

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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## Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte, D.R.E.



February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Seventh 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, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

4:00 pm – Wilmer Emanuel Quade, Sr.

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Dinah K. Miles Somerville & Joseph E. Miles

9:00 am – Frances Greenwell

11:00 am – Parishioners

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Special Intention

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Catherine Raley

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Bobby Cusic, Sr.

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

7:30 am – Essie Mae Gibson

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

9:00 am – Samuel Lewis Sherwell, Jr.

4:00 pm – Parishioners

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

7:00 am – Special Intention

9:00 am – Bruce Mottern

11:00 am – Mary Virginia Martin

**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 sick.

## Immaculate Conception's 2019 Seafood Dinner and Festival

Our 2019 Seafood Dinner and Festival  
will be held on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

The next Seafood Dinner and Festival meeting will be **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

We still need volunteers to join our clean-up committee for after the event is over. Please consider volunteering your time and energy, email [Morris.Turtles33@gmail.com](mailto:Morris.Turtles33@gmail.com).

We also need someone to volunteer to be the chairperson for the dining room committee.

### Lenten Fish Fry

The Ladies Auxiliary will be having their Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm. Fish dinner is \$14, crab cake dinner is \$16, fried oyster dinner is \$18, and combo platter is \$20. Dinners include green beans, candied yams, mac & cheese, potato salad, & cornbread.

For additional information call:  
Doris (301-884-4423) or Ella (240-434-3016).

### 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

Bible study is scheduled for **Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm and **Wednesday, February 27<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 having 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.
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### 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: J. Allan; Heather Ballard; Sandy Burns; Mary Clancey; Thomas Farrell; Melanie Gibson; David Hoffmaster, Sr.; Scott Hughes; Meagan Humbert; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Lisa Durst Owens; Ed Shade; Claire True; and Betty Williams.

If you would like to add your family member to the sick list, please call 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. Blake Guy; and Paige Guy. Please feel free to call us or email

[Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ImmaculateConception@gmail.com) to add your soldier serving AWAY FROM HOME back on the list.

### FlockNote

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. We can inform you of last minute cancellations, requests for prayer, changes in a scheduled meeting, and more. Consider signing up, go to ([ICChurchmd.org](http://ICChurchmd.org)), click on *Subscribe-Flocknote* and choose the groups you would like to receive information from.

### Flight-in-Faith Youth Group Meeting

Flight-in-Faith is our Youth Group for grades 7 – 12. There will be a meeting on **Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Contact Tim Steelman ([tcsworkplace@gmail.com](mailto:tcsworkplace@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

### Trivia Night

The Knights of Columbus is having its annual Trivia Night on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the Parish Center following the 4:00 pm Mass. A pizza dinner will be served followed by Team Trivia and lots of fun. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. This event is open to everyone and is absolutely free. So that we can get a head count, we ask you make reservations. For reservations or any questions, please contact Jim Downey (301-884-5428).

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, ham, homefries, fruit cocktail, and drinks. The cost is \$5 per person (ages 6 and up) or \$20 for a family of 4 or more. Children 5 and under eat free!

### Attention College Students: Summer Internships

Catholic Charities has a variety of (unpaid) summer internship opportunities available for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students for 10 weeks this summer from late May to early August. Projects include programs providing direct services to clients as well as in administration, finance, and communications. Sites available throughout the Archdiocese. Apply by March 15!

**Get information and apply:** [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/intern/](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/intern/).

### Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$5,134.00.

The second collection next weekend is for the **Renovation Fund**.

### Online Giving

For those interested in donating to our parish online, please visit our website and see the online giving tab. If you have any questions, please call Clare on Monday – Wednesday or Fridays, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

### Schedule for Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

*Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins.*

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Rosary Leaders</b>
<b>4:00 pm Saturday</b>	Michael Munshaw	Julia Redding, John Krnarich, & Rose Krznarich	Sammy & Joseph Chick	Evelyn Diehl
<b>7:00 am Sunday</b>	Eric Holm	Tim Steelman & Judy Ramsey	Joe Davis	Peggy Malpasso
<b>9:00 am</b>	Laurie Garner	Raymond Burch, Alice Thompson, & Sara Neill	Adam Trossbach & Allie Redding	Paula Luskus
<b>11:00 am</b>	Mike McCauley	†, Richard Adams, & Robert Blackwell	Joe Davis	Paul Zimmerman

