

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/HOMEBOUND 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.

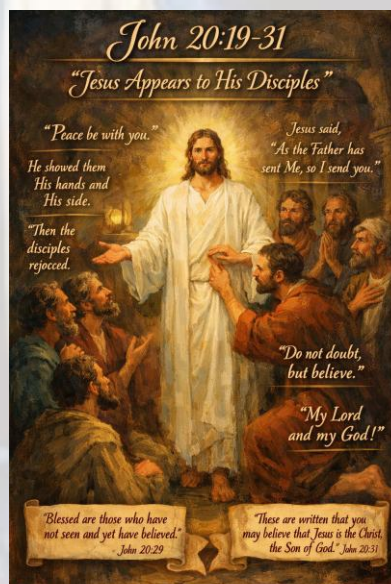
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Chesterton Academy
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St. Mary's Ryken High School
(301) 475-2814



APRIL 12, 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, April 11, 2026

4:00 pm – † Delores Ellis

Sunday, April 12, 2026

7:00 am – Estep & Bellevou Families

9:00 am – Parishioners

11:00 am – Special Intention

Monday, April 13, 2026

8:00 am – † Beverly Cornwell

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

8:00 am – † Louise Wood Morgan

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

8:00 am – Intentions of Mary Ellen Evans

Friday, April 17, 2026

7:00 pm – † Alvarez & Housewright Families

Saturday April 18, 2026

4:00 pm – † Szatkowski Family

Sunday, April 19, 2026

7:00 am – † David Hoffmaster

9:00 am – † George Burroughs, Jr.

11:00 am – Parishioners

Parish News & Announcements

Crafternoon

Join us on **Sunday, April 26th** from 2-4 pm for our Immaculate Conception Crafternoon. This month, we will be creating handmade greeting cards. These cards are sure to bring a smile to someone's face knowing that you spent the time hand making them. No experience is necessary and all materials will be provided. The cost for the workshop will be \$20. Please see the registration sheet at the back of the church for more information.

SVDP Yard Sale

The annual yard sale to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society will take place on **Saturday, June 27th** from 7 am to 12 noon. Please consider donating items to the sale. We will be collecting each Wednesday beginning April 8th from 9 am to 10 am and from 3 pm to 4 pm at the Church shed near the Parish Center. *We are unable to accept books or clothes.* Any questions, please contact Jim Downey (301-481-4193).

Parish Dinner and Raffle

Mark calendar for our Parish Dinner on **Sunday, May 3rd**. This is a pre-order/pre-pay/drive-thru-only dinner. The raffle tickets have been ordered, and we hope to get them out to you next week.

Quarter Auction

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is having a Quarter Auction **Sunday, April 19th** in the Parish Center. Doors open at 12 noon, games begin at 1 pm. Proceeds go to SVdP to help those in need of financial assistance.

REFLECTION ON OUR READINGS

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision," rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that this vision is meant to shape our daily lives and that we can place complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.

It can be difficult to keep our focus on heaven when earthly concerns — job stress, family struggles, health problems and political division — press in around us. At times, we can become like the Apostle Thomas in today's Gospel, struggling to believe amid disappointment and uncertainty. Absent when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to accept their testimony that they had "seen the Lord."

He insisted that he would not believe unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ's side. Yet Thomas' doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Jesus saw beyond the doubt to the pain beneath it. He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his fears and invited him to touch His Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, we need only seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments and through the encouragement of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

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Parish Finance Information

Totals from Last Week's Collection

- Holy Land - \$2,692.00
- Offertory – \$6,595.50
- Easter – \$15,752.00
- Renovation - \$2,136.30

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)

Join us for a special one-day event: the Catholic Youth Group Retreat!

- **Date:** Saturday, May 2
- **Time:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- **Location:** Parish Center

Dear Parish Families of children in Grades 5-12,

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 <https://icchurchmd.org/> and click on the Youth Group tab. You can also register by scanning the QR Code:

To register: Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR Code to register:



Important Message for 8th Grade Confirmation Families

Confirmation interviews with Fr. Paul will be held in-person during class on **Sun** and **April 19**.

Catholic school and homeschooled students must schedule a separate interview time on Friday, April 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, on Sign-Up Genius (link sent on February 24). Please sign-up if you have not done so already.

Reminder to all Confirmation students that your letters to the Bishop, as to why you want to be confirmed, are due April 12th. Detailed information was emailed to parents on 3/25 (in-person) and 3/27 (Catholic and homeschool).

Families participating in Confirmation, please remember that the mandatory rehearsal is scheduled for **Monday, May 4**, at 7 pm. It's crucial to attend this session, as it will prepare our candidates for the Confirmation ceremony happening the very next day, **Tuesday, May 5**, at 7 pm. Your presence and participation are key to making this a meaningful experience for everyone involved. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Brookbank (brookbankt@yahoo.com or 301-643-2903).

Mark your calendars for these important upcoming events!

Attention, 2nd Grade Faith Formation Parents! Don't miss out on the practice for 1st Holy Communion, taking place on **Friday, May 8**, at 5:30 pm. This practice is essential to ensure that our young ones feel confident and ready for their special day. The actual First Holy Communion Mass will be the following day, **Saturday, May 9**, during the 9 am Mass. This is a significant milestone in your child's spiritual journey, and your support will make it even more memorable.

Let's come together to celebrate these important moments in our children's faith formation! We are excited to announce an opportunity for students in grades 3 through 8 to join the youth choir at IC Church! No prior musical experience is required to be a part of this vibrant group. The choir will perform at the Children's Mass on the second Sunday of every month at 9:00 am, showcasing their talent to our congregation. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please contact Audrey McCray (audrey@stmarysdental.com).

Every child deserves a guide who believes in something greater — and that guide could be you. We are seeking passionate individuals to serve as Teachers and Co-Teachers for Faith Formation. Your impact will extend beyond the classroom, shaping their families and communities.

If you feel called to serve, reach out today at faithicc28299@gmail.com and take the first step towards a meaningful role.

Open your camera app on your phone and tap on the yellow-highlighted words (forms.gle)

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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.