Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

December 6, 2020

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PASTOR

Rev. Gerald Dunne, OSFS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Mr. Michael Truman
PERMANENT DEACON

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Schedule of Liturgies

Masses

Saturday Evening
5:00 pm

Sundays
7:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Days
As announced

Weekdays
Mon. - Sat.: 8:30 am

Confessions
Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Baptisms
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, 1:30 pm

Masses

Sundays
9:00 am

Holy Days
As announced

Confessions
Before Sunday Mass 8:20 - 8:50 am

Baptisms
3rd Sunday of the Month at 10:30 am

Parish Office - 410-398-1100
455 Bow Street
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Monday - Friday:
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fax: 410-398-1175
Email: office@iccparish.org
http://iccparish.weconnect.com

Registration: please call the parish office for a registration form, or register online.

Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry - 410-392-3551
Vickie Eichler, *Coordinator of Religious Education*
re@iccparish.org

Cheryl Nickle, *Coordinator of Youth Ministry*
youthministry@iccparish.org

For Senior High information please call the Office.

Office of Worship & Music Ministry - 410-398-3244

Dana Brehany,
Director of Music Ministry
musicministry@iccparish.org

Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal: Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Cantor Rehearsal: Wednesday at 9:30 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Parish Choir Rehearsal: Thursday at 7:00 pm

Handbell Rehearsals: 2nd - 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm

Children's Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday at 3:45 pm

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound - 410-398-0009
Deacon Michael Truman

Call Parish Office whenever you or a family member are hospitalized or needs a visit.

Parish Outreach - 410-398-2110
Open Mon, Wed., & Fri. from 9:30 am—11:30 am.

Baptisms: Pregnant? Have a newborn?
Does your child need to be Baptized? You are invited!
Classes are on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office in advance to register for the Baptism Preparation Class or to arrange the date of Baptism. Call 410-398-1100 for information or to register.

Marriages: Please contact a Priest one year in advance

R.C.I.A. - 410-398-1100: Thursday 7 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center
Patricia Kosman, *Director* - rcia@iccparish.org

Pastoral Council Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the month (September - June) at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center

Parish Liturgy Committee: Meets monthly

Parish Finance Committee: Meets monthly

Welcome!

FROM FATHER JIM

"Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! He comes with power, the Lord God, who rules by his strong arm... Like a shepherd he feeds his flock, in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care."

Writing centuries before Christ, the prophet calls us today to once again make the same great announcement. The 'hear ye, hear ye' of the Isaiah era, echoes in our hearts as we speak not only of the need of Jesus' saving grace, but its coming to us once more. We too are called to reveal His coming in grace, His power.

Today we call this the work of heralding 'evangelization', and our advent task is to prepare His way and make sure He is known. The same Jesus feeds, gathers and carries us, leading with care. What a beautiful image!

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

December 7, 2020
8:30 am---------Maria Rosario Minan
7:00 pm-------- Parishioners

December 8, 2020
8:30 am---------Betty Eliason

December 9, 2020
8:30 am---------Jorge Alberto Medrano

December 10, 2020
8:30 am---------Carmello Palazzo

December 11, 2020
8:30 am-------- Pauline Kovalesky

December 12, 2020
8:30 am-------- Christina Rock
5:00 pm-------- Edward Fisher, Jr.

December 13, 2020
The Third Sunday of Advent
7:00 am---------William Bouchelle
9:00 am SJ ---- Mimi Szep
11:00 am -------Daniel Sanchez (Living Intentions)

COLLECTIONS

Week of 11/29

Sunday Collection...$5,158
Online Donations...$4,283
Mailed In....$2,485
TOTAL.....$11,906

DAILY READINGS:
The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday
Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday
Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday
Zec 2:14-17 **or** Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47 **or** any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Readings for Next Week:
The Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.
Outreach: Is putting together holiday food baskets. Please bring any donations to class or the parish center.

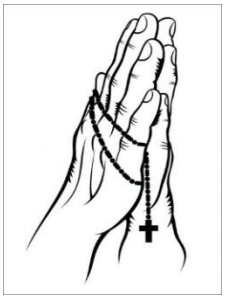
Service Project: Please bring donations for our service project, *First Responders*. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP: Will be done via ZOOM until further notice.
For our **YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST,** please consider donating cans of soda.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: An announcement will be made.

