

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We welcome you to Immaculate Conception Church.
For new registrations or updates, please visit our website
ICChurchMD.org.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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 8:00 am
First Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Confessions:

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Saturdays from 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Holy Hour:

Fridays immediately following the 8:00 am Mass
until approximately 9:30 am.

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 7:00 pm through April 11th.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS

Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church should contact the rectory to learn 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. This must be done before securing a reception venue.

SHUT-INS

If you wish to have your homebound loved ones receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory (301-884-3123).

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11th, 2025

We are His people, the sheep of His Flock

Psalm 100

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

4:00 pm – the intentions of Fr. Connelly

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

7:00 am – Parishioners

9:00 am – Margaret “Peggy” Baden

11:00 am – John Becker

Monday, May 12th, 2025

8:00 am – Dana Wood

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

8:00 am – Tom Taylor

Wednesday, May 14th, 2025

8:00 am – Essie Mae Gibson

Friday, May 16th, 2025

8:00 am – Mary Murphy

Saturday, May 17th, 2025

4:00 pm – Donald McLeod

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

7:00 am – Tom J. Julien, Sr.

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Donald McLeod

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Grades Pre-K-8

Little Flower School – 301-994-0404

Mother Catherine Academy – 301-884-3165

Grades 9-12

Chesterton Academy – 301-800-0227

(Chesterton is located in our Parish Center.)

Ryken High School – 301-475-2814

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS OF OUR PARISH!

Mother's Day Breakfast

Join us for a free breakfast, cooked and served by the Knights of Columbus, in celebration of all the mothers of our Parish. Breakfast will be served after all morning Masses this Sunday (today).

Part-Time Secretary Position

St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown

We are now accepting applications for a part-time position, 20 hrs. per week. Church secretary hours are:

- Wednesday and Thursday – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- and Fridays – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

For further information please contact Denise (301-475-8064 or dbecher@saintaloyuschurch.org)

Donation of Empty Egg Cartons

Helping Hands is looking for empty egg cartons. If you have egg cartons you don't need, please place them in the baskets in the vestibule.

Altar Server Training

Have you ever thought of serving at Mass? Do you have a child or children that would like to learn to be an altar server? We are looking for children going into 3rd grade next school year and older (adults are welcome as well). Please email Clare (NavarraC@adw.org) or call the office (301-884-3123) during office hours. Once we get a list of those interested, we will schedule training sessions.

*Bulletin items are due (to NavarraC@adw.org)
by Tuesdays at 4:00 pm.*

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you an adult who has not received all the sacraments of initiation and would like to do that? OCIA (Order 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. Paul Nguyen (301-884-3123) in the rectory during office hours.

FlockNote

For those interested in receiving messages from us at any time during the week, please go to our website (ICChurchmd.org) and sign-up for FlockNote today.

Confirmation on Sunday, May 18th

at 11:00 am

Please keep our 8th grade students in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 18th during the 11:00 am Mass that will be celebrated by Bishop Jerome Feudjio.

Altar Flowers

Last week (May 3/4) the altar flowers were donated in memory of George & Peggy Baden and Paul Creager. This week (May 10/11) the altar flowers were donated in memory of Tom Taylor.

Parish Dinner Results

We are in the process of getting the final results of the Parish Dinner. We did sell 360 dinners and received lots of great help. Thanks to Steve Morgan and all those who helped; our Parish Dinner was a wonderful success! The drawing for the 50/50 raffle will take place after the 11:00 am Mass and the winner will be announced on the following weekend.

Stop The Bleed Training

Learn to save a life. May is STOP THE BLEED® Month. The goal of the STOP THE BLEED® campaign is to teach and equip the public to use medically proven bleeding control practices to save the lives of people who are suffering a traumatic injury. The Knights of Columbus-Council #8159 is sponsoring free STOP THE BLEED® training to those interested. Classes last one-hour and no previous training is required. Classes in May have been scheduled at our Parish Center.

Please contact Matt Creager (301 481-8581) or visit training.stopthebleedcoalition.org/signup.

Knights Planning Fun Nights

The Knights are hosting a Parish Spaghetti Dinner on **Friday June 6th**, 6-8pm in the Parish Center, and a Parish Dance on **Saturday June 21st**, 7-10pm in the Parish Center. More information to follow.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Parish Finance Information

The Regular Collection last week was \$8,047.50.
The Renovation Collection last week was \$1,990.80.
Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Online Giving

Online Giving is a way to give electronic donations through our website. You set the amount, how often and which collections you would like to donate to by visiting ICChurchMD.org/donations. If you have any questions or are in need of help with this process, please contact Clare (301-884-3123 or NavarraC@adw.org). To make changes to your existing account please visit ICChurchMD.org/payments.

Parish Weekly Events

The below is subject to occasional changes.

Faith Formation (during the school year)

- Sundays at 8:00 am.

Intercessory Prayer

- Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (in the church or in Mary's Garden {when the weather is nice}). 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

- Meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.
- Learn more about Council 8159 at www.KofC8159.org. Email ICCouncil8159@gmail.com.

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.

Rosary Recitation

- Mondays, Tuesdays & immediately following Mass in church.
- Saturdays at noon (in church OR in Mary's Garden) and 3:30 pm (before Vigil Mass).

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.

Faith Formation

Mr. Tim Steelman – Director of Religious Education

Email: Steelman@FaithFormation.US

May 11

Final Faith Formation Class of the 2024-2025 school year. We will continue our tradition of honoring Mary, Holy Mother of God and our Mother, with the students singing, praying and placing a crown on her statue in Mary's Garden. All students are excused after the ceremony. We encourage parents, friends, and family members to attend the ceremony which will be outside in Mary's Garden if the weather is agreeable or inside in the parish center foyer if the weather is not agreeable.

May 15

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal at 7:00 pm in the church. This is when confirmation robes will be distributed to those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the rehearsal but sponsor attendance is not required.

May 18

Confirmation Mass at 11:00 am celebrated by Bishop Jerome Feudjio. There will be a cake and cookie reception with Bishop Feudjio in the parish center after the Mass. Robes will be collected at this reception.

July 21 - July 25

Vacation Bible Camp will meet in the mornings. More details to follow.


CARE NET BABY BOTTLE BLITZ


Care Net is having their annual Baby Bottle Blitz using the baby bottles to be picked up on Mother's Day and returned by Father's Day; OR you can use the QR code to donate online. Thank you for your generous donations to this very worthy cause. You will be helping mothers in need of help and their babies.



Youth Arts Showcase at SMR – Sign Up Today! - Students in grades 5–8 are invited to take part in the *Youth Arts Showcase* at St. Mary's Ryken—a fun and inspiring opportunity to grow in the performing and visual arts with guidance from our award-winning faculty and student mentors.

 Youth Honors Chorus – Build vocal skills and perform in a Christmas concert!

 Knights Music Mentors – Play with SMR student musicians in a final group performance.

 Visual Arts Showcase – Submit artwork based on the theme “*Snowflakes and Sleighbells.*”

Open to public, private, and homeschool students. Concert Date: December 5, 2025 on the SMR Campus

Registration Fee: \$40 with an Early Bird Discount! (\$80 for two children) *After September 1, 2025 the fee increases to \$60 for one child and \$90 for two children.*

Other Events in Town

- “*Finding Nemo Jr*” will be presented by **Mother Catherine Academy, Mechanicsville** on **Friday, May 16th** at 7:00 pm and **Saturday, May 17th** at 1:00 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door.
- **41st Annual Rosary Pilgrimage** to be held on **Saturday, May 17th** at **St. Ignatius Church**, Chapel Point. **Mass** will be at 11:00 am followed by a procession to the Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary where we will pray the **Living Rosary** led by the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact them at 301-934-8245 ext. 2.
- **Bag Bingo @ Little Flower School** (Great Mills) on **Saturday, May 17th** from 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm. Tickets on sale now.

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Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers. Especially: BK Abell; Edrena Adams; Evelyn Arnold; Ann Becker; Alex Beklik; Debbie Bennett; Joe Blandford; Rita Bond; Betty Brown; Gary Buchanan; David Calvano; Stephen Calvano; Justin Casselman; Dan Clark; Fr. Rory Conley; Ann Davis; Jimmy Davis; June Davis; Donna Dixon; Tim Downey; Jean Downs; Cindy Ford; Karen Ford; Pam Gill; Marco Glorioso; Baby Herycki; Sam Howard; BK; Barbara Lilly; Amber Martinez; Jeff McBride; Brenda Monshower; Carolyn Mosley; Debra Myers; Chase Paschal; Gary Raum; Linda Richter; Robey Family; Harry Rogers; Barbara Rottman; Jo Samrow; Ignatius Thomas; Joyce Thomas; Quinn Thompson; Mendy Torreyson; Mike Turner; Cliff Vasko; Sandra Vera; Zita Walker; Mary Walsh; Marian Watts; Pat Watts; Marie Weisenberger; Betty Williams; Lily Williams; Terrie Widmayer; Gretta Williams; Regina Williams; Nicky Winters; Tracey Yates and Sarah Zsak.

Military Prayer List

Please remember those of our parish community whose loved ones who have been deployed to serve overseas. Especially: Hunter Ayers, Matthew Davis, Davon Eaton, Taryn Eaton-Peoples, Connery Guy and Paige Guy.

SOMD Catholic and France Pilgrimage

SOMD Catholic is a new, go-to resource for everything related to Catholic life in Southern Maryland. Our mission is to gather and share vital information about events, services, and resources to strengthen our vibrant Catholic community, as well as to offer Catholic pilgrimages and mission trips for local Catholics, led by our SOMD priests. Whether you're looking for Mass schedules, community events, or spiritual resources, you'll find it all in one convenient location. Join us as we celebrate and nurture our faith together! We are excited to announce our first pilgrimage to the holy saints and sites of France from Oct. 6-17, 2025 for \$3,999 (based on double occupancy). Saints and sites we'll visit include Lourdes, the Normandy American Cemetery, Mont Saint-Michel, Sts. Therese and her parents, Bernadette, Thomas Aquinas, John Vianney, Louis de Monfort, Mary Margaret Alacoque, John Francis Regis, Faith, Francis de Sales, and Jane de Chantel, among others. For more information, please visit www.SOMDCatholic.org, and please sign up for our Flock Note while you are there so we can keep you up to date on Catholic events in SOMD via weekly emails.