

# 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.



January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## 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.

## 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).

## 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

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Lambs



## Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Special Intention

**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Robert Peter Stephens

**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Bobby Cusic, Sr.

**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – David Joseph Harrison

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

4:00 pm – Eddie Bowling, Sr.

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Special Intention

9:00 am – Sister Paula

11:00 am – Parishioners

**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.**

Pray a rosary for the unborn.

### \*\*\*Rectory Office Closed\*\*\*

The rectory office will be closed on **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.



#### Eucharistic Adoration

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration will be **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend.

#### Food For the Poor

Fr. Glen Baptiste will be with us next weekend (**January 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>**) to speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Baptiste will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Fr. Baptiste is incardinated in the Diocese of Montego Bay. Before preaching on behalf of Food for the Poor, Fr. Baptiste taught at St. Louis University, served as an associate pastor in Missouri and served as Rector of the Cathedral Church in Hamilton, Bermuda.

#### 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 Cancelled\*\*\*

Bible study is cancelled for the next two weeks. We plan to begin again on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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: Meagan Humbert.

Once a year we take everyone off the *prayers for the sick* list and ask that if your loved one is sick and in need of prayers to add them on. You can do so by calling us or emailing [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. Please feel free to call us or email [Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com) to add your soldier serving

#### Legion of Mary

The first meeting of the Legion of Mary will be held on **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. The Legion of Mary is a voluntary international Catholic organization founded in 1921 whose spirituality is based on the approach of St. Louis de Montfort. Volunteer members focus on spiritual and corporal works of mercy. There are direct roles and support roles. Contact Tim Steelman, [tcsworkplace@gmail.com](mailto:tcsworkplace@gmail.com), for more information.



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 ([ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.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 (snowed Sunday) was \$4,041.50.

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

#### 2018 Statements

Contribution statements for 2018 were mailed out last week. If you did not receive one and would like to get a copy of your statement, contact Clare (301-884-3123 or [Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com)) to have one mailed to you.

#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00 pm Saturday	Mary Ann Bean	Julia Redding	(none)
7:00 am Sunday	Joseph Woodland	Judy Ramsey	Chris Holton & Madison Myers
9:00 am	Joseph Thomas	Levi Parker	Joe Davis
11:00 am	Jean Adams	Robert Blackwell	Joe Davis

## Reflections on the Second Commandment

The Second Commandment (in the Catholic ordering) is: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." This Commandment forbids abusing God's name (i.e., Jesus Christ and other names attributed to God), and, by extension, the names of Mary and the other saints. What this Commandment teaches and reinforces within us is the *sense of the sacred* and *respect for holy things*. To break this Commandment is to commit *blasphemy*, which is defined as uttering – outwardly or in your heart – words of hatred or defiance towards God, the Church, the saints, and other holy things. (see the [Catechism #2146, 2148](#))

At first glance, it may seem overkill to make this Commandment #2 – this trumps #5? Really? And you do know #5, right?!?! (Fine, go look it up, I won't call you out on it...this week....) But when you think about it, in order to commit a sin, you have to hold God in contempt, at least interiorly. If you respect God in thought, word, and deed, you're not sinning! So yes, being ranked at two makes sense.

But this one is so easy to fall into, and, hence, easy to excuse. So in the hopes of shedding some light on the problem let me explain it this way. Most of us at some point in our lives have embarrassed ourselves in front of people. And sometimes we developed a habit of such behavior so that we garnered quite the reputation. Our name starts to be used as a catch-all phrase of what not to do:

Susan: "Hey Joe, what's up with Steve? I can't find him. Is he ok?"

Joe: "Well, rumor has it he pulled a Tietjen yesterday. He's laying low for a while."

Susan (wide-eyed): "No way! That's not like Steve! Does the boss know?"

Joe: "What do you think! And keep your voice down!"

Of course, this is a hypothetical situation, this type of thing *never* happens to people like us, but if it did (again, hypothetically speaking), we at least *earned* the reputation.

But that assumes we did something *wrong*. What if we didn't? What if our "mistake" was doing noble things? What if "pulling a *Your Name Here*" meant running into a burning house and dragging out some unconscious homeowner? How would we take the backtalk? And wouldn't a person have to be a few fries short of a Happy Meal to malign someone's good name?

And yet, when it comes to God, that's exactly what we do.

God created the entire universe and gave us life so that we could experience His love. The human race then proceeds (in so many words) to spit in His face. God responds by sending us His Son Jesus to give us a second chance. Jesus proceeds to endure (among other things) a slow, painful death for our sake. And God continues to extend His hand in mercy toward us in the hopes that we come back to Him.

God works overtime trying to pull people out of an *eternal* house fire and their reaction is to curse God when they're having a bad day? Reality check: this is really, really selfish. And completely irrational. You're better than this.

So if this is one of your habits, break it. And that means enumerating and internalizing all the blessings that God has given you. Because once you're grateful, you get it.

– Fr. Tietjen

The D.R.E. Box

## FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

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

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I hope everyone received the message about Faith Formation closure last weekend either by message or e-mail. Please let me know if you didn't. Our kids' safety is one of great importance to our Family here at Immaculate Conception Parish.

**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.

**TEACHERS – Thank you for attending last week's Teacher's meeting. Our kids are worth it. Thanks again.**

**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. I believe that all classes are on-line. Please think about it.

**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.

### 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.

### Basketball Free Throw Results

On Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> the Immaculate Conception Council (#8159) of the Knights of Columbus hosted a Basketball Free Throw Competition at Mother Catherine Academy. There were 29 kids who participated and below are the Council Champions who will be moving on to the District Championship on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Father Andrew White School (10:00 am). For age 9 it is Danny Gascon, age 10 is Colton Longobardi, age 11 is Blaine Ganley and Mikaela Guy, age 12 is Jacob Spence and Margaret Williams, age 13 is Garrett Nelson and Alliyah Johnson, and age 14 is Caleigh Bergling. Thanks to all the kids and parents!! Special thanks to the following Knights of Columbus members for helping out at the event: Walt Biscoe, Ken Housewright, Bill Smith, Joe LaBille, Ken Abell, Tom Taylor & Paul Zimmerman.



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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@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.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>**.
- St. Mary Church, Newport's Mass with Healing Prayers will be on **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**. The Litany of St. John Vianney will be recited after Communion and Fr. Briese will offer prayers of healing for the body and soul. Confessions begin at 6:00 pm; Mass begins at 6:30 pm. For additional information, please call the parish office at 301-934-8825.
- 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@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.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@breadoffilecenterforpeace.org](mailto:pilgrimage@breadoffilecenterforpeace.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 ([ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org)) under Get Involved/Pilgrimages.