ADULT EDUCATION
A New RCIA Program for 2020-2021

Are you unbaptized and have a desire to be baptized? Are you a baptized Christian interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then RCIA is for you!
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which baptized Christians and those who are unbaptized become members of the Catholic Church. It is also the process by which baptized Catholics who never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation receive those sacraments. Do you feel being called to have a deeper relationship with God? If so, please call the parish office at 410.398.1100 or email rcia@iccparish.org to learn more and schedule an interview with Pat Kosman to register. The RCIA process is a wonderful way to have a greater understanding of the Catholic faith and become closer to God in the process.
Sponsors are also needed to walk with those who are learning about the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. Do you love your Catholic faith? Do you want to share it with others? Please consider being a sponsor for RCIA. It requires a small amount of effort, yet yields large rewards!



SOCIAL CONCERNS

ICC OUTREACH

~Outreach is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30 am~

Outreach is in need of tuna, macaroni and cheese, elbow macaroni, baked beans, jelly, and cream soups.

THANK YOU so much to everyone who donated Thanksgiving items to feed local families. We are once again overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity, and we appreciate all you continually do for our community!

The Paris Foundation provides meals to those in need in Elkton 365 days per year. Immaculate Conception/St. Jude Parish helps facilitate dinner the second Thursday of each month. We are in need of monetary and/or prepared and packaged food donations to help keep serving those in need. If you can volunteer or donate or have any questions, please contact Patricia Gibson at 443.907.7529 or pag1974@yahoo.com. Thank you for your continued help and support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 8: *Feast of the Immaculate Conception:* Please join us for mass on Monday, 12/7, at 7 pm (SJ), Tuesday, 12/8, at 8:30 am (IC), and 7 pm (IC).

December 14: Please join us for a *Parish Penance Service* at 7 pm at Immaculate Conception.

December 19: *Keep Christ in Christmas Public Rosary:* Join us, rain or shine, at 3 pm at the ICC Cemetery on Bridge Street in Elkton. For more information, please call 443.889.2039.

January 1st: *Mary, Mother of God:* Masses will be held on Monday, 12/7, at 7 pm (SJ), Tuesday, 12/8, at 8:30 am (IC), and 7 pm (IC).

PARISH OPPORTUNITIES

LAOH

(The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)
If you are an Irish Catholic woman and want to serve your community while learning more about your Irish heritage, come join us! Please call Barb Rhuman at 302.379.1969 or email Paula Amberg at paulaamberg@live.com for more information!

Art and Environment Volunteers Needed

The **Art and Environment Committee** is dedicated to preparing our parish Churches for the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, according to the Liturgical times and seasons. We are in need of volunteers to help with this very important task. Please call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 to inquire or to volunteer.

Employment Opportunity: Dietary Aide

- basic knife skills
- shifts 7 – 3 or 3 – 8
- willingness to be taught how to use equipment
- cleaning up and re-setting dining room
- ability to work with elderly people and take criticism
- clear background check
- has a form of transportation
- perform dish washing/cleaning procedures
- assure utensils, etc. are available for next meal
- report all hazardous conditions/equipment to supervisor immediately
- positive attitude/clean individual/over 18 years old
- part-time/$11 per hour

Contact: Nicole Amicone: namicone@oblates.org

KID'S KORNER

Cycle B

Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Advent | Mark 1:1-8

BE AWARE, PREPARE!
John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was sent to Baptize many people and prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the True Messiah.

