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Parish Website: ICChurchMD.org
Faith Formation Email: Steelman@faithformation.us
Faith Formation Office (*checked once a week*)**:** 240-249-6010

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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

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Weekday Masses:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am
First Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

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Confessions:
Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm &
Saturdays from 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

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

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Stations of the Cross
Fridays Thru April 8th at 7:00 pm.
Good Friday, 3:00 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.

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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.

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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) or stop by the Rectory Office which is open:
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

April 10th, 2022
Palm Sunday

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 9th, 2022
4:00 pm – Kay Szatkowski

Sunday, April 10th, 2022
7:00 am – Robert Lippert
9:00 am – Paula Luskus
11:00 am – Parishioners

Monday, April 11th, 2022
7:30 am – Gregory William Day

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022
7:30 am – Alvarez-Housewright Family

Wednesday, April 13th, 2022
7:30 am – Katherine Patricia Vymetalik

Holy Thursday, April 14th
7:00 pm – Persecuted Christians

Good Friday, April 15th, 2022
7:30 am – NO MASS
7:00 pm – Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 16th, 2022
4:00 pm – NO MASS
8:30 pm – Parishioners

Easter Sunday, April 17th, 2022
7:00 am – David Landavao, Sr.
9:00 am – Constance Housewright (Living)
11:00 am – Jay McMenamin (Living)

The altar flowers were donated in memory of Robert Lippert.

Today is Palm Sunday

Holy Week Schedule after Palm Sunday

Monday, April 11th, 2022 – Morning Mass at 7:30 am

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 – Morning Mass at 7:30 am

Wednesday, April 13th, 2022 –
- Morning Mass at 7:30 am
- Confessions from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 14th, 2022 – Beginning of the Triduum
- Mass at 7:00 pm
- Procession to the Banquet Room in the Parish Center which will be set up for Adoration until 12:00 am on Good Friday (Thursday Night)

Good Friday, April 15th, 2022 – Triduum Continues
- NO MORNING MASS OR ADORATION
- Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm
- Liturgy begins at 7:00 pm – We ask that you enter the church in complete silence.

Holy Saturday, April 16th, 2022 – Last day of the Triduum
- NO 4:00 pm Mass
- Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17th, 2022 – Jesus Has Risen!
- Mass at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am

Rectory Office Closed

The rectory office will be closed on **Good Friday (April 15th)** and **Easter Monday (April 18th)**. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 19th.

Bible Study Cancelled

Bible study is cancelled on **Easter Monday, April 18th**.

Parish Pre-Order, Pre-Pay, Drive-Thru-Only Dinner

Just an update on our Parish Dinner and 50/50 Raffle. The tickets have been ordered for the raffle – as soon as they arrive we will be sending them out in the mail and have them available in the vestibule of the church. Also, don't forget to put the date of our dinner on your calendar. You don't want to miss a great meal and support the church at the same time! **Our Parish Dinner will take place on Sunday, May 15th**. Keep looking back here for more details as they come in.

Grieving with Great Hope

Grieving with Great Hope is a six-week Catholic-based Grief Support Workshop and will be offered in the Parish Center on **Tuesday evenings** beginning **April 19th** from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Grieving with Great Hope is presented in a DVD format that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning, and personal fellowship. If you are grieving the death of a family member or friend and trying to learn how to cope with your loss, you are encouraged to attend.

For more information and to register, please contact:
- Tina (301-481-1961, TinaMSlaughter@comcast.net)
- Jan (301-481-7470, ICCJanJarboe@gmail.com)

Easter Sunrise Mass

All are welcome to join Fr. Wyble from Holy Angels Catholic Church for Easter Sunrise Mass on Coltons Point. This Mass will be celebrated overlooking the beautiful St. Clements Island and will begin at 6:10 am with an expected sunrise at 6:28 am on **Sunday, April 17th**. Don't miss out on this beautiful opportunity. Chairs are provided, parking is available behind the St. Clements Island Museum. If you need addition information, feel free to contact Holy Angels Rectory (301-769-3332).

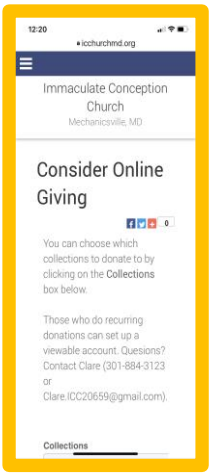
FlockNote

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) and sign-up today.