## Reflections on the Seventh Commandment

"You shall not steal." This is the Seventh Commandment. Seems simple, right? It is. People have a right to own things. This right is founded in God's original plan for us, to "fill the earth and subdue it" as Genesis 1:28 commands. All of us are called to make this world a better place with our God-given resources. But because of our fallen nature, our egos tempt us to be selfish. Stealing is one of the ways this selfishness manifests itself. In a perfect world, we wouldn't need to own things. Everyone would recognize that God is the one who "owns" everything and we would treat everything with the respect they deserve and use them properly. But we're not in that perfect world, so we have to own things. We take care of what is ours while everyone else takes stewardship of their property and things. Taking things without permission violates the individual trust God places in us and is therefore unjust.

Stealing becomes somewhat more confusing with technological advancements that enable the reproduction or copying of things. It's one thing to break into someone's home and steal a DVD. But if I copy it electronically, we both have copies now. Where's the harm in that? But that line of reasoning ignores the effort made by the original creators. People have a right to be compensated for their work.

That's why copyright laws exist – to set legal boundaries that prohibit others from stealing their work. So just as it would be wrong to steal a book or CD from a store, it's just as wrong to copy them (electronically or otherwise) without explicit permission from the authors.

Back to the concept of ownership for a second. It is not an absolute right. I can't just own anything I want for whatever reason. Proper stewardship places the mission of the greater good of people over individual freedom. So legitimate governmental power can limit and regulate ownership rights. (see [CCC #2406](#)) But regulation should not be confused with stealing. If the greater good requires confiscation, then, as a matter of justice, the State must compensate the previous owners.

There are quite a number of people today who are pushing the idea of the State regulating the ownership of goods and services to such a degree that it would basically override people's individual rights to own things. But whatever name you call these ideas (communism, socialism, collectivism) they all fail to recognize the *individual* mandate God gave us to make the world a better place. No government has the right (or *ability*, mind you) to enforce everyone to turn over their goods and services for the sake of the common good.

The idea that governments can create a better world by the confiscation and redistribution of goods is not a new one. But there has never been a government that has succeeded in doing this. And it never will, because the State would have to be free from the effects of sin that inflate the ego. It's one thing for people to voluntarily turn over their goods to a human power to further their goals. Nothing wrong with that, assuming that the goals are worth pursuing. But assuming that the State has a better understanding of the greater good for all based solely on the reasoning that it has the power to dictate laws is circular reasoning (...the State knows best because it can make laws...we need to obey the laws because the State said so...). Governments are made up of people who can be selfish just like the rest of us. Heavy-handed State-mandated laws that micromanage people violate human dignity and are unjust.

The Catholic Church has never said anything positive about Socialism. It is based on stealing from others and, when people resist, killing and enslaving them. You can make a very strong argument that Socialism works by violating all *ten* of the Commandments. Unbridled Capitalism has problems as well, but with proper restraints it can be just. Forced redistribution of goods and services by the State is stealing, plain and simple.

– *Fr. Tietjen*

## FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Sunday, February 24th, 2019

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MOMS AND DADS:** Please take a minute out of your busy schedule to reexamine the FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR for 2018/2019 on our parish website @ [ICChurchmd.org](#). Parents are the first teachers of the Faith to their children; make sure you are teaching them by your good example and words. Please remember your promise to God at their Baptism. PLEASE, TAKE THEM TO CHURCH.

**KIDS OF FAITH FORMATION AND THE PARISH:** You are the New and Future Parishioners of our Parish. Learn everything you can about your faith. One day you will see God's face.

#### KIDS IN GRADES 6, 7, AND 8 – ONLINE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

– Are you maintaining a grade of 70% or better in each chapter? If you need help, please see your teacher. I don't want to have you in my office every Sunday or call 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? Please let me know and I'll be happy to help you begin the process. I believe that all classes are online. Please think about it.

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

**TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND KIDS** – Just a little glimpse into the future – The Annual Faith Knowledge Assessment Test will be coming to Immaculate Conception Church between **March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>**. I'm waiting on the official date from the Archdiocese of Washington. There will be make-up days scheduled for this exam. Everyone student in Grades 3 through 8 in Faith Formation is required to participate in the Assessment test.