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SECOND WEEK OF

ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

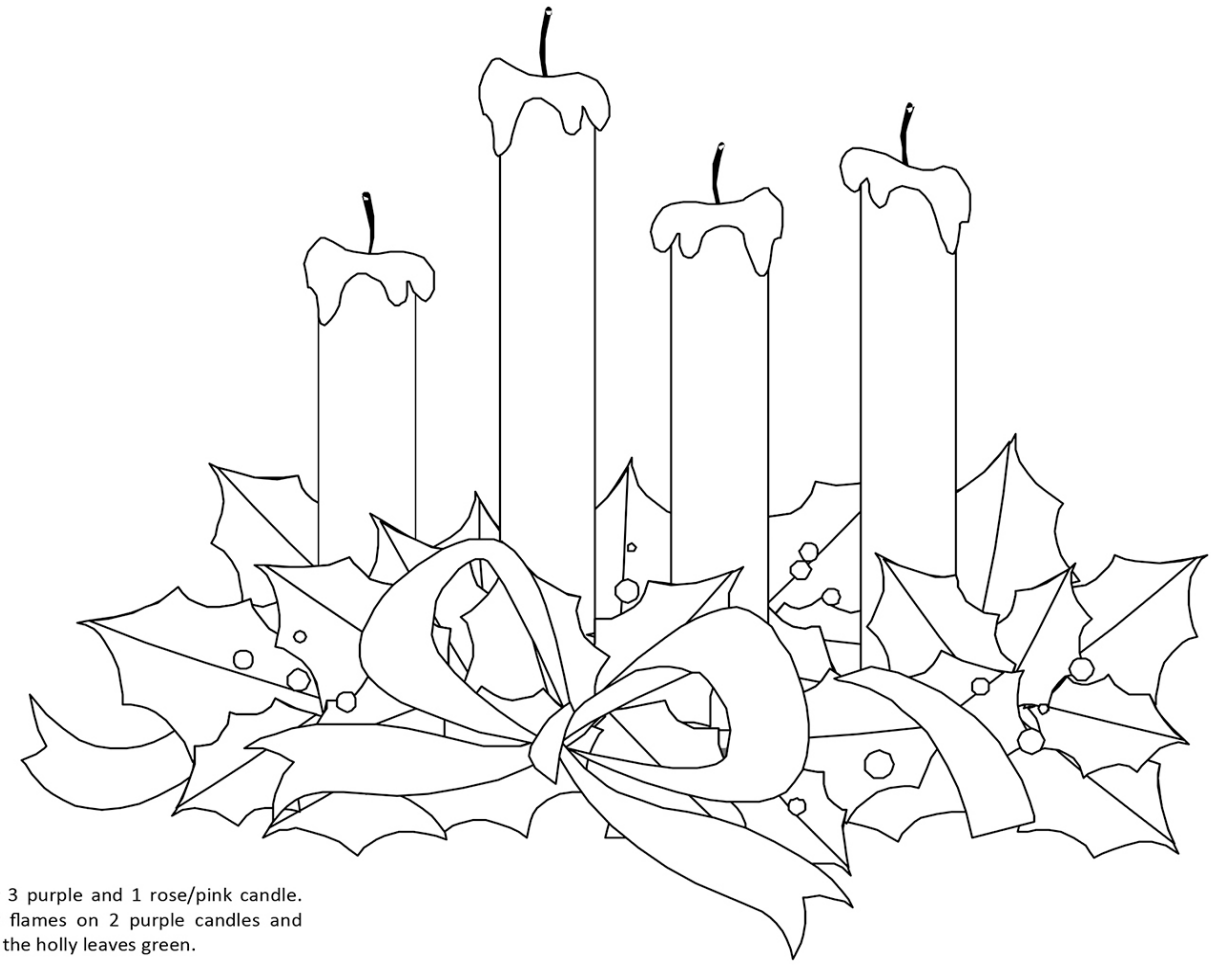
We begin the second week of Advent preparing ourselves for the Messiah. Our Advent wreath has 4 candles (3 purple, 1 rose/pink) for the four Sundays, or weeks before Christmas. The more candles we light, the brighter it gets, and the closer we are to the birth of Christ.

WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple candles and color the holly leaves green.

The Knights of Columbus have Christmas Bazaar crafts available. Please contact Frank Trout (his contact information is on the flyer) if you are interested in any of these items!

Immaculate Conception Church

46th Annual Christmas Bazaar (Virtual This Year)

Knights of Columbus Crafts

	9" Pinecone Mini Tree $5.00		20" Pinecone Wreath $20
	20" Green Wreath $20		30" Window Garland $15
	Saw Blade Clock $18		34" Santa Yard Ornament $18 ea. or 2 for $30 can mix and match
	34" Gingerbread Man Yard Ornament $18 ea. Or 2 for $30 can mmix and match	Contact: Frank Trout 410-378-4158 (h) 443-907-9508 (c) ftrout@zoominternet.net	All payments made to Immaculate Conception Parish.

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