

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Faith Formation: 240-230-3167

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 – 3:45 pm, and after the vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Friday of each month, beginning after the
7:30 am Mass & ending with Benediction at 6:30 pm.



September 2nd, 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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).

Parish Email: Immaculateconception.md@adw.org
Parish Website: ICChurchmd.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 1st, 2018

9:00 am – Ralph Downs, Sr.

4:00 pm – Francis Holyoak

Sunday, September 2nd, 2018

7:00 am – Fiorinio D'Oonofrio

9:00 am – Ray Greene

11:00 am – Parishioners

Monday, September 3rd, 2018

7:30 am – Dorothy Nelson

Tuesday, September 4th, 2018

7:30 am – Frances Holyoak

Wednesday, September 5th, 2018

7:30 am – Elizabeth Guyther

Friday, September 7th, 2018

7:30 am – Danny Ryce

Saturday, September 8th, 2018

4:00 pm – Parishioners

Sunday, September 9th, 2018

7:00 am – Dickie Norris

9:00 am – Ralph Downs, Sr.

11:00 am – Fiorino D'Oonofrio

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



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.

The altar flowers were donated
in memory of
Margaret & Edward Slavinski.



Eucharistic Adoration

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration will be **Friday, September 7th** immediately following the 7:30 am Mass. Please consider spending time with Jesus. Bring all of your prayers and thoughts to Jesus: joys, sorrows, troubles, and most especially, prayers for healing of others and of the Church.

Rectory Closed on Labor Day

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday at 9:00 am.

Free Breakfast Date Change For One Month ONLY

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on **Sunday, September 9th** after all Masses. The breakfast will sponsor our seminarian, Conor Hardy, and will be the regular eggs, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, biscuits, and fruit.

Smiles Made Possible

We would like to thank all those who made the dental clinic, held in our Parish Center last Saturday, a huge success. With times as hard as they are for many, it is so wonderful to see hard working people come out to help those less fortunate. The groups that made this possible are Health Partners and Catholic Charities. Chaptico Market also donated lunch to all of those at the clinic. We thank everyone from those companies and also several parishioners who worked so hard to make this event possible and successful.

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 Cancelled

Bible study is cancelled on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

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) Classes begin in September

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). Classes for RCIA will begin on **Wednesday, September 12th** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. If you know an adult interested in becoming Catholic or receiving Sacraments they may not have received, please call either Fr. Tietjen or Amy Downs.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers: Lacey R. Adams; Phillip Adams; J.A.; Chicchina Bailey; James Cecil Barber; Donnie Bearup; Kathy Bergling; Rita Bond; Doris Anne Bradburn; Therese Braithwaite; Sandy Burns; Taylor Burns; T.C.; Dennis Carr; Gregory Chapman; Kenneth Chapman; Bob Chick; Jimmy Davis; Dottie Estep; Walter Fredericks; Dewey Fritzman; Melanie Gibson; Frank Gough; Sonny Hill; Dwayne Hindt, Sr.; Marian Holley; Frederick Holton; Joshua Hosier; Kathleen Johnson; Rachel Stewart-Johnson; Angie Kalnasy; Patrick Kelly; Warren Kitts; Kathleen Krznarich; D. Lambert; Nancy Lippert; Max Long; Edward "Buddy" Marshal; Jean Martin; Cole Martinez; Dennis Maury; Terrie McClintock; Artina Miles; Lou Miller; Louis Miller; Kathy Mulcare; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Tommy Norsworthy; Lisa Durst Owens; Haley Palmer; Jennifer Peacock; Brandy Pennington; Grace Pennington; Fr. Robert S. Pittman, SSS; Laura Redding; Joel Rivera; Sis Robey; Diana Pelkey-Rockwell; James Smith; Martin Smith; Carrie Stoots; Debbie Stoots; Richard Szatkowski; Ashley Thomas; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; Nicki Thorne; Rick Turner; Sharon Turner; Frankie Vera; Betty Williams; and James Zalovick. *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, Anthony T. Braxton, Ivan Cerkez, Alex Costa, Davon Eaton, Taryn Eaton, Blake Guy, Jeremy Hancock, Kellem R. Holt, Kevin Holt, Nathan J. Holton, Matthew Pennington, Joseph G. Thomas and Gregory Wilkinson.

Live Show Performance on Jesus

There are still seats available for the trip to Pennsylvania to see the Play "JESUS". For information please call:

- Doris Martin 301-884-4423 or
- Ella Burton 240-434-3061.

Are you a Vincentian?

Whether you are a Vincentian or not and you would like to learn more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please join us for Ozanam Orientation on **Saturday, September 22**, at **Jesus the Divine Word**, 885 Cox RD, Huntingtown, MD 20639, in Doran Hall. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 am and will conclude at 3:00 pm. A \$10 donation is requested. Please RSVP by *September 12th* to Kathy Miller (kmillerrn@aol.com). If you have questions, please email Kathy Miller and she will get back with you.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

There will be a SVdP meeting on **Wednesday, Septmeber 5th** in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm. If you are looking to help those in need, please join our ministry.

Online Giving

If you are interested in online giving, just go to our website, hover over *Online Giving* and click on *Church Donations*. If you have any questions please call Clare in the rectory office (301-884-3123) during office hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm).

SCHEDULE for Saturday, Septmeber 8th & Sunday, September 9th.

(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	Debbie Myers (sub)	John Krznarich	(none)
7:00 am Sunday	Joseph Thomas	Judy Ramsey	Chris Holton & Meadow Sacadura
9:00 am	Marian Taylor (sub)	Dan Clark	(none)
11:00 am	Mike Munshaw	Robert Blackwell	Bryce Manuel & Christopher Swann

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Sunday, September 2nd, 2018
TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE NEW YEAR SCHOOL YEAR 2018 -2019 BEGINS NOW, TODAY. If you haven't REGISTERED YOUR CHILDREN yet, please see the Deacon right away. Your child's spiritual life depends on it.

Is GOD CALLING YOU to pass on your faith to the children of this Parish? - BE A FAITH FORMATION TEACHER OR AIDE? – We now have a Teaching/Aide position open for 7th grade, session B, COMPUTER TRAINING ON-LINE class. Please give me a call, stop by and see me, or send me an e-mail. If God is calling you to teach, PLEASE ANSWER HIM.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS/AIDES - This weekend, Father will be "COMMISSIONING" all of our wonderful teachers and aides who teach our Faith Formation classes. Parents and kids of the Parish, please pray for our Teachers/Aides.

PARENTS WITH KIDS IN GRADES 6TH, 7TH, and 8TH GRADES - Please attend a round table discussion on September 5th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Cenerto discuss our 2nd YEAR ON-LINE CLASSES. Light refreshments will be served along with a lighter discussion about what is expected from each student for this year and in the next one or two years before CONFIRMATION. One change this year will be – All UNIT TEST SCORES must have a 70% or higher. Each student and/or parent can take this test over and over again until you have at least 70%. Parents you have the ability to review your child's test scores.

ALL PARENTS - Please attend an open floor meeting, Wednesday, September 19th, at 6:30 in the Parish Center, to discuss any new items on this year's calendar. This will be an opportunity to ask teachers or myself any questions YOU might have on your mind about FAITH FORMATION.

PARENTS – A new school year is Here! You are the primary educators in transmitting the truths, doctrines, wealth of traditions, and richness of culture found in our Catholic church today. Please spend time with your children. Help them learn their FAITH. Teach them how to LOVE themselves and others. I pray that our Faith Formation school year will be a successful and productive one.

PARENTS AND KIDS – NEW RULES FOR DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP KIDS - For the safety of the kids of the parish, please BRING your children to the classrooms WHERE they have been assigned and pick them up there also. I know this is a change from years past, but the Teachers and I are forming a new policy for the KIDS safety entering and being picked up from class and we have yet completed the document. So, until we finish the new policy, please be nice and understand the WHY the safety of all the children of the parish who attend FAITH FORMATION.

PARISH WEBSITE – Please visit the Parish Website @ www.ICChurchmd.org often to learn about Parish and Faith Formation events. The 2018/2019 calendar and registration information is now posted. If you have any questions, please contact me at 240-230-3167 or deacon.kyte@gmail.com.

Deacon Bill

240-230-3167 or Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com

Mother Catherine Academy – From the Desk of Principal Tony Wojt

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Mother Catherine Academy (MCA) – the finest Pre-K to 8 independent Catholic school serving Southern Maryland! I am excited to lead MCA into its fourth year as an independent school. Our mission is to guide children in their academic and spiritual life so each may live a life of higher purpose. With parent support, we have made several improvements throughout the summer months.

We have updated our Pre-K playground, installed new security cameras, retiled our bathrooms, and many other odds and ends. The school looks beautiful and ready to accept 161 students representing 118 families. I look forward to working with your family, our local parishes, the teachers and staff to bring us all closer to Christ. Our focus again will be to teach the students to be Christ-like and to see Christ in everyone. In doing this, the MCA family will incorporate the teachings of Christ into all we do. I look forward to a wonderful year for our community as we all strive to build the kingdom of heaven in our classrooms, school, homes, and community. We have several events that are open to the community. Please consider joining us.

- Every Saturday Bingo at MCA. Doors open at 5:30 pm and early bird games start at 6:00 pm. \$5,000 jackpot!
- Script Cards- Please consider purchasing Script cards for your everyday needs. We have cards for gas, groceries, clothing, and food. MCA receives a percentage of the value of each card sold. Please contact the school for more information.
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser began the first week of school (Aug. 29th).
- Box tops for education-Please save and drop off your box tops to MCA or send them in with your student.

Food Pantry Donations

Remember kids are heading back to school. In addition to the normal non-perishable food items needed to prepare breakfast and dinner, please consider adding some non-perishable items for kids to take in their school lunch.

Annual Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows Mass

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington (CCAW), Southern MD Regional Office, will be hosting its Annual Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows Mass on **Saturday, September 15th** at the **St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, MD**. The Rosary and Mass is offered for the deceased members of our community and the Church especially encourages people who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one to participate. The Rosary and Mass will begin at **9:00 am** with Rev. Robert G. Maro as our celebrant. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. For additional information, please contact CCAW at (301-475-5005).

Grief Share

Grief share is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Parish Center. For more information, please call Jan (301-481-7470) or Jean (301-943-1221).

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Other Events in Town

- Annual Pre-Labor Day Festival and Dinner at **St. Peter Claver Church, St. Ingoes, MD** will be held on **Sunday, Septmeber 2nd** beginning at 12:00 pm. Entertainment includes: car show, auction, bands, and much more. The adult dinner menu includes: fried fish, crab cake, fried or baked chicken, ham and more. Discounted tickets for adults is \$22 through August 26th (afterwards is \$25), children modified menu (ages 4-12) is \$15 and toddler's modified menu (under 4) is free. For more information, call 301-872-5460 or email st.peterclaver@verizon.net.
- **Yard Sale** will be held on **Saturday, September 8th** and is being hosted by the **Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary**. The yard sale will take place at the **squad building** from 7:00 am – 12:00 noon. Tables can be rented for \$10. Please call 301-884-5428 for rentals.
- A **Seafood Dinner** at **Holy Angels, Avenue, MD** on **Sunday, September 9th** from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm. The menu includes: fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken and more. Served buffet style – all you can eat! The cost is \$28 for adults, \$8 for children 12-6 years old, and free for children 5 and under. Carry-outs are available at \$26 each. For advanced tickets, or more information, please call 301-769-3332.
- **9th Annual Crab Feast** at **Loyola on the Potomac** will be held on **Sunday, September 9th** from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Menu will include: all you can eat on-site crabs, fried chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers and more. Early bird tickets price is \$50 for adults, children 7 - 12 is \$35 and 6 and under eat free. After September 1st, adult tickets are \$65. Contact Alice Case (301-292-0819 or alice.case@loyolaretreat.org) for more information.
- Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria on **Saturday, September 15th**. The speaker will be Diana Phelps, author of the book about the ministry of Fr. John Lubey! The breakfast will begin at 8:30 am at Camp Maria Retreat Center (41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown). The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. Register now by stopping by Heavenly Presents or by calling Bread of Life Center for Peace (301-475-7139). You can also register online at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. The cost is still only \$15 if you register in advance by **Thursday, September 13th**. Registration at the door will be \$17. All are welcome – men and women!
- **Country Fixin's Dinner** will be held at **Sacred Heart Church, La Plata, MD** on **Sunday, September 30th** from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm. Menu includes: fried chicken, pulled pork, baked crab balls, and much more. Cost for adults is \$25 per dinner (all you can eat – eat in only), for children 6-12 the cost is \$10, and free for children under 6. Carry-out/Drive-thru menu is \$16 for a meal of 4 pcs. fried chicken, pulled pork, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, and a roll or 8 pcs. fried chicken and 4 rolls. The cost for 6 baked crab balls is \$5.