Call the Office or Email Clare.ICC20659@gmail.com
if you are interested in:
- **Altar Flowers** for available weekends ($49)
- **Mass intentions** (Donation accepted)

Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was $6,379.00.
The **Renovation Collection** last week was $1,461.00.
We 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*, 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).

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 (301-884-3123) in the rectory during office hours, or Amy Downs (301-904-7439).

Parish Weekly Events

Bible Study (in person or online)

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

Faith Formation (during the school year)

- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Intercessory Prayer

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

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 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).

Knights of St. John

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

Ladies Auxiliary of 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). All Catholic women are welcome.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue Home Visitation Program

- Sunday through Sunday, currently sign up after 11:00 am Mass.

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.

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."**

Bulletin Item Deadline

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

Faith Formation

Classes will not meet on
April 10th, nor will they meet on April 17th

Living Stations

The 8th Grade students performed a shadow play of the Stations of the Cross in the church on Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you to all who supported the confirmandi, specifically John and Rose Krznarich, for making the screen and the light tower. Additional thank you to our parish's two 8th Grade catechists, Mike McCauley and Eileen Seyfried, who prepared the students for the performance and directed it while preparing them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the beginning of May. All are grateful for the parishioners who attended the performance and participated in the prayers and reflections.

Faith Knowledge Assessment closes on April 10th

The Archdiocese's annual Faith Knowledge Assessment for grades 3-8 is online this year using Kahoot!, a web-based resource. Using the codes provided today (March 20th), Faith Formation students in grades 3-8 will take the assessment at home during their regularly scheduled class time on April 3rd. Please look for the informative handout provided in class today (March 20th).

Rice Bowls

The Faith Formation students received the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls this past Sunday, continuing a Lenten tradition of our parish. Participating in the Rice Bowl program helps reduce hunger locally and globally. It offers opportunities to encounter different people worldwide, helps guide our prayer, and offers meatless recipes for Fridays during Lent. These opportunities are presented on the folded pamphlet included in the Rice Bowl (accessed before construction) with videos of the people and communities supported found at crsricebowl.org. Students should return their CRS Rice Bowls to their classroom catechist after Easter on April 24th.

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, April 24	Faith Formation class resume
Thursday, April 28	First Holy Communion Practice, 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 30	First Holy Communion, 10:00 am
Sunday, May 1	Sacrament of Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
Monday, May 2	Sacrament of Confirmation, Bishop Dorsonville, 7:00 pm

Health Statement:

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. Along with the local health authorities, we will work with you to develop the necessary communication plan for our community and supportive prayer.

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Tim Steelman (DRE)
steelman@faithformation.us

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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; Leroy Buckler, Jr.; Wendy Cleary; Ben DeWees; JD Elrod; Stephanie Gonzalez; Sarah Hancock; Mary E. Harper; C. Hayden; Regina Holt; Christopher Holton, Sr.; Kate; Edie Kans; Linda Sue Kyte; Theresa Mason; Mary Lou May; Ted Miller; Barbara Montgomery; Jennifer Burroughs Murphy; Becky Norris; Rob Palmer; Johnny Pierce; Jeff Pilkerton; Big Ray Quade; John Redding; Laura Redding; Shelly Reinke; Lee Richardson, Jr.; Louise Rogers; Mary Schofield; Ernest Sigmon, III; Linda Kyte Simon; Patti Smith; Angie Torreyson; Rachael Weaver; Dorothy White; Terrie Widmayer; Lily Williams; and Bea Zampitella.

Military Prayer List

For those who have been deployed. Please remember those of our parish community whose loved ones who have been deployed to serve overseas, especially: Trevor Adams; Elise Adams Dent; Charles Patrick Holton, Jr.; and Trent Holton, II.

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

Events Around Town

- *Men's Night of Reflection* at **St. Cecilia Church, St. Mary's City** on **Monday, April 11th** at 7:00 pm. Adoration, talk on "Power of the Cross", confession, healing prayers & benediction.
- *Women's Night of Reflection* at **St. Cecilia Church, St. Mary's City** on **Tuesday, April 12th** at 7:00 pm. Adoration, talk on "Going to the Garden in Prayer", confessions, healing prayers & benediction.
- *Healing Prayers with Devine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, and Benediction* at **St. Mary's Bryantown** on **Sunday, April 24th** at 3:00 pm.
- *Bible Study* will take place at **Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Loretto Hall** in **Chaptico** starting on **Thursday, April 28th** at 6:30 pm. It will be the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.
- *Community Blood Drive* at **Knights Hall** (41605 Fenwick St.) **Leonardtown, MD** on **Saturday, April 30th** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.