**ATTENTION TO ALL 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE PARENTS AND KIDS** from Faith Formation and MCA who attended the FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT yesterday. "THANK YOU". I'm sure God is well pleased.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR ALL 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CHILDREN from Faith Formation and MCA** –

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, in church**, from **9:00 am – 10:00 am**. Father will hear confessions for children from **Session A and MCA**. Please make sure you sign-in. Parents are also urged to go to confession.
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>, in church**, from **9:00 am – 10:00 am**. Father will hear confessions for children from **Session B**. Please make sure you sign-in. Parents are also urged to go to confession.

**PLEASE NOTE – ALL children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade MUST go to confession before receiving Holy Communion in May.** If you miss the scheduled times, it's up to the parents to make arrangements with Father.

**LENT IS COMING and so are the RICE BOWLS** – Here's a question for you? Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** through what day? Go see the Deacon with your answer. I hope it's the right one.

**Deacon Bill**

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

## Baby Shower

The American Heritage Girls Troop MD 2540 cordially invite you to attend *St. John's Church's 10th annual "Baby Shower"* to benefit the *Care Net Pregnancy Center on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>*. It will be held in the **Msgr. Harris Center at St. John's Church in Hollywood, MD** immediately following the 11:30 am Mass. Lunch will be served by the Knights of Columbus Council 7914. Gifts should be unwrapped; all gifts, including cash and gift cards, are tax deductible. Please contact Heather (240-256-0009 or [heathercartwright03@gmail.com](mailto:heathercartwright03@gmail.com)) to RSVP or for more information.



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**Other Events in Town**

- *Fried Shrimp Dinner* will be held at the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall on **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. The cost is \$13.
- *Catholic College and Vocations Fair* will be held at **St. John's Parish in Hollywood, MD** on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration and Mass (9:00 am – 11:00 am) will precede the fair. If you have students in high school or you just enjoy listening to great Catholic speakers, this event is for you. A dozen of the top colleges from the Newman Guide to Catholic Colleges will be present along with many religious orders. Dr. John Cuddaback, professor of philosophy at Christendom College and Mr. Brent Johnson, V.P. of Enrollment at Ave Maria University are the keynote speakers this year. The event is open to all and there is no admission charge. More information can be found online at [www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/CCVF](http://www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/CCVF).
- An *Indoor Flea Market* will be held on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at **St. Mary's Church Bryantown**. Tables rent for \$20. Lunch and baked goods will be available. Proceeds will go to the Church Emergency Fund for the less fortunate. Call Mary Branick (301-274-4507) for more information.
- *Purse and Bags Bingo* will be held at the **MVFD Social Hall** on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and Bingo begins at 6:00 pm.
- *Nonsense* is a Cabaret Production presented by Rob Misko and John Baldino and will be held live on stage at **St. Francis Xavier Parish, Leonardtown, MD** in the church hall on **Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm and on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person (in advance) or \$25 per person (at the door). Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4067914>.
- *Lenten Day of Prayer*, titled *"The Lord Hears our Cry"* will be held at Loyola on the Potomac on **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Each day will begin at 9:00 am and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and Mass. The fee is \$40.00. Please call (301-392-0801) to make a reservation or go to [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com).
- *Encounter Grace Women's Series – RECLAIM* – Ladies, join the Encounter Grace team at **St. John Vianney Catholic Church and Family Life Center** on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm for a day of reflection and sisterhood. Tickets are on sale at [EncounterGrace.co](http://EncounterGrace.co). Early bird pricing through February 15<sup>th</sup> is \$25 and includes breakfast and materials. After February 15<sup>th</sup> the cost is \$30 per person. Appropriate for ages 16+. For more information please contact St. John Vianney (410-535-0223).
- *Spring Seafood Dinner* will be held at **Holy Angels, Avenue** on **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm. Fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken and much more. The cost is \$28 for adults, \$26 for caryouts and advance tickets (under March 15<sup>th</sup>), \$8 for children 6-12, and 5 & under eat free. Call 301-769-3100 for more information or advance tickets.
- *The Way Retreat for Survivors of Abuse* is being sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington. A retreat will take place from **April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** for men and **April 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** for women. The retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information and to register, go to [adw.org/the-way-retreat](http://adw.org/the-way-retreat) or call Deborah McDonald (301-853-4466).