

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SACRAMENTS

HOLY EUCHARIST

~ WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. 4:00 pm,
Sun. 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am

~ WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. at 8:00am
First Saturday at 9:00 am

BAPTISM

Children under the age of 7 may receive the Sacrament of Baptism for children, contact the Parish Office to schedule the baptism. Please fill out the registration form online and attend a Baptismal preparation class.

CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION.

Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Fridays 8:35 am – 9:25 am
Saturdays 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

MARRIAGE

Active and participating parishioners are welcome to be married at Immaculate Conception. Please contact the Church Office 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.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

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

DEVOTIONS

HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Fridays 8:30 am – 9:30 am
Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00 pm during Lent

SHUT-INS/HOUBOUND MINISTRY

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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

CCD/Sunday School:

Contact JC Guy for more information and enrollment. Class meets Sunday 8:00am.

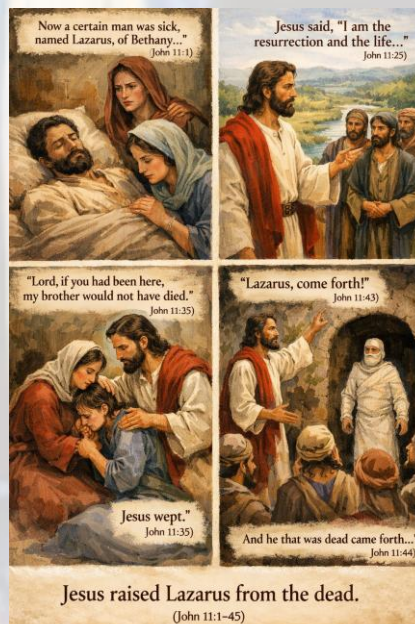
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MARCH 22, 2026



CLERGY: Rev. Paul Nguyen, *administrator*
Deacon Bill Kyte

STAFF: Clare Navarra, *secretary*
Mari Kyte, *business manager*
JC Guy Jr., *religious ed.*



RECTORY OFFICE:

Tel: 301-884-3123

Faith Formation Email:

faithicc28299@gmail.com

Parish Email:

ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org

The Gospel calls all people to holiness of life. Our parish is committed to living the Lord's Teaching – to worship God in Word and Sacraments; to live and share the riches of our faith; to serve and care for the poor; and to reconcile ourselves with God and with one another.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21 2026

4:00 pm – † Georgia Nelson

Sunday, March 22, 2026

7:00 am – † Gloria Fusco

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – † Rene Alvarez

Monday, March 23, 2026

8:00 am – the intentions of Dorian Tavaraz

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

8:00 am – the intentions of Becky Kendall

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

8:00 am – the intentions of Angela Furphy

Friday, March 27, 2026

8:00 am – † George Bean

Saturday March 28, 2026

4:00 pm – † Harold Quade

Sunday, March 29, 2026

7:00 am – † Charles Housewright

9:00 am – † Georgia Nelson

11:00 am – Parishioners

Parish News & Announcements



Lenten Fish Fry

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John are having another **Fish Fry** on **Friday, March 27** from **12:00 noon until 5:00 pm** or until the food runs out. The cost per dinner is \$20 and includes: fish, mac & cheese, coleslaw and green beans. This is a take-out dinner. Please go in the Parish Center to pick up your dinner. To order your dinner(s) please call:

- Ella (240-434-3061)
- Catherine (301-752-1309)
- Or Doris (240-383-3125)

UPDATE - Easter Egg Hunt

Do due scheduling issues, the Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled.

Lenten Penance Service

March 25th beginning at 6:30 pm

Has it been a while since your last confession? If so, have you forgotten what to say? Don't worry, Fr. Paul or one of the other priests, hearing confessions here, will walk you through it. Lent is a perfect time to receive this sacrament.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 29

- 4 pm (vigil Mass)
- 7 am
- 9 am
- 11 am



Holy Thursday – April 2

- 7 pm – Mass with Washing of the Feet
- 8 pm – Eucharistic Procession
- 8:30 pm – 12:00 am – (Jesus in the Garden)

Good Friday – April 3

- 3 pm – Stations of the Cross
- 7 pm – Liturgy



Holy Saturday – April 4

- 8 pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – April 5

- 7 am
- 9 am
- 11 am

*he is
not here
he is
risen*
Matthew 28:6

Parish Finance Information

Totals from Last Week's Collection from In-Person & Online

- Offertory – \$6,270.50.

Thank you for your generous donations.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Donations: <https://icchurchmd.org/donations>.

To change existing account: ICChurchmd.org/payments

If you have any question, please contact Clare

(301-884-3123 or ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org).

Youth Faith Formation (CCD)

Grades 5-12 are invited to attend a special one-day event: **Catholic Youth Group Retreat on Saturday, May 2nd** from 7 pm – 9 pm in the Parish Center. The event will feature fun activities, social interaction, food, drinks, and will conclude with a group discussion led by Fr. Paul. Students will receive prizes, including T-shirts, gift cards, and mementos. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Please register so we know how many items to buy. To register, please visit our website at icchurchmd.org and click on the Youth Group tab at the bottom of the page.

Attention 8th Grade Confirmation Parents: A mandatory retreat for all 8th Grade Students is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Parish Center. For questions, contact Tina Brookbank (brookbankt@yahoo.com or 301-643-2903).

All are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 27** at 7 pm and on **Friday, April 3rd** at 3:00 pm

Blessings, JC Guy
Coordinator of Religious Education

REFLECTION ON OUR READINGS

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tells us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

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Lenten Food Drive

Each year, the Archdiocese of Washington requests that each parish have a Food Drive for those that are hungry. Please consider bringing one or two items to donate to Helping Hands. Some suggestions on what to buy: cereal, Knorr pasta, taco shells, taco seasoning, salt and pepper shakers, boxed scalloped potatoes, boxed au gratin potatoes, men and women's deodorant, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, cleaning supplies and any other non-perishable items you'd like to donate.

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Other Events in Town

Lenten Fish Fry or Shrimp Dinner

St. George, Valley Lee, is having their Lenten Fish Fry or Shrimp Dinner every Friday through **March 27th** from 4 pm to 6:30 or until sold out. The dinners are \$20 each, children under 10 eat free. The dinners include pancit, French fries, and vegetable fritter or soup of the day. They will also have Vietnamese shrimp egg rolls – 2 for \$5.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Rev. Andrew E. Royals will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross in the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery located at 38888 Doctor Johnson Road in Helen/Mechanicsville behind Mother Catherine Academy. The devotional will begin at 12:00 pm on **Good Friday, April 3**. All are welcome to participate. For more information, please call the Catholic Cemeteries of Southern MD Regional Office at 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766, or email us at gop1@ccaw.org.

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of Jesus
hear my
prayer.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers. Especially: James Abatemarco; Edrena Adams; Lydia Adams, Matt Armstrong; Matt Armsworthy; Evelyn Arnold; Ann Becker; Alex Beklik; Debbie Bennett; Rosalia Britt; Betty Brown; Gary Buchanan; Ann Cary; Justin Casselman; Dan Clark; Fr. Rory Conley; Jimmy Davis; June Davis; Christine DeMauro; Tim Downey; Cindy Ford; Karen Ford; Pam Gill; Marco Glorioso; John Hildebrand; Sam Howard; Barbara Lilly; Clare Malloy; Amber Martinez; Jeff McBride; Carolyn Mosley; Chase Paschal; Vincent Payne; Margaret Plater; Gary Raum; Linda Richter; Robey Family; Harry Rogers; Barbara Rottman; Ignatius Thomas; Joyce Thomas; Quinn Thompson; Mike Tippet; Marta Topolski; Mike Turner; Cliff Vasko; Sandra Vera; AW; Zita Walker; Mary Walsh; Marian Watts; Pat Watts; Marie Weisenberger; Betty Williams; Lily Williams; Terrie Widmayer; Regina Williams; Nicky Winters and Sarah Zsak.

Military Prayer List

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