

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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



## Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael Tietjen, Pastor

Deacon William Kyte

## Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am



## Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am

First Saturday of the month at 9:00 am



## Confessions:

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



## Holy Hour:

Fridays immediately following the 7:30 am Mass until approximately 9:00 am.

## 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

## 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.**



November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

9:00 am – Special Intention

4:00 pm – Kay Sztkowski

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:00 am – Msgr. John Brady, Jr.

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Edward M. Slavinski

**Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:30 am – Special Intention

**Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:30 am – Gloria Copsey

**Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:30 am – Gianna La Rosa & Michelle La Rosa

**Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:30 am – Special Intention

**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

4:00 pm – William Davis

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:00 am – Jo Ann Maloney

9:00 am – Andrew Joseph Rickert

11:00 am – Parishioners

The altar flowers were donated  
in memory of  
Billy Burch and Al Guy, Jr.

## Synod Listening Session

In case you didn't know, the entire Catholic Church has been called to participate in an upcoming Synod of Bishops! In preparation for this event, Pope Francis would like your input on the topic of "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission."

To that end, you are invited to join Fr. Tietjen and other parish members for a free spaghetti dinner and a parish listening session on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Invite family, friends, and neighbors -- we want everyone to participate. To RSVP, please email Tim Steelman ([steelman@faithformation.usn](mailto:steelman@faithformation.usn)) by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Printed copies of the synod questions will be available in the front of the church (vestibule) for those who prefer to answer the questions directly. A drop-box will be available in the same area to return your responses beginning on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Or, share your opinion online now with the Archdiocese of Washington at <https://adw.org/2021-2023-synod-survey-for-individuals/>.

## Collecting For Veterans

The IC Angels are collecting items for the Veteran's Home until **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. All items must be new. Men's items needed – sweatpants (all sizes), briefs (S, M, L, & 2XL), white undershirts (S, M, L, 1X, & 2X). Women's and men's anti-skid slippers and diabetic socks (any size). Please place donations in the marked basket. Thank you for your support.

## IC Quilters & Crafters – Homemade Crafts Sale

Immaculate Conception Quilters & Crafters will have a sale of handmade items after all Masses on **November 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>**. Items include: quilts, placemats, totes, hand towels, baby items, masks, etc. Proceeds from the sale benefit Immaculate Conception and our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Anyone interested in joining the IC Crafters & Quilters please call Teresa Andrasik (301-904-8046).

## "Let's Talk About It" Series

Ladies, join the Encounter Grace team on **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** here at **Immaculate Conception Parish Center**, for a relaxed evening as we discuss the life of St. Andrew. This is a free event, but we do request an RSVP:

<https://www.encountergrace.co/lets-talk-about-it-series>

Email [hello@encountergrace.co](mailto:hello@encountergrace.co) with any questions.

## Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's Open House for Prospective Students & Parents

Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's is having an open house at 29530 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD (across from the Dent Memorial Chapel) on **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. You can meet their faculty and students, and learn about their rigorous classical curriculum, Catholic identity, and environment of joyful comradery. Visit [www.ChestertonStMarys.org](http://www.ChestertonStMarys.org) for more information and to RSVP.

## The Fabulous Hubcaps

Mother Catherine Academy presents the Fabulous Hubcaps on **Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge (27636 Mechanicsville Rd.) Tickets are \$60 each. Call Ricky (240-925-6101) for tickets or Mother Catherine Academy (301-884-3165) for more information. Proceeds to benefit Mother Catherine Academy.

Call the Office or Email [Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com)

if you are interested in:

- **Altar Flowers** for available weekends (\$48)
- **Mass intentions** (Donation accepted)

## Second Collection on November 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>

The collection for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington is to take place on the weekend of **November 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>** this year. Our priests touch our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows, and hold our loved one's hands as the Lord calls them home. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. There are four ways you can support the Retired Priests Collection this year:

1. **Envelope.** Please use the envelope mailed to you earlier this month, the envelope on the table in the vestibule, or the second collection envelope provided in your parish envelope packet.
2. **Online:** Please visit [adw.org/rpc](http://adw.org/rpc) to support the collection online.
3. **Text:** Please text "Priest" to 301-231-1816. A text with a link to a secure form will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.
4. **QR Code:** please scan the QR code below with your mobile phone to make a gift online.



