on **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

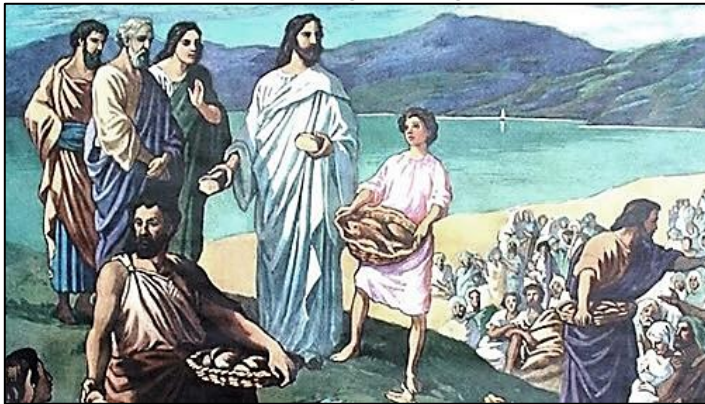
### Parish Dinner/Festival

The plans for our Parish Dinner/Festival on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** are coming along.

The next Parish Dinner/Festival meeting will be **Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

### Lenten Food Drive

Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are again sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of **March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>**. When you come to Mass next weekend, please leave your donation in the vestibule in designated areas. The food you donate will be distributed to our local pantries, ½ going to Helping Hands, and the other ½ going to Our Lady of the Wayside Food Pantry. Please be generous with your contribution. Thank you for all you do to help the hungry among us.



### 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](http://www.kofc-md.org). You can also get more information @ [www.kofc.org/join](http://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; Donnie Bearup; Kathy Bergling; Dorothy Blackwell; Rita Bond; 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; Sonny Hill; Dwayne Hindt, Sr.; Marian Holley; Raymond Louis Holt, Sr.; Frederick Holton; Joshua Hosier; Kathleen Johnson; C.K.; Angie Kalnasy; Karissa Kyte; D. Lambert; Nancy Lippert; Jean Martin; Cole Martinez; Dennis Maury; Artina Miles; Louis Miller; 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; Mary Smith; Rachel Stewart-Johnson; Carrie Stoots; Debbie Stoots; Ashley Thomas; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; 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](mailto: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, Davon Eaton, Taryn Eaton, Blake Guy, Jeremy Heacock, Kellem R. Holt, Kevin Holt, Nathan J. Holton, Matthew Pennington, Joseph G. Thomas and Gregory Wilkinson.

### Thank You

The Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary #359 would like to thank the parishioners for their support at our February 16th Lenten Fish Fry. Your continuous support is greatly appreciated.

## Faith Formation Students

### LIVING STATIONS FOR LENT CONT.

In order for us to be able to put on the Passion play this year, we need at least 10 more students. The parts that are still needed are: Judas, Barabbas, more soldiers, Joseph (friend of Jesus), more apostles, and more for the crowd. Those interested should contact Deacon Bill (240-230-3167 or [Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com](mailto:Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com)) or Nancy Walcutt (301-290-0514). If Deacon Bill is not in the office, please leave a voicemail. There will be a meeting in the church on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 12:15 pm for all those interested in participating in the Passion play.

**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**

- *Fried Fish Dinner* – Dine-in or Carry-out on **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at **MVFD Social Hall**. Cost is \$10 per dinner and includes fish fillets, french fries, coleslaw, applesauce, and roll.
- *Seafood Dinner* at **Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD** on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 am until 4:00 pm. The menu includes: fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, pickled beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style – all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at \$26.00 each. The Raffle Prize this year is for a total of \$1,500 in cash! The First prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory on or before *Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>* at 301-769-3332 or email [holyo1angels@aol.com](mailto:holyo1angels@aol.com).
- *The Kalnasy Concert Series* presents Fr. David Beaubien in concert with the St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm. The concert is free and will take place at **St. Aloysius in Leonardtown, MD**. For more information, contact [keyofgmh@gmail.com](mailto:keyofgmh@gmail.com).
- *Purses and Bags Bingo* will take place at **MVFD Social Hall** on **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**, doors open at 6:00 pm, early bird games start at 6:45 pm, bingo starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$25 book of regular games. Contact Sherry (240-925-6141) for reservations. All proceeds benefit the MVFD Auxiliary.
- *Fried Shrimp Dinner* – Dine-in or Carry-out will take place at **MVFD Social Hall** on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The \$12 dinner includes butterfly shrimp, french fries, coleslaw, applesauce, and roll.
- *Breakfast with the Easter Bunny* at **MVFD Social Hall** on **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Cost is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and free for children 4 and under. Bring your own camera to get a picture with the Easter Bunny.

**MVFD Social Hall** = Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall