

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Parish Website:** [ICChurchmd.org](http://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 – 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.

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Baptism 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.

## 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, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

4:00 pm – Brian Davis

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Parishioners

9:00 am – Jerry Coats

11:00 am – Ralph Wilbur Downs

**Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Special Intention

**Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Bobby Cusic, Sr.

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Richard DeSales Murphy

**Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Thomas Raymond Norsworthy

**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

4:00 pm – Edward M. Slavinski

**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

9:00 am – Jesse Lee Sandy (Living)

11:00 am – Parishioners

## 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](http://ICChurchMD.org)) or stop by the Rectory Office which is open: **Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

The Christmas Flowers were donated in honor  
(or in memory of) those names on the altar.

## Pro-Life Holy Hour



As you may know, **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** is the day many people travel to Washington DC for the March for Life. Because many people from our area cannot travel to Washington DC for this very important event, we invite you to join us on **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 noon for a Holy Hour. Please bring your family and friends as we gather together to pray for the unborn to have a chance at the life God intended them to have.

### IC Angels

There will be a IC Angels meeting **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All Catholic ladies are welcome. Also congratulations to Rosemary Hubscher, the winner of the Loaves and Fishes Quilt Raffle. The IC Angels would like to thank all who purchased a quilt raffle ticket. The proceeds will continue to contribute to various church functions and donations to various charities

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Center after all Masses. The breakfast is free, but donations will be accepted for the *Wheelchair Fund* for those in need.

### 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

Join us for Bible study on **Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm and **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am 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](mailto: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 have 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).

## Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers: Lacey R. Adams; Phillip Adams; Chicchina Bailey; Heather Ballard; Donnie Bearup; Doris Anne Bradburn; Therese Braithwaite; Sandy Burns; Taylor Burns; T.C.; Nancy Calvano; Dennis Carr; Gregory Chapman; Kenneth Chapman; Bob Chick; Mary Clancy; Linda Clark; Jimmy Davis; Ben DeWees; Dottie Estep; Walter Fredericks; Charlie Freeman; Dewey Fritzman; Gloria Fusco; Melanie Gibson; Frank Gough; Eve Hill; Sonny Hill; Dwayne Hindt, Sr.; Marian Holley; Joshua Hosier; Kathleen Johnson; Rachel Stewart-Johnson; Angie Kalnasy; Patrick Kelly; Warren Kitts; Kathleen Krznarich; Michael Krznarich; D. Lambert; Ralph Lawrence; Doug Lawson; Nancy Lippert; Max Long; Edward "Buddy" Marshal; Jean Martin; Cole Martinez; Dennis Maury; Artina Miles; Lou Miller; Louis Miller; Shirley Morgan; 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; Sylvia Resha; David Riggelman; Joel Rivera; Sis Robey; Diana Pelkey-Rockwell; Rev. Ray Schmidt; Eileen Shillings; James Smith; Martin Smith; Carrie Stoots; Debbie Stoots; Richard Szatkowski; Ashley Thomas; Calvert Thomas; Joyce Thompson; Nicki Thome; Rick Turner; Sharon Turner; Amber Vera; Sandra Vera; Betty Williams; Linda Williams; Patrick Wood, Joseph Adrain Woodland; 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](mailto: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 Heacock, Kellem R. Holt, Kevin Holt, Nathan J. Holton, Matthew Pennington, Joseph G. Thomas and Gregory Wilkinson.



Please join FlockNote today! 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. If you are interested in keeping up-to-date on what's going on in the Parish, please visit our website ([CCChurchmd.org](http://CCChurchmd.org)), click on *Subscribe-Flocknote* and choose the groups you would like to receive emails or texts from.

## Local Food Pantry Donations

Please consider donations of non-perishable food including: canned vegetables, canned meats, canned fruits, cold cereal, hot cereal, rice, canned or boxed soup, bullion cubes, boxed pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, powdered milk, evaporated milk, dried fruit, canned nuts, boxed puddings, boxed jello, crackers, granola bars, and packaged cookies.

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$8,264.00.

The **Renovation Fund Collection** last week was \$3,248.57.

Your donations continue to help us with our financial needs to keep our parish running. Thank you for your support!!

Correction from last week - The second collection **next weekend** is for the **Church Missions within the United States**.

## Online Giving

If you are interested in no longer receiving donation envelopes and utilizing online giving instead, just go to our website, hover over *Online Giving* and click on *Church Donations*. If you decide to stop your envelopes or have any questions please call Clare in the rectory office (301-884-3123).

## Schedule for Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
<b>4:00 pm Saturday</b>	Eileen Seyfried	Charlie Widmayer	Paul Baden and Sarah Redding
<b>7:00 am Sunday</b>	Marian Taylor	Tim Steelman	Joe Davis
<b>9:00 am</b>	Terry Casselman (sub)	Terry Casselman	Allie and Christian Redding
<b>11:00 am</b>	Theresa Payne	Ann Thomas	Bryce Manuel and Christopher Swann

## Reflections on the First Commandment

Continuing our reflections on the Ten Commandments, we turn to the First Commandment: "I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me."

The ordering of the Commandments is not arbitrary. It follows that this is the most important one. Basically, all the Commandments follow from this one. Simply, it means that God is the source of all of our blessings. To worship something else is to turn from this one source and foolishly embrace something that cannot fulfill. There is one stream. Following anything else is a mirage that will lead to a dry river bed. Death will result.

All the other Commandments are, in essence, particular reflections of this one truth. This is why the Catholic Church, quoting the Epistle of James, states that one effectively transgresses all the Commandments by violating any one of them (see the [Catechism of the Catholic Church #2069](#) and [James 2:10-11](#)).

One of the keys to understanding the full ramifications of this Commandment is to be clear about the concept of *worship*. Worshipping God is more than engaging in a church activity on Sundays. It is living the truth that Jesus says about Himself, namely: "I am the vine and you are the branches...apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5) To put it another way, the act of worship – whether formally in church, spontaneously in prayer, or exercised in charity toward others – is the visible expression of this truth. God is all. To worship something else – *anything else* – is to walk away from everything. God does not want us hurt; hence, this Commandment.

Because worship is more than attending church, it follows that breaking this Commandment is more than worshipping some statue or image of a man-made god. Whatever we adore and honor more than God becomes our gods. It can be just about anything because, sadly, all of us are quite capable of turning just about anything into a god.

So what are those activities that drive a wedge between us and Jesus? Well, we could make a list, but here's a simply way to self-diagnose. When you're at Mass or praying, what are those things that distract you consistently? That's a place to start. Or, what are those things that you wind up doing to avoid praying or moving on the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

To be clear, we're not (usually) worshipping these things. You may miss Mass because you like to sleep, but please don't state in the confessional that you were worshipping the "sleep god." Don't be surprised if you received a very creative penance if you do so. Just sayin'.... But what we *are* saying is that we can violate the spirit of this Commandment without breaking out incense and singing praise and worship songs to our favorite activities.

And again to clarify, desiring to do things other than "church things" is *not* breaking this Commandment! The question is whether they're interfering with what God is asking of us. Sleep is a good thing. Acquiring wealth is a good thing. Relaxing and enjoying the company of friends and family is something Jesus did. But don't let them become the axis around which your whole life revolves – not even for one moment.

– Fr. Tieljen

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION  
Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The D.R.E. Box

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR 2019

Since this is a very special Sunday, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, LET everyone who enters FAITH FORMATION TODAY BLESS THEMSELVES. DIP YOUR FINGERS IN THE HOLY WATER AND BLESS YOURSELF, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN. I THINK JESUS WOULD TRULY LOVE THAT.

**MOMS AND DADS:** Please take a minute out of your busy schedule to reexamine the FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR for 2018/2019 on the parish website @ [ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org). It's not how we start the school year, it's how we finish. Each child is a gift from God and we have the responsibility and duty to educate them in the practice of our faith. Please remember your promise to God at their Baptism.

**KIDS IN GRADES 6, 7, AND 8 – ON LINE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**  
–Are you maintaining your 70% grades in each chapter. If you need help, please see your teacher. I don't want to start the New Year having you in my office every Sunday or calling 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** – Would you like to become a Certified Catechist this New Year 2019? Please let me know and I'll be happy to help you begin the process. GREAT!

"THANKS" for attending our Wednesday night meeting. I just wanted to pass along some notes about our first half of the year (2018) and talk about the upcoming second half (2019). The future looks very bright. AGAIN, THANKS.

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT STARTING A NEW CAREER IN 2019– HOW ABOUT TEACHING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH ?** - Please call me, stop by and see me, or send me an e-mail. I would love to hear from you. THANKS.

*Deacon Bill*

240-230-3167 or [Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com](mailto:Deacon.Kyte@gmail.com)

## Parish Dinner/Fesitval

The first Parish Dinner/Fesitval meeting of the year will be held on **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

## Ministry Fair

There will be a Ministry Fair on **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** after all Masses in the Banquet Room of the Parish Center.

- **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS:** Come by & visit our ICC Ministry tables after Mass next weekend. You may browse while you're enjoying the wonderful monthly breakfast. Perhaps you have had a need for prayer, felt a calling to ministry, or are looking for fellowship with other Catholics. Maybe you've wanted to learn more about your Catholic faith, or were just curious about what goes on at ICC outside of Mass. This will be an opportunity for you to learn about all the different parish groups ICC has to offer.
- **TO ALL GROUP/MINISTRY/ORGANIZATION LEADERS:** This is an opportunity for you to share with the parishioners of our parish who you are and what you do. Maybe your ministry is just what someone has been looking for. Please contact Marian Taylor ([mtaylor72@comcast.net](mailto:mtaylor72@comcast.net) or 301-904-2944) or Tammy (240-346-3933 – call or text) for more information. The fair is only a week away!

## Small Group Wrap-up Meeting

Small Groups will be having a wrap-up meeting of "*The One Thing is Three/You Did It To Me*" Fr. Gaitley study, at 1:00 pm on **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**, after the Ministry Fair, in the Parish Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. Even if you did not participate in this 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the series, we invite all who have participated in any of the Hearts Afire/Fr. Gaitley series (33 Days to Morning Glory, Consoling the Heart of Jesus &/or The One Thing is Three) to participate. This "wrap-up" meeting is not only about the study, but also the bigger picture facing our church: the merciful act of bringing souls to Christ. Information will be given about groups forming to fulfill the "Great Commission" in a variety of ways. We will also be offering the next program in the series: "33 Days to Merciful Love" as well as repeating the previous 3 programs for anyone who would like to do them (including friends from other parishes.) Please share this with all that would be interested. For more information contact your Small Group leader or Tammy: 240-346-3933.



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**Other Events in Town**

- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the Musicians of Southern Maryland will take place on **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at **Ann Duchesne's Home on Brenton Bay**. The topic will be "What are we singing in churches these days?". Lunch is included and there is no fee. There is no official registration for this gathering, but please call 301-475-6915 by **January 18<sup>th</sup>** for directions. Your call will also tell them how many will be coming.
- Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers is scheduled for **Monthday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park. Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm and healing prayers will immediately follow the Mass. All are welcome to attend.
- Men's Discernment Retreat Weekend is for those men in their 20-'s – 40's interested in learning more about the priesthood. The discernment retreat will be led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington at **Saint John Paul II Seminary** and will take place on **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Registration is now open at [DCPriest.org](http://DCPriest.org). For more information contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adv.org](mailto:vocations@adv.org) or 202-636-9020).
- Super Bowl LIII Wing Platters will be available on **Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the back of the firehouse at the kitchen door from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Contact Cindy (301-997-5722) to place your order. **Orders MUST BE PLACED BY January 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- Men's Retreat – Man's Vocation: Priest, Prophet and King will take place at the Priestfield Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430) from **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$235 (double occupancy) and includes accommodation and meals. There will be Mass, Adoration, confessions, and talks. Please register at <https://2019adwmenretreat.eventbrite.com>.
- Quo Vadis? – A Shadow Day for young men in High School (juniors and seniors) on **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Saint John Paul II Seminary. For more information and to register visit [DCPriest.org](http://DCPriest.org) or email [vocations@adv.org](mailto:vocations@adv.org).
- Italy/Rome Pilgrimage is planned for **June 8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>**. Plans are to visit many holy places in Italy, including: the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, Our Lady of Loreto, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, St. Rita of Cascia and more. Trip will end by visiting many major Shrines in Rome including the Vatican. Fr. Michal Sajnog, Pastor of Our Lady of the Wayside, will join us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction! The price is \$3,995 per person based on double occupancy! Contact the Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information (301-475-7139, email: [pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](mailto:pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org) or stop by Heavenly Presents, Leonardtown.) Do not miss this opportunity to be united in prayer -- register today!
- 65<sup>th</sup> US National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France from **June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>**. More information can be found on the bulletin board or on our website ([CCChurchmd.org](http://CCChurchmd.org)) under Get Involved/Pilgrimages.