## Parish Finance Information

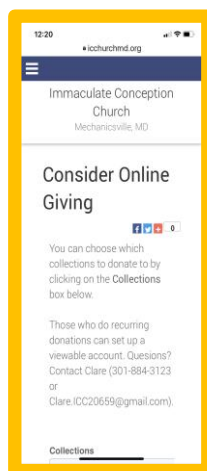
The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,944.50.  
The **All Saint's Day Collection** last week was \$319.00.  
The **All Soul's Day Collection** last week was \$288.00.

Thank you for your generous donations!!

## Online Giving

Many families have already chosen to give one-time or recurring donations through our website. Explore the convenience of online giving at [ICChurchmd.org/online-giving](http://ICChurchmd.org/online-giving), and be one of the families who set their donations to **automatically occur** when, how often, and in the amount you would like to give. You always have access to update your information, change gift amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a gift at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or swinging by the ATM.

If you have any questions, contact Clare (301-884-3123 or [Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com)).



## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Maybe someone who left the Catholic Church that might be open to learning about things they struggle with? Are you an adult who has not received all the sacraments of initiation and would like to do that? RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) is a program that assists those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

For anyone interested in this program please contact Fr. Tietjen (301-884-31230) in the rectory during office hours, or Amy Downs (301-904-7439).

## Parish Weekly Events

### Faith Formation (during the school year)

- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am (planned to be in-person)

### Rosary Recitation

- Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays immediately following Mass in church, as well as Saturdays before the 4:00 pm Mass.
- Saturdays at 12:00 noon outside in Mary's Garden.

### Bible Study (in person or online)

- Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

### Intercessory Prayer

- Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (online). Contact Tammy Hildebrand (240-346-3933 or [hildetpj@md.metrocast.net](mailto:hildetpj@md.metrocast.net)).

### Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of St. John

- Meetings are the **second Sunday** of each month at 12:00 pm in the Parish Center.  
Contact Clara Pate (301-645-9439 or [CPat923@verizon.net](mailto:CPat923@verizon.net)). All Catholic women are welcome.

### IC Angels

- Meetings are the **third Sunday** of each month at 12:00 pm in the Parish Center. All Catholic women are welcome.

### Knights of St. John

- Meetings are the **first Sunday** of each month at 12:00 pm in the Parish Center.

### Knights of Columbus

- Business meetings are held the **second Monday** of each month at 7:00 pm in the **Parish Center**.
- Social meetings are held the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:00 pm in the **Parish Center**.
- Contact Greg Walcutt (301-751-9950).

### St. Vincent de Paul Society (Organization to help those in need)

- Meetings are held the **first Wednesday** of each month at 6:00 pm in the **Parish Center**. All are welcome.

## Mary's Garden

When was the last time you had an opportunity to sit in Mary's Garden and pray while enjoying God's beauty? Deacon Bill still has more ideas in the works for the garden. Financial donations are greatly appreciated. No amount is too small. Please place your marked (**Mary's Garden**) donations in the collection basket at Mass; you can send it by mail to P. O. Box 166, Mechanicsville, MD 20659, or you may go to our website to Online Giving. Under collections, choose "**Mary's Garden Donation**".

## Faith Formation

*Please drop off items for Boxes of Joy  
by Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>*

**Details:** Our parish is participating in the Boxes of Joy ministry again this year. A nationwide gift outreach by Catholic schools, parishes, and groups facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Through filling the physical boxes (about the size of a shoebox) with toys and other gifts, participants reduce the suffering of children due to poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas. The Knights of Columbus will assist this tangible and straightforward service experience.

Our tradition has been for each Faith Formation class (8:00 am and 10:00 am) to fill at least one Box of Joy using the recommended list of items as a guide (<https://icchurchmd.org/boxes-of-joy-gift-list>). The parish has been blessed with the ability to go above this number in past years, donating more boxes than the number of Faith Formation classes. The only request is that each student prayerfully decides what to donate as guided by their family.

There will also be a location in the church to drop off items for the Boxes of Joy. The organizational deadline is November 7<sup>th</sup>. This deadline will enable organizing the donated items and delivering the boxes to Cross Catholic Outreach for distribution to children near Christmas Day.

The Boxes of Joy program is also an opportunity for the students in our Faith Formation classes to create Christmas cards to include in the boxes. Parents/guardians/responsible adults are encouraged to review the completed Christmas cards to avoid sharing private/personal information. In so doing, providing an effective real-world follow-up to the recent safety training for children.

### Health Statement:

We are blessed that there has not been a COVID-19 issue involving a student, classroom catechist, or classroom catechist aide who has attended Faith Formation to date. We ask all who are involved in our Faith Formation program not to attend class if sick, have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person in the last seven days (and are not vaccinated), live with someone who is COVID-19 positive (and are not vaccinated), is in quarantine due to another exposure, or is awaiting a COVID-19 test result.

If a student, classroom catechist, or classroom catechist aide who has recently attended our religious education program tests positive for COVID-19, they must inform Tim Steelman at [steelman@faithformation.us](mailto:steelman@faithformation.us). Along with the local health authorities, we will work with you to develop the necessary communication plan for our community and supportive prayer.

### Contact Information:

Tim Steelman (DRE): [steelman@faithformation.us](mailto:steelman@faithformation.us)

## Bulletin Item Deadline

All information for the upcoming bulletin needs to be emailed to [Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com) by the close of business on Tuesday. Messages will be edited when necessary.

## FlockNote

Would you like to receive updated information as it comes in? Would you like to be able to join us in a prayer request at a moment's notice? FlockNote is a way to receive important messages. Please consider signing up for FlockNote. Just go on our website ([ICChurchmd.org](https://ICChurchmd.org)) and sign-up today.



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## Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers. Especially: Edrena Adams; Glenn Adams; Evelyn Arnold; Becca +; Chicchina Bailey; Ted Bailey; Mary Ann Bean; Lorne Brickey; Amanda Gass; Stephanie Gonzalez; Regina Holt; Christopher Holton, Sr.; Robert Jones; Kate; Edie Kans; Linda Sue Kyte; Doris Martin; Jean Martin; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Johnny Pierce; Big Ray Quade; John Redding; Laura Redding; Shelly Reinke; Mary Schofield; Linda Kyte Simon; Patti Smith; Lisa Thornsby; Joanne Thornsby; Rachael Weaver; Terrie Widmayer; Lilly Williams; and Bea Zampitella.

If you would like to add your family member to the sick list, please call the rectory (301-884-3123) or email [Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com](mailto:Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com). Please help us keep our sick list updated.

## Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of Mary Bush and Dorothy Elizabeth Holt, who recently passed away, and all the souls in Purgatory. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Non-Perishable Food Donations

The following items are needed at St. Mary's Helping Hands: Stove Top Stuffing, pancake flour, syrup, Hamburger Helper, toilet paper, men's deodorant, and shampoo. Thank you for your continuing generosity in donating to those in need.

Bachelor's Hope Farm Presents:

Marie Miller



**Earlybird**

Ages 7 and up \$10 per person  
6 and under free / \$15 at the gate

To reserve advance early bird tickets go to [www.southernmarylandroots.org](http://www.southernmarylandroots.org)

# "GrassROOTS" Fall Festival **CHICKENSTOCK!!** in CHAPTICO

November 13, 2021

3:00 - 8:00 p.m.



**Location:**  
**Gold Petal Farms**  
37260 Manor Road  
Chaptico, MD 20621

*Eat, Sip, Shop, and Be Local*.....join us  
to help support our youth! Rock your favorite Flannel  
Shirts and Boots for a chance to WIN a \$50 Gift  
Certificate to Fitzies!

**Rain or Shine Event - BYO Lawn Chair Limited Seating**

Entertainment and vendors are subject to change without notice. All minors MUST be accompanied by a guardian. Proceeds to benefit Southern Maryland ROOTS High School Pilgrimage "The Journey" to St. Clement's Island on September 24, 2022. Contact Theresa for more info: [mcaartofgiving@gmail.com](mailto:mcaartofgiving@gmail.com)



**Music - Artisan Show - Food Trucks - Brew & Wine Vendors - Crafts - Fall Treats - Christmas Silent Auction - Kids Zone - Fun For All